



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE HAMMERS CHARLESTON SOUTHERN, 12-1

Tallahassee, FL – Top-ranked Florida State (15-2) scored seven runs in the first three innings and five more in the seventh as they cruised to a 12-1 victory over Charleston Southern (9-8) this afternoon in front of 939 fans at Dick Howser Stadium. FSU has now won nine straight heading into a three-game home series with Pittsburgh this weekend.

Freshman LHP Matt Lynch made his first career FSU start and got the win after allowing one run on five hits in five innings of work. Lynch, now 2-0 on the year, struck out four and walked just one.

"Matt did a very good job in his first start," said head coach Mike Martin. "You don't know how someone will react until you put them in that situation. He showed a lot of poise on the mound today. He has pitched in a lot big games in high school, beating Bobby Bradley (who committed to FSU before being selected in the first round of the MLB Draft and signing with Pittsburgh) in one of those games. Some people can't handle it, but he showed us he's ready to go."

Right fielder Chris Smith had one of his best games as a Seminole, going 3-for-5 with a home run and a double. Smith, who is now hitting .388 on the season, recorded a career-high five RBI and also scored three runs while extending his hitting streak to 13 games.

"It's been a real good start for me," said Smith. "I am seeing the ball real well and I think I've got my swing down. I feel relaxed at the plate and right now we have everybody in the lineup contributing."

In the bottom of the first, Smith led off with a single to right and shortstop Brett Groves singled to center to put runners on the corners. Second baseman Marshall McDougall walked to load the bases and all runners moved up a base on a wild pitch with Smith scoring the first run of the game. Third baseman Ryan Barthelemy followed with a single to right to knock in Groves and McDougall, making it 3-0 FSU.

The Buccaneers scored their only run of the game in the top of the second inning. First baseman Brandon Massey walked and moved to second on third baseman Garrett Veirs' single. The two runners moved up to second and third on a double steal. After DH Patrick Siemers was hit by a pitch, catcher Chris Kellett collected the RBI with a sacrifice fly to right. Lynch worked his way out of the jam with no further damage by inducing a fly ball out and a ground ball out back to the mound.

Smith made it 5-1 in the bottom of the second with a two-run homer to right, his fourth of the year. Catcher Blair McCaleb was aboard after taking a walk.

The Tribe added two more in the third to up the lead to 7-1. Mike Futrell, Pichi Balet and McCaleb walked to load the bases with one out. Smith picked up an RBI with a sacrifice fly to right to score Futrell, and Balet scored an unearned run when CSU right fielder Kyle Leon threw the ball to first base, which was unoccupied.

FSU put the game completely out of reach in the seventh with five more runs. Bobby Spano and McCaleb walked before Smith knocked them in with a double. Groves and McDougall followed with back-to-back home runs to complete the five-run fifth.

McDougall had four walks on the day, finishing 1-for-1 with the homer. Groves (2-for-6), Barthelemy (2-for-4) and Karl Jernigan (2-for-5) had multi-hit outings for the Seminoles along with Smith.

Robby Read, Eric Roman, Chris Ginn and Mike DiBlasi each worked an inning each of relief without allowing a hit. Read and Roman had two strikeouts while DiBlasi struck out the side in the ninth.

The Friday and Saturday games against Pittsburgh will start at 6:00 p.m. with Sunday's contest scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

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The Automated ScoreBook
Charleston Southern at Florida State
Mar 01, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

Charleston Southern 1 (9-8)

Florida State 12 (15-2)

Pl	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Jesse Cochenhour cf.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2
Jay Corrigale 2b.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Kyle Leon rf.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Ted Malikowski lf.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	1
Brandon Massey 1b.....	3	1	1	0	1	2	7	0	0
Garrett Veirs 3b.....	4	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
Patrick Siemers dh.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Chris Kellett c.....	2	0	0	1	0	1	4	3	0
Richard Gomersall ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	2
Robert Tyree p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andrew Viars p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tim Brooks p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Patrick Boucher p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Brad French p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Micheal Buczek p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	30	1	5	1	1	11	24	11	5

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Chris Smith rf.....	5	3	3	5	0	0	2	0	0
Brett Groves ss.....	6	2	2	2	0	1	1	2	2
Marshall McDougall 2b....	1	2	1	1	4	0	2	1	0
Brian Kraft 3b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan Barthelemy 3b/1b....	4	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	0
Mike DiBlasi dh/p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Karl Jernigan cf.....	5	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	1
Mike Futrell lf.....	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0
Clint Thigpen ph/lf.....	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Scott Boyd 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	2
Bobby Spano 3b/2b.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Pichi Balet dh.....	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Justin McClain ph/1b....	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Blair McCaleb c.....	1	2	0	0	3	0	8	0	0
Cory Posey c.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Matt Lynch p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Robby Read p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eric Roman p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Ginn p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	32	12	13	10	14	4	27	7	11

Score by Innings R H E

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E - Leon; Veirs; McDougall. DP - Buccaneers 1; Seminoles 1. LOB - Buccaneers 5; Seminoles 11. 2B - Smith(6); Jernigan 2(5). HR - Smith(4); Groves(3); McDougall(3). HBP - Siemers. SF - Kellett; Smith. SB - Massey; Veirs. CS - McDougall; Balet.

Charleston Southern	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Robert Tyree.....	1.0	5	5	5	2	1	8	10
Andrew Viars.....	2.0	0	2	1	5	2	5	11
Tim Brooks.....	3.0	2	0	0	3	1	8	11
Patrick Boucher.....	0.2	0	2	2	3	0	1	4
Brad French.....	0.0	4	3	3	0	0	4	4
Micheal Buczek.....	1.1	2	0	0	1	0	6	7

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Matt Lynch.....	5.0	5	1	1	1	4	18	21
Robby Read.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3
Eric Roman.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3
Chris Ginn.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Mike DiBlasi.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3

Win - Lynch (2-0). Loss - Tyree (1-1). Save - None.
WP - Tyree 2; Viars; Boucher. HB - Lynch.

Umpires - Home:Joe Correia 1st:Wayne Funderburke 3rd:Bruce Ravan
Start: 3:31 Time: 2:56 Attendance: 939
Game: CS2

Game notes:

Chris Smith extends his hitting streak to 13 games.
Tyree faced 2 batters in the 2nd.
Viars faced 1 batter in the 4th.
French faced 4 batters in the 7th.