



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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FEBRUARY 22, 2000

NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE DEFEATS APPALACHIAN STATE, 8-2

Tallahassee, FL -- No. 1 Florida State started a nine-game homestand with an 8-2 win over Appalachian State in front of 1,139 fans at Dick Howser Stadium. FSU improved to 10-2 on the season while ASU fell to 0-4.

RHP Blair Varnes got his first win of the season as he did not give up a run in four innings of work. Varnes (1-1), who was scheduled to pitch just four innings, allowed just three hits and struck out three. Eric Roman, Robby Read, Nick Whidden, Chris Smith and Karl Jernigan each saw time on the mound.

The Seminoles put up three runs in the bottom of the second after ASU ended a first inning rally with a triple play. First baseman Ryan Barthelemy led off the second with a home run to center and back-to-back doubles by left fielder Mike Futrell and shortstop Brett Groves made it 2-0. Groves then scored on a Smith single to right.

FSU made it 5-0 with a pair of runs in the third with Groves knocking in Barthelemy with his second double of the day and Smith again singled home Groves.

After FSU added a run in the fourth to make it 6-0, ASU got on the board with two runs in the top of the sixth. After Read loaded the bases with three walks, designated hitter Ryan Duke singled off Whidden for an RBI and second baseman Robbie Huffstetler scored on a Groves error.

The Tribe added two more in the seventh for the final margin of 8-2. Groves was hit by a pitch and stole second and third before scoring on an error. Third baseman Scott Boyd plated the game's final run with an RBI-single to right to score Smith.

Designated hitter John-Ford Griffin went 2-for-5 to extend his hitting streak to 17 games. Barthelemy (2-for-4), Groves (2-for-3) and Smith (2-for-3) had multi-hit games for FSU.

ASU starter Jason Howell took the loss after giving up six earned runs on 11 hits in four innings of work.

The two teams complete the mid-week series Wednesday with first pitch scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

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The Automated ScoreBook
Appalachian State at Florida State
Feb 22, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

Appalachian State 2 (0-4)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Wes Timmons ss.....	4	0	0	0	1	0	3	4
Kevin Jones cf.....	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0
Robbie Huffstetler 2b.....	3	1	0	0	1	1	3	6
Chris Behne 1b.....	3	0	1	0	1	0	7	2
Ryan Duke dh.....	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Marko Little 3b.....	3	0	2	0	1	1	2	1
Nick Baughn c.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	6	0
Luke Little lf.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Graham Thompson ph/lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Dusty Blake ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carey Hobbs rf.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Randy Trumbower ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Jason Howell p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ben Hager p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Matt Wood p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mark Braswell p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 30 2 4 1 7 8 24 13

Score by innings: R H E

Appalachian State	000	002	000	-	2	4	4
Florida State	032	100	20	-	8	12	2

E - Timmons; M. Little; Baughn 2; Futrell; Groves.
DP - Mountaineers 4. TP - Mountaineers 1. LOB - Mountaineers 8; Seminoles 9.
2B - Futrell(3); Groves 2(4).
HR - Barthelemy(5).
SB - Jernigan(3); Groves 3(5); Smith(1). CS - Timmons; M. Little.

Appalachian State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jason Howell.....	4.0	11	6	6	4	2	19	24
Ben Hager.....	2.1	1	2	2	3	3	8	13
Matt Wood.....	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Mark Braswell.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2

Florida State 8 (10-2)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Karl Jernigan cf/p.....	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
John-Ford Griffin dh/rf...	5	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Marshall McDougall 2b.....	5	0	1	0	0	0	3	3
Ryan Barthelemy 1b.....	4	2	2	2	1	1	8	1
Justin McClain 1b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Mike Futrell lf.....	3	1	1	0	1	1	2	0
Clint Thigpen lf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brett Groves ss.....	3	3	2	2	0	0	0	2
Chris Smith rf/p.....	3	1	2	2	1	0	1	1
Blair McCaleb c.....	3	0	1	0	1	0	8	3
Bobby Spano 3b.....	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	1
Scott Boyd 3b.....	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Blair Varnes p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Eric Roman p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robby Read p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Whidden p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Totals..... 31 8 12 7 7 5 27 12

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Blair Varnes.....	4.0	3	0	0	2	3	14	16
Eric Roman.....	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
Robby Read.....	0.0	0	2	1	3	0	0	3
Nick Whidden.....	2.0	1	0	0	0	3	8	8
Chris Smith.....	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	3	4
Karl Jernigan.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3

Win - Varnes 1-1. Loss - Howell 0-1. Save - None.
HBP - by Howell (Jernigan); by Hager (Groves); by Hager (Jernigan).
Umpires - Home:Al Davis 1st:Joe Correia 3rd:Landon Davis
Start: 3:32 Time: 2:47 Attendance: 1139

Game Notes:

John-Ford Griffin extends his hitting streak to 17 games.
Read faced 3 batters in the 6th.
Whidden faced 1 batter in the 8th.