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NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE SWEEPS APPALACHIAN STATE, 8-1

Tallahassee, FL – Top-ranked Florida State (11-2) completed a two-game sweep of Appalachian State (0-5) with an 8-1 victory this afternoon in front of a Dick Howser Stadium crowd of 1,173. Junior RHP John Bentley, who made his first start in over a year after recovering from shoulder surgery, was the winner after working a pre-determined four innings and allowing one unearned run on five hits.

The Seminoles got on the board first with two unearned runs in the bottom of the second inning. Center fielder Karl Jernigan drew a walk and shortstop Brett Groves reached on an error. With two outs, third baseman Scott Boyd ripped a single to center to score Jernigan and catcher Blair McCaleb knocked in Groves with another single to center.

The Mountaineers scored their lone run in the top of the third inning. Right fielder Randy Trumbower reached on an error and eventually scored on left fielder Carey Hobbs' base hit to center.

FSU made it 6-1 with four more runs during a two-out rally in the bottom of the third. First baseman Ryan Barthelemy doubled, Jernigan walked and Groves singled to load the bases. Left fielder Mike Futrell picked up a pair of RBI with a single to left and Boyd doubled to knock in the third and fourth runs of the inning.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Tribe added to their lead with two more runs. Groves plated a run with an RBI-single and Futrell recorded his fourth RBI of the game with a sacrifice fly to center.

Matt Lynch, Daniel Hodges, Mike DiBlasi, Chris Ginn and Chris Whidden each worked a scoreless inning on the mound for FSU.

John-Ford Griffin's hitting streak ended at 17 games as he went 0-for-4 on the afternoon. Groves (2-for-3, three runs), Futrell (1-for-1, 4 RBI) and Boyd (2-for-3, 3 RBI) were the top hitters for the home team.

LHP Rodney Lemonds (0-2) took the loss for ASU after allowing six runs (four earned) over four innings.

FSU returns to action Saturday with a 2:00 game against Florida at Dick Howser Stadium. Saturday's contest will be televised by the Sunshine Network. Both the Saturday and Sunday games against the Gators will start at 2:00 p.m.

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The Automated ScoreBook Appalachian State at Florida State Feb 23, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

Appalachian State 1 (0-5																
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Wes Timmons ss	4	. 0	1	0		0	0	3	4	Chris Smith rf		3	0	1	0	
Carey Hobbs If	. 4	0	1	1			1		0	Clint Thigpen rf						
Robbie Huffstetler 2b								1	2	John-Ford Griffin dh.						
Chris Behne 1b								7	0	Marshall McDougall 2b			0		0	
Jason Howell cf	3	0	2	0			1		0	Bobby Spano 2b		1	0	0	0	
Ryan Duke c				0		0	1	4	0	Ryan Barthelemy 1b/3b			1	1	0	
Ben Wellborn c	e	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	Karl Jernigan cf		2	3	0	0	
Marko Little 3b				0			1	1	1	Brett Groves ss		3	3		1	
Michael Lee dh	3	, 0	2	0			1		0	Brian Kraft ph/ss		1	0	0	0	
Randy Trumbower rf				0				3	0	Mike Futrell lf					4	
Rodney Lemonds p				0				0	1	Scott Boyd 3b						
Danny Isaacson p				0			0	0	0	Justin McClain 3b/pł						
Ryan Kelly p	(0	Û	0		0	0	0	0	Blair McCaleb c						
										Chris Hart c/ph						
										Cory Posey c						
										John Bentley p					0	
										Matt Lynch p					0	
										Daniel Hodges p					0	
										Mike DiBlasi p				_	0	
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SF - Futrell 2.

Appalachian State	ΙP	H	R	ER	BB	S0	AB	BF	Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	S0	AB	BF
Rodney Lemonds	4.0	7	6	4	2	1	17	21	John Bentley								
Danny Isaacson	2.0	2	2	1	2	1	7	10	Matt Lynch	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	4	4
Ryan Kelly									Daniel Hodges	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3
•									Mike DiBlasi								
									Chris Ginn								
									Chris Whidden								

Win - Bentley 1-0. Loss - Lemonds 0-2. Save - None.

Game Notes:

WP - Lemonds: Bentley. CI - Posey.

HBP - by Lemonds (Smith).

Stere: 3:30 Time: 2:39 Attendance: 1173