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No. 1 Florida State Blanks Maryland, 11-0

Tallahassee, FL – Behind a strong outing from starter Mike Ziegler, No. 1 Florida State (27-4, 6-2 ACC) shut out Maryland (6-16, 0-5 ACC) for the second straight night with 1,933 fans looking on at Dick Howser Stadium. FSU last recorded back-to-back shutouts in 1998, holding Charleston Southern scoreless on February 17th and 18th.

Ziegler (6-0) kept his record perfect as he pitched seven scoreless innings and allowed only three hits. The junior right-hander struck out eight and did not walk a batter. Nick Whidden and Mike DiBlasi each worked a scoreless inning of relief to keep the shutout intact.

FSU took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when John-Ford Griffin singled to right, moved over to third on a throwing error by Maryland pitcher Mark Martin, and scored on an RBI base hit by Ryan Barthelemy.

In the fourth inning, the Seminoles added another run on Karl Jernigan's RBI single to center. The hit scored Marshall McDougall, who had singled and moved over to third on Ryan Barthelemy's single.

Barthelemy added two more to his team-leading RBI total as he doubled home Griffin and McDougall in the fifth to make it 4-0. Barthelemy now has 43 RBI on the season.

The Tribe struck for two more in the fifth when Pichi Balet doubled home Brett Groves and Blair McCaleb scored on an error.

FSU erased any doubt with five more runs in the eighth inning. Chris Smith took the team home run lead when he blasted a two-run shot over the right field screen to make it 8-0. The Seminoles added three more, highlighted by a Karl Jernigan RBI-triple, for the final margin of 11-0.

The top six batters in the FSU order all had two or more hits apiece with Griffin, Barthelemy and Jernigan recording three hits each. Griffin has now hit safely in 13 straight games.

Maryland RHP Mark Martin (1-3) suffered the loss, working 7.0 innings and giving up six runs (four earned) on 12 hits.

The two teams play the final game of the series Saturday at 1:00 p.m. with FSU RHP Blair Varnes (5-1) facing Maryland LHP Joe Hart (1-3). The game will be televised live by Sunshine Network.

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The Automated ScoreBook Maryland at Florida State Mar 24, 2000 at Tallahassee, Fl (Dick Howser)

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Brian Patenaude If	4	0	1	0	0	1	2	(Chris Smith rf 5 1 2 2 0 2 1				
Frank Valois rf/1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	0		John-Ford Griffin If 5 2 3 0 0 0 1				
Larry Long ph					0					Clint Thigpen If 0 0 0 0 0 0 0				
Chuck Easter 1b					0	0	6	0		Marshall McDougall 2b/3b 4 3 2 0 1 0 1				
Daryl Whitmer rf	, 2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		Ryan Barthelemy 1b 5 1 3 3 0 0 10				
Craig Munroe dh	3	0	0	0	0		0	0		Karl Jernigan cf 5 1 3 2 0 1 1				
Kevin McDonald c	3	0	1	0	0	Û	7			Brett Groves ss 5 1 2 1 0 0 2				
Jason Mohap 2b	3	0	0	0		2	2			John Halliday dh 3 0 0 0 1 0				
Steve Oursler 3b	3	0	1	0			2			Scott Boyd ph 2 0 0 0 0 1 0				
Sean Lomas ss					0	1	0	3		Blair McCaleb c 2 1 0 0 1 0 8				
Matt Swope cf	3	0	0	0			1			Mike Futrell c 0 0 0 0 1 0 2				
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DP - Terps 1; Seminoles 2. LOB - Terps 3; Seminoles 8.

2B - Patenaude; Griffin(12); Barthelemy(5); Balet(7). 3B - Jernigan(3).

HR - Smith(8).

SB - McDonald; Groves 2(19).

Maryland		Н							Florida State	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	AB	BF
Mark Martin									Mike Ziegler	7.0	3	0	0	0	8	24	24
Jared Stuart	1.0	4	5	2	1	0	8	9	Nick Whidden	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	3	3
									Mike DiBlasi	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3

Win - Ziegler 6-0. Loss - Martin 1-3. Save - None.

WP - Ziegler 2. PB - McDonald.

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

Start: 6:02 Time: 2:31 Attendance: 1933

Game Notes:

John-Ford Griffin extends hitting streak to 13 games.