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MARCH 23, 2000

No. 1 Florida State Shuts Out Maryland, 11-0

Tallahassee, FL – No. 1 Florida State (26-4, 5-2 ACC) handed Maryland (6-16, 0-4 ACC) its first shutout of the season, defeating the Terrapins 11-0 in front of 1,576 fans at Dick Howser Stadium. FSU starting pitcher Jon McDonald improved to 7-1 on the season as he worked 7.0 scoreless innings, allowing just four hits, striking out seven and walking one.

The Seminoles took the early lead with a pair of runs in the bottom of the second inning. After Blair McCaleb and Mike Futrell reached on singles, Brett Groves picked up two RBI with a triple to left center.

In the fourth, FSU extended its lead to 3-0 when Pichi Balet singled and scored on McCaleb's double to left field.

FSU put the game away in the bottom of the seventh with six more runs to make it 9-0. After John-Ford Griffin walked and Marshall McDougall reached on a bunt base hit, Ryan Barthelemy knocked in the first run of the inning with a single to right. McDougall then scored when Maryland third baseman Steve Oursler threw the ball away on a Karl Jernigan bunt. Chris Smith followed with a single to score Barthelemy. After a Bobby Spano walk, McCaleb picked up two more RBI with a single. Senior John Halliday then made his first appearance of the season as a pinch hitter after missing the first half of the year with an injury. Halliday knocked in a run in his first at bat with a fielder's choice ground ball to second.

The Tribe added two more runs in the eighth on a Chris Smith double to left field. Brian Kraft recorded his first career base hit and Justin McClain followed with a single before Smith's double scored them both.

Futrell (3-for-3), McCaleb (3-for-3), Barthelemy (2-for-4) and Smith (2-for-4) led FSU at the plate. Smith and McCaleb both had three RBI on the night.

Maryland LHP Jamie Hammond (2-5) suffered the loss, giving up four runs (all earned) on nine hits in six innings. Brad Lyons worked the final two innings for the Terps and allowed seven runs (six earned) on seven hits.

FSU RHP Mike Ziegler (5-0) will face UM RHP Mark Martin (1-2) in tomorrow's 6:00 p.m. game.

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The Automated ScoreBook Maryland at Florida State Mar 23, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

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HBP - by Hammond (McCaleb).

Umpires - Home: Tom Thompson 1st: Steve Manders 3rd: Ken Couch

Start: 8:04 Time: 2:33 Attendance: 1576

Game Notes:

'ohn-Ford Griffin extends hitting streak to 12 games.

Brian Kraft recorded his first career base hit.

Blair McCaleb ties career-high with three hits.

First time Maryland has been shutout this year.

Hammond faced 1 batter in the 7th.