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No. 1 Florida State Splits Sunday Doubleheader With Virginia

Charlottesville, VA – Top-ranked Florida State (31-5, 9-3 ACC) took two of a three-game series against Virginia (15-17-1, 3-6 ACC), winning one of two on a rainy Sunday afternoon. The Cavaliers won a pitchers' duel 2-1 in the first game of the day, but the Seminoles bounced back to win game two by a score of 10-4.

In game one, FSU got on the board in the first inning when John-Ford Griffin doubled down the right field line and scored on Marshall McDougall's single up the middle. Griffin extended his hitting streak to 17 games with the double.

In the bottom of the eighth, the Cavaliers took the lead with a pair of runs to make it 2-1. Jon Benick reached on a single and advanced to third when McDougall threw the ball over Bobby Spano's head at second base on Luis Giraldo's ground ball to third. Tim LaVigne picked up an RBI when his sacrifice fly to center scored Benick. Mark Rueffert recorded the game-winning RBI when he plated Giraldo with a single to right.

Mike Ziegler (6-1) took the loss, despite giving up just two runs (none earned) on six hits in 7.2 innings of work. Ziegler had eight strikeouts and walked just two.

Jon Metzger (2-2) picked up the win in relief for UVA and LaVigne pitched the ninth for his sixth save of the season.

Griffin went 3-for-5 to lead FSU at the plate in game one with McDougall (2-for-5), Smith (2-for-4) and Groves (2-for-4) also having multi-hit games for the Tribe.

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Virginia took the early lead in game two with two runs in the bottom of the third inning. Ben Himes doubled and scored on David Stone's double. Stone then scored run number two on Robbie Marvin's single.

In the top of the fourth inning, the Seminoles took the lead with three runs. Karl Jernigan doubled and came home when left fielder Grant Mayer threw the ball into the Virginia dugout. After a Chris Smith walk, Pichi Balet hit a two-run homer that just stayed fair down the left field line to make it 3-2 FSU.

Ryan Barthelemy upped the Seminoles' lead to 6-2 when he launched a three-run home run over the right field fence. Griffin and McDougall both singled before Barthelemy's eighth homer of the season.

The Cavaliers attempted another rally in the eighth with Himes singling home Mark Rueffert cut the lead to 6-3. Daniel Hodges came in to record the third out of the inning in relief of Matt Lynch. Hodges would go on to finish the final 2.1 innings for his second save of the season.

Jernigan and Mike Futrell upped the Tribe's lead to 10-3 with a pair of two-run doubles in the top of the ninth.

Lynch responded in a last-minute start, improving to 5-0 on the season after giving up three runs on six hits in 6.1 innings of work. The freshman lefty struck out six and walked three. Blair Varnes was scheduled to start, but was scratched due to a stomach virus.

Griffin (2-for-5), McDougall (3-for-5), Barthelemy (2-for-5), Jernigan (3-for-5) and Smith (2-for-3) had multi-hit games for the Seminoles in game two. Griffin has now hit safely in 18 straight.

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2000 University of Virginia Baseball Florida State at Univ. of Virginia Apr 02, 2000 at Charlottesville, Va. (UVa Baseball Field)

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Win - Metzger 2-2. Loss - Ziegler 6-1. Save - LaVigna (6).

WP - Shrout, Metzger. PB - Rueffert.

BBP - by Ziegler (Giraldo).

Umpires - Home: Henry Stancil 1st: Tim Clougherty 3rd: Bryant Woodall Start: 12:04 Time: 2:50 Attendance: 157

UVm and FSU split the first two games of the series.

First game of a doubleheader.