



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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No. 1 Florida State Picks up ACC Victory at Virginia, 9-6

Charlottesville, VA – Third baseman Pichi Balet went 3-for-3 with a home run to lead top-ranked Florida State (30-4, 8-2 ACC) to a 9-6 win over Virginia (14-1-1, 2-5 ACC). Balet's three-run homer, his fifth of the season, in the top of the sixth inning broke a 4-4 tie to give FSU the lead for good.

The visiting Seminoles took the lead in the top of the first when Marshall McDougall belted a solo home run over the left field wall.

Virginia took a 3-1 lead with three runs in the bottom of the third. Jon Benick knocked in two runs with a double and Luis Giraldo plated Benick with a double of his own. All three runs scored with two outs.

The Cavaliers added another run in the fourth when Ben Himes singled, moved to third on a pair of ground outs and scored on a wild pitch.

FSU tied the game with three runs in the top of the fifth. Chris Smith doubled down the first base line with one out. After the second out of the inning was recorded, Smith scored on an RBI-single by Balet. Blair McCaleb followed with a walk and Brett Groves kept it going with a single that scored Balet. John-Ford Griffin knocked in the final run of the inning with a RBI-single off Giraldo at third base.

After Smith singled and Mike Futrell reached on an error, Balet came through with what would prove to be the game-winning homer to make it 7-4 FSU.

In the eighth, the Seminoles tacked on a pair of insurance runs when Groves ripped a two-RBI ground-rule double to left center.

Virginia made it interesting in the bottom of the ninth, scoring two more runs before Chris Whidden came out of the bullpen to pick up his fourth save of the year.

RHP Jon McDonald (8-1) was the winner, working 6.0 innings and giving up four earned runs on six hits. McDonald walked four and struck out two.

LHP Brandon Creswell (1-6) took the loss for Virginia, giving up seven runs (four earned) over 6.2 innings.

The two teams will play a doubleheader tomorrow beginning at 12:00 p.m. to complete the three-game series. Mike Ziegler (6-0) and Blair Varnes (6-0) are FSU's scheduled starters.

FSU	100	033	020	9	11	0
UVA	003	100	002	6	7	2

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The Automated ScoreBook
Florida State at Virginia
Apr 01, 2000 at Charlottesville, VA (UVA Baseball Field)

Florida State 9 (30-4,8-2 ACC)

Virginia 6 (14-16-1,2-5 ACC)

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Brett Groves ss.....	5	0	2	3	0	1	1	1	1
John-Ford Griffin dh/lf..	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall McDougall 2b/3b.	5	1	1	1	0	1	1	8	3
Ryan Barthelmy 1b.....	5	0	2	0	0	1	16	1	0
Karl Jernigan cf.....	4	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0
Chris Smith rf.....	5	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
Mike Futrell lf.....	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
John Halliday ph.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bobby Spano pr/2b.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Pichi Balet 3b.....	3	2	3	4	1	0	0	2	0
Clint Thigpen pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blair McCaleb c.....	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	0	0
Jon McDonald p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Chris Ginn p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mike DiBlasi p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Whidden p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	37	9	11	9	5	6	27	14	7

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
David Stone lf.....	4	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1
Robbie Marvin 2b.....	4	1	1	1	1	0	5	1	0
Jon Benick 1b.....	5	1	1	2	0	0	4	2	1
Luis Giraldo 3b.....	4	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Tim LaVigne ss.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Ben Himes rf.....	4	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0
Mark Rueffert c.....	3	1	0	0	1	0	7	1	1
Robert Word dh.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Andrew Riesenfeld ph....	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Michael Floyd cf.....	2	1	2	0	2	0	4	0	0
Brandon Creswell p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alexander Starr p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mark Hurrie p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greg Hansard p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
David Poppert p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals.....	33	6	7	5	7	3	27	7	7

Score by Innings R H E

Florida State..... 100 033 020 - 9 11 0

Virginia..... 003 100 002 - 6 7 2

E Marvin; LaVigne. DP - Seminoles 1; Cavaliers 1. LOB - Seminoles 7; Cavaliers 7. 2B - Groves; Barthelmy; Smith; Benick; Giraldo. HR - McDougall(6); Balet(5). SH - McCaleb. SB - Groves; McDougall; Floyd. CS - Barthelmy.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jon McDonald.....	6.0	6	4	4	4	2	23	27
Chris Ginn.....	2.0	0	2	2	2	0	6	8
Mike DiBlasi.....	0.0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2
Chris Whidden.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3

Virginia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Brandon Creswell....	6.2	9	7	4	2	4	29	31
Alexander Starr.....	0.1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Mark Hurrie.....	0.0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Greg Hansard.....	0.0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
David Poppert.....	2.0	2	0	0	0	2	7	8

Win - McDonald (8-1). Loss - Creswell (1-6). Save - C. Whidden (4).

WP - McDonald; Ginn.

Umpires - Home:Bryant Woodall 1st:Henry Stancil 3rd:Tim Clougherty

Start: 1:06 Time: 2:54 Attendance: 453

Game: UVA1

Game notes:

Griffin extends hitting streak to 16 games.

McDonald faced 1 batter in the 7th.

Hurrie faced 1 batter in the 8th.

Hansard faced 1 batter in the 8th.

Ginn faced 2 batters in the 9th.

DiBlasi faced 2 batters in the 9th.