



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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FEBRUARY 6, 2000

FLORIDA STATE WINS 9-7 OVER ARIZONA STATE IN 10 INNINGS

Tempe, AZ -- No. 5 Florida State (5-1) beat No. 22 Arizona State (8-2) 9-7 in front of 4,312 fans at Packard Stadium to win the three-game series against the Sun Devils, 2-1.

Shortstop Brett Groves' single to left in the top of the tenth inning with two outs proved to be the game-winning hit. With the score tied at 7-7, catcher Chris Hart singled up the middle and advanced to second when ASU third baseman Mike Lopez booted a ground ball hit by designated hitter Bobby Spano. Spano later scored on a wild pitch.

"This was a big win for us in the early part of the season," said head coach Mike Martin. "To win two games on the road against a team like Arizona State is huge in the overall picture, but it is still early. I was very proud of our fight in this series."

Arizona State took the early lead with a run in the bottom of the first inning. Center fielder Jeff Duncan walked and stole two bases, eventually scoring on left fielder Mitch Jones' ground out.

The Seminoles put up five runs in the top of the third inning to take a 5-1 lead. Groves started things off with a home run to right field, the fourth of his FSU career. Second baseman Marshall McDougall walked and advanced to second when third baseman Pichi Balet singled on a slow roller down the third base line. With two outs, catcher Blair McCaleb's grounder to Lopez was mishandled at third, allowing McDougall to score. Center Fielder Karl Jernigan made the Sun Devils pay for the mistake with a three-run home run to left center.

In the bottom of the fourth, ASU tightened things up with two runs to cut FSU's lead to 5-3. Second baseman Brooks Conrad singled and came around to score on Shortstop Dennis Wyrick's sacrifice fly. Lopez, aided by a Groves throwing error, scored on a ground out by Duncan.

First baseman Ryan Barthelemy's second home run of the season made it 7-3 FSU in the top of the fifth. Barthelemy's blast to center scored McDougall, who had doubled to left.

Left fielder Mitch Jones' leadoff homer in the bottom of the fifth pulled the Sun Devils within three at 7-4 after five innings.

In the bottom of the eighth, ASU tied the score at 7-7. Relievers John Bentley and Chris Whidden gave up five singles that led to the three Sun Devil runs.

Whidden worked his way out of a jam in the bottom of the ninth when he struck out Wyrick with runners on first and third.

RHP Mike Ziegler (1-0) went 6.0 innings in his second career start, giving up four runs (three earned) on seven hits. Chris Whidden got the win (1-0) in relief for FSU and Mike DiBlasi picked up his first save of the year as he held the Sun Devils in check in the bottom of the tenth inning. Jason Fingers (1-1) took the loss for ASU.

"We are looking forward to an exciting home series with the No. 1 team (Stanford) in the country this coming weekend," said Martin. There have been several No. 1 teams to come into Tallahassee that I wasn't sure if they really were the best team in the nation. There is no doubt in my mind that this Stanford team is No. 1 from what I've seen so far. They have everyone back from last year's College World Series team."

Florida State hosts No. 1 Stanford February 11-13 in Tallahassee. Friday's game is scheduled for a 3:30 p.m. start, but that time could be moved to 6:00 p.m. An announcement regarding Friday's game time will be made Tuesday.

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The Automated ScoreBook
Florida State at Arizona State
Feb 6, 2000 at Tempe, AZ (Packard)

Florida State 9 (5-1)

Arizona State 7 (8-2)

(Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Brett Groves ss.....	5	1	3	2	1	2	1	4
Mike Futrell lf.....	5	0	1	0	1	2	1	0
Marshall McDougall 2b.....	4	2	3	0	2	0	1	6
Ryan Barthelemy 1b.....	5	1	1	2	0	0	12	0
Pichi Balet 3b.....	5	1	1	0	0	0	4	3
Blair McCaleb c.....	3	1	0	0	1	0	5	1
Chris Hart c.....	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	1
Karl Jernigan cf.....	5	1	2	3	0	2	0	0
Scott Boyd dh.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Bobby Spano dh.....	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clint Thigpen rf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Smith rf.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	3	0
Mike Ziegler p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
John Bentley p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Whidden p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mike DiBlasi p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 43 9 13 7 5 8 30 18

Score by innings: R H E

Florida State	005	020	000	2	-	9	13	1
Arizona State	100	210	030	0	-	7	13	3

E - Groves; Lopez 3.

DP - Seminoles 1; Sun Devils 1. LOB - Seminoles 9; Sun Devils 11.

2B - McDougall; Smith.

HR - Groves; Barthelemy; Jernigan; Jones.

SB - Groves; Martin; Duncan 2; Jones; Phelps. CS - Futrell 2.

SF - Lopez; Wyrick.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Mike Ziegler.....	6.0	7	4	3	4	5	24	29
John Bentley.....	1.1	3	3	3	0	0	6	7
Chris Whidden.....	1.2	3	0	0	2	3	7	10
Mike DiBlasi.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Jonah Martin rf.....	5	0	3	1	1	1	0	0
Jeff Duncan cf.....	4	1	1	2	2	2	1	0
Casey Myers c.....	4	0	1	0	2	0	8	2
Mitch Jones lf.....	5	1	1	2	0	0	2	0
Brendan Hines dh.....	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Jeff Phelps 1b.....	4	1	1	0	1	2	12	0
Brooks Conrad 2b.....	4	2	3	0	0	0	4	2
Mike Lopez 3b.....	4	1	2	1	0	0	1	1
Dennis Wyrick ss.....	4	1	1	1	0	1	2	8
Friedberg, Drew p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luke Field p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Fingers p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franco Pezely p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robby Milner p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 39 7 13 7 6 9 30 13

Arizona State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Friedberg, Drew.....	3.0	4	5	1	2	3	15	17
Luke Field.....	5.0	6	2	2	2	3	19	21
Jason Fingers.....	1.2	3	2	0	1	2	8	9
Franco Pezely.....	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robby Milner.....	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Win - C. Whidden 1-0. Loss - Fingers 1-1. Save - DiBlasi (1).

WP - Fingers. BK - Bentley.

HBP - by C. Whidden (Conrad).

Umpires - Home:Steve Williamson 1st:Jeff Jenkins 3rd:Kevin Daugherty

Start: 1:06 Time: 3:30 Attendance: 4312