



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

## SPORTS INFORMATION

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**MARCH 3, 2000**

### **NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE DEFEATS PITTSBURGH, 6-1**

Tallahassee, FL – No. 1 Florida State (16-2) extended their winning streak to 10 games with a 6-1 victory over Pittsburgh (3-1) in front of 1,855 at Dick Howser Stadium. The Seminoles picked up three runs in the bottom of the third and added runs in the fourth, fifth and seventh to seal the win for starter Jon McDonald.

McDonald (5-0) allowed just one run on four hits in six innings of work. The righthander also struck out a season-high nine batters while walking just three. Freshman RHP Nick Whidden worked the final three innings, giving up just two hits and striking out three, to earn his first career save.

FSU got on the board first with a three-spot in the third. Third baseman Pichi Balet reached on an error, moved over on a ground out, before right fielder Chris Smith singled to put runners on the corners. Designated hitter John-Ford Griffin walked to load the bases and second baseman Marshall McDougall singled into the hole between third and shortstop to score Balet. First baseman Ryan Barthelemy had what proved to be the game-winning RBI when he singled to left to score Smith and Griffin.

FSU made it 4-0 in the fourth when left fielder Mike Futrell singled, stole second and scored on Balet's double to right.

Pittsburgh scored their only run of the night in the top of the fifth. Shortstop Chris Happ doubled to right center and moved to third after a pair of walks. Center fielder Stuart Rykaceski plated Happ with a RBI-single to left.

The Tribe added one more in the bottom of the eighth. Center fielder Karl Jernigan was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning, tying Brett Groves' for third on the FSU all-time list at 26, and moved to third on a failed pick-off attempt. Shortstop Brett Groves picked up the RBI with a sacrifice fly to center.

Smith went 1-for-3 to extend his hitting streak to 14 games and Barthelemy had two hits and a pair of RBI to lead FSU at the plate.

The two teams meet Saturday at 6:00 p.m. in game two with RHP Mike Ziegler (3-0) starting for FSU and Eric Ackerman (1-0) scheduled to start for Pittsburgh. The final game of the series on Sunday will begin at 1:00 p.m.

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FSU	003	110	01x	6	7	3

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The Automated ScoreBook  
Pittsburgh at Florida State  
Mar 03, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

Pittsburgh 1 (3-1)

Florida State 6 (16-2)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Stuart Rykaceski cf.....	5	0	1	1	0	0	6	0
Joe Lydic 3b.....	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	1
Brad Rea 1b.....	4	0	2	0	0	0	7	0
Darrin Lenhart rf.....	4	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
Cory Joyce dh.....	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Harry Ciavarella pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brant Colamarino ph.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Happ ss.....	4	1	1	0	0	1	4	2
Doug Caraway c.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	3	0
Scott Polmar 2b.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	4
Erik Katchur lf.....	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Jory Coughenour p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Matt Irvin p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 35 1 6 1 3 12 24 8

Score by innings: R H E

Pittsburgh	000	010	000	-	1	6	3
Florida State	003	110	01	-	6	7	3

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Chris Smith rf.....	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
John-Pord Griffin dh.....	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Marshall McDougall 2b.....	3	0	1	1	1	1	1	2
Ryan Barthelemy 1b.....	4	0	2	2	0	1	15	0
Karl Jernigan cf.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brett Groves ss.....	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	7
Mike Futrell lf.....	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pichi Balet 3b.....	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	3
Bobby Spano 3b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blair McCaleb c.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	11	2
Jon McDonald p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nick Whidden p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 28 6 7 5 4 3 27 15

E - Top 2; Irvin; McDougall; Groves; Balet.  
DP - Panthers 1; Seminoles 1. LOB - Panthers 10; Seminoles 4.  
2B - Happ; Balet(6).  
SB - Futrell(2).  
SF - Groves.

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jory Coughenour.....	4.1	6	5	1	3	2	18	21
Matt Irvin.....	3.2	1	1	0	1	1	10	13

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jon McDonald.....	6.0	4	1	1	3	9	22	25
Nick Whidden.....	3.0	2	0	0	0	3	13	13

Win - McDonald 5-0. Loss - Coughenour 1-1. Save - N. Whidden (1).  
WP - Irvin.  
HBP - by Irvin (Jernigan).  
Umpires - Home:Bruce Ravan 1st:Wayne Funderburke 3rd:Joe Correia  
Start: 6:01 Time: 2:33 Attendance: 1855

Game Notes:  
RHP #41 Jon McDonald had a season high 9 strikeouts.  
Karl Jernigan tied Brett Groves for third all-time hit by pitch with 26.  
Chris Smith extends hitting streak to 14 games.  
FSU on a 10 game winning streak.