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MARCH 8, 2000

NO. 1 FSU WINS 14TH STRAIGHT WITH 9-2 VICTORY OVER SIENA

Daytona Beach, FL – Top-ranked Florida State improved to 20-2 with a 9-2 victory win over Siena (0-9) this afternoon at Daytona's Jackie Robinson Stadium. Freshman Robby Read got the victory in his first career FSU start and Chris Smith hit his sixth home run of the season to lead the Tribe to their 14th consecutive win.

FSUscored first with two runs in the bottom of the third. Smith knocked in the first run of the game with a single that scored Scott Boyd, who had reached on an error. Ryan Barthelemy singled home Blair McCaleb for the second run.

The Seminoles put up two runs in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to open up an 8-2 lead.

In the fourth, FSU took advantage of three Saint errors in scoring a pair of runs. Brett Groves singled, stole second and came home on a throwing error on Mike Futrell's ground ball to third. Futrell then scored when Siena's shortstop mishandled a ball hit by Scott Boyd.

John-Ford Griffin got things going in the fifth with a leadoff triple, but was thrown out at the plate when Barthelemy grounded to second. Karl Jernigan doubled home Barthelemy and Groves singled to left to score Jernigan.

Smith, who hit for the cycle in Tuesday's game vs. St. Joseph's, hit his second homer in as many days with Blair McCaleb aboard for FSU's seventh and eighth runs of the game.

Jernigan picked up his second RBI of the game when his single scored Marshall McDougall in the seventh.

Read worked 5.0 innings, allowing two runs (one earned) on four hits. The freshman righthander struck out seven while walking just one. Chris Ginn, Mike DiBlasi, Chris Whidden and Jernigan each worked an inning each of relief.

Siena starter Dave Pahucki, a *Collegiate Baseball* Freshman All-American last year, took the loss after giving up eight runs (four earned) in 5.2 innings.

Smith (2-for-5), Jernigan (2-for-4) and Groves (2-for-4) each had multi-hit games for the Tribe.

FSU returns home for its ACC opener with Duke on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Dick Howser Stadium. Friday and Saturday's game are scheduled for a 6.00 p.m. start. Sunday's game will be televised by Sunshine Network at 1:00 p.m.

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The Automated ScoreBook SIENA vs Florida State Mar 08, 2000 at Daytona Beach, FL (Jackie Robinson)

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SB - Cohan; Groves.

SH - Franco; McCaleb.

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Dave Pahucki Brent Wengert Mark Smith	0.1	0	1	1	2	0	1	3	Robby Read	1.0 1.0 1.0	1 0 0	0	0	0 1 0	1 2 1	4 3 3	4 4 3

Win - Read 1-0. Loss - Pahucki 0-3. Save - None.

Umpires - Home: John Lavin 1st: Vance Harris 3rd: Ron Hopkins Start: 1:00 Time: 2:29 Attendance: 1814

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FSD-nas won 14 straight games.

Wengert faced 2 batters in the 7th.

WP - Wengert.

HBP - by Read (Neidrick).