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TOP-RANKED SEMINOLES BOMB SOUTH FLORIDA, 18-7 FSU Extends Winning Streak to 18 games

Tallahassee, FL – No. 1 Florida State (24-2) easily defeated South Florida (11-10) by a score of 18-7 this evening at Dick Howser Stadium in front of 1,791. Mike Futrell recorded a new careerhigh with five RBI and Chris Smith tied a career-high as he also had five RBI for the Tribe. The 18 runs scored by FSU were a season-high.

The game looked like it would be a high scoring contest from the start as South Florida scored five runs in the first two innings and FSU scored six in the bottom of the first.

USF's two runs in the first were both scored when FSU starter Matt Lynch walked back-to-back batters with the bases loaded.

The Seminoles six-run first was highlighted by a Futrell two-run single to right and a Smith two-run double to right.

The Bulls cut the lead to 6-5 when Daniel Boyd hit a three-run homer to right.

In the bottom of the third, FSU took control with seven runs on five hits and one USF error. John-Ford Griffin plated the first run with a base hit to right, and Ryan Barthelemy and Karl Jernigan each picked up an RBI when they drew bases-loaded walks. Futrell added three more RBI when he doubled to left with the bases full. The seventh run of the inning came across when Smith drew the third bases-loaded walk of the inning.

Marshall McDougall made it 14-5 when he hit his fifth home run of the season, a solo shot to right center.

Smith tied Barthelemy for the team lead in home runs (7) with a two-run shot over the screen in right field.

Pichi Balet accounted for FSU's final two runs of the game with a home run to left with Futrell aboard. Balet has three homers in FSU's last three games and four on the season.

Freshman RHP Nick Whidden (1-0) got the win in relief of starter Matt Lynch. Whidden worked 3.0 innings, allowing one run on one hit. USF starter John Vigue (0-3) took the loss after surrendering 10 runs (five earned) in 2.1 innings.

The Seminoles travel to Wake Forest this weekend for a three-game ACC series with the Demon Deacons. FSU will play on Friday (3:00 p.m.), Saturday (1:30 p.m.) and Sunday (1:30 p.m.) in Winston-Salem.

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The Automated ScoreBook South Florida at Florida State Mar 14, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

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Name (Pos) AB	R	H R	BI	BB	S0	PO	A	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	
ohnny Raburn ss 3	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	Chris Smith rf/cf	6	2	4	5	1	
Mike Macaluso ph/ss 1	0	0				0		John-Ford Griffin dh	6	2	3	1	0	
Ben Drawdy 2b 5	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	Marshall McDougall 2b	3	3	2	1	2	
aniel Boyd 1b 5	2	2	3	0	1	6	0	Bobby Spano 2b	. 1	0	0	0	0	
like Eylward 3b 2		0	Û	2	1	1	2	Ryan Barthelemy 1b	4	2	2	1	1	
Tim Crosby 3b 1		0	0	0	0	0	1	Justin McClain 1b				0	0	
Chris Cuccia dh	0	0	O	1	1	O	0	Karl Jernigan cf	3	2	0	2	2	
like Barclay rf 2	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	Clint Thigpen rf					0	
Mike Cunningham ph/lf 0				1			1	Brett Groves ss					1	
o Bentley lf/rf 3			1	2	1	2	0	Brian Kraft ss					0	
Feremy Barle c 3			0	0	1	4	0	Mike Futrell lf					1	
Vince Parisi c 1			0	0	1	5	0	Scott Boyd 3b					1	
ill Nahorodny cf 4	Û	Û		Û	1	3	0	Pichi Balet ph/3b	. 2	2	2	2	1	
John Vigue p 0	0	0	0		0		1	Blair McCaleb c					0	
Jason Brown p 0		0	0	0	0	0	0	Cory Posey c	. 1	0	1	0	0	
Jason Hubbard p 0		0	0	0	0	0	0	Matt Lynch p			0	0	0	
Jimmy Daniels p 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Nick Whidden p			Û	0	0	
Marc Goldberg p 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Robby Read p	. 0	0	0	0	0	
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Score by innings:			R	H	E									
South Florida 230 010	001	- -	 7	 6	4									
Florida State 607 122			18	19	2									

B - Raburn; Drawdy; Eylward; Barclay; Spano; Boyd.

HR - Boyd; Smith(7); McDougall(5); Balet(4).

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/igue							18	2 1	Matt Lynch	2.0	4	5	5	4	3	1
Brown	0.1	2	3	3	3	1	3	6	Nick Whidden	3.0	1	1	1	2	1	1
Hubbard	2.1	3	3	3	3	2	11	14	Robby Read	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	
Daniels	1.0	2	2	2	1	2	5	6	Eric Roman	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Goldberg	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	4	4	Mike DiBlasi	1.0	0	0	0	Û	1	
Richtberg	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	4	4	Chris Whidden	1.0	0	1	0	2	2	

Win - N. Whidden 1-0. Loss - Vigue 3-3. Save - None.

Game Notes:

FSU extends winning streak to 18 games. Mike Futrell's 5 RBI is a career high. Chris Smith tied his career high with 5 RBI.

DP - Seminoles 1. LOB - Bulls 9; Seminoles 13.

²B - Barclay; Smith(13); Griffin(10); Barthelemy(4); Futrell(5); Posey(1).

WP - Daniels; Lynch; N. Whidden; Read; C. Whidden 4.

HBP - by Roman (Cunningham).

Uprires - Home:Bruce Ravan 1st:Joe Correia 3rd:Landon Davis

^{6:04} Time: 3:14 Attendance: 1791