



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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No. 1 Florida State Completes Home Sweep of No. 12 Miami 5-4 Chris Smith Doubles Home Mike Futrell in the Bottom of the Ninth

Tallahassee, FL – Sophomore Right fielder Chris Smith led top-ranked Florida State (35-5) to a 5-4 victory over No. 12 Miami (24-12-1) with an RBI-double in the bottom of the ninth inning in front of a Dick Howser Stadium crowd of 4,037. Miami scored two runs in the top of the ninth to force FSU to bat in the bottom half of the inning. Mike Futrell drew a walk and came around to score on Smith's line drive down the first base line as the Seminoles recorded their first three-game sweep of the Hurricanes since 1993.

Miami took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on back-to-back doubles by Kevin Howard and Manny Crespo.

FSU tied it up in the bottom of the second inning on three straight two-out singles by Futrell, Smith and John-Ford Griffin. Griffin picked up the RBI with his base hit to right.

The Hurricanes regained the lead in the fourth when Javy Rodriguez walked, stole second, advanced to third on a passed ball and came home on a double steal.

John Halliday answered the UM run with a solo home run over the right field screen to lead off the bottom of the fifth inning.

FSU took its first lead of the game (3-2) in the sixth. Ryan Barthelemy walked, Karl Jernigan singled and Brett Groves reached on a bunt base hit to load the bases with no outs. FSU could only manage one run however, as Halliday grounded into a 4-6-3 double play.

Smith upped the FSU lead to 4-2 with a home run to right center, his team-leading 10th of the season.

In the top of the ninth, Miami made it interesting with a pair of runs to tie the game at 4-4. Javy Rodriguez doubled and Mike DiRosa singled to put runners on the corners with one out. Charlton Jimerson pinch ran for DiRosa and promptly stole second. Chris Whidden came in from the bullpen and struck out Mark Walker. Mike DiBlasi was then called in to face Mike Rodriguez and gave up a two-run single to left before striking out Howard to end the inning.

Futrell's walk and Smith's double finished off the Hurricanes in the bottom of the ninth inning. There was no play at the plate as Futrell easily beat the relay throw home.

Griffin went 2-for-3 to extend his hitting streak to 22 games. Smith (3-for-5), Jernigan (3-for-4) and Futrell (2-for-3) also had multi-hit games for the Tribe.

DiBlasi (1-0) got the win in relief with UM reliever Greg Howell taking the loss after working the final 1.1 innings.

FSU starter Blair Varnes had another strong outing, but did not figure into the decision. Varnes worked 6.0 innings and gave up two runs (one earned) on four hits while striking out four and walking four.

Next up on the FSU schedule is a Wednesday 6:00 p.m. game with Jacksonville at Dick Howser Stadium.

UM	100	100	002	4	8	0
FSU	010	011	101	5	13	1

The Automated ScoreBook
Miami at Florida State
Apr 09, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

(Miami 4 (24-12-1)

Florida State 5 (35-5)

(Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Mike Rodriguez cf.....	4	0	2	2	1	0	1	0
Kevin Howard 3b.....	5	1	1	0	0	1	0	6
Manny Crespo rf.....	4	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
Danny Matienzo 1b.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	12	1
Lale Esquivel dh.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Kris Clute 2b.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Javier Rodriguez ss.....	3	2	1	0	1	0	3	4
Michael DiRosa c.....	4	0	2	0	0	1	3	0
Charlton Jimerson pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greg Lovelady c.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marcus Nettles lf.....	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Mark Walker ph/lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Enrique Bengochea p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Ryan Channell p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greg Howell p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 34 4 8 3 4 7 24 15

Score by innings: R H E

Miami	100	100	002	-	4	8	0
Florida State	001	011	101	-	5	13	0

(: None out, 1 runner(s) LOB when the game ended.

DP - Hurricanes 2; Seminoles 1. LOB - Hurricanes 7; Seminoles 8.
2B - Howard; Crespo; J. Rodriguez; Smith(9); Futrell(9).
HR - Smith(10); Halliday(2).
SB - J. Rodriguez 2; Jimerson; Nettles 2.

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Enrique Bengochea...	6.1	12	4	4	2	1	28	30
Ryan Channell.....	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Greg Howell.....	1.1	1	1	1	1	1	5	6

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Chris Smith rf.....	5	1	3	2	0	0	1	0
John-Ford Griffin lf.....	3	0	2	1	1	0	1	0
Marshall McDougall 3b.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Ryan Barthelemy 1b.....	3	1	0	0	1	1	13	0
Karl Jernigan cf.....	4	0	3	0	0	0	3	0
Brett Groves ss.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	4
John Halliday dh.....	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Bobby Spano 2b.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	6
Mike Futrell c.....	3	2	2	0	1	0	7	0
Blair Varnes p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Ginn p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Whidden p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike DiBlasi p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 34 5 13 4 3 3 27 13

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Blair Varnes.....	6.0	4	2	1	4	4	22	26
Chris Ginn.....	2.1	3	2	2	0	1	9	9
Chris Whidden.....	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Mike DiBlasi.....	0.1	1	0	0	0	1	2	2

Win - DiBlasi 1-0. Loss - Howell 2-2. Save - None.
WP - Bengochea. PB - Futrell 2.
Umpires - Home:Lee Prejean 1st:Paul Guille 3rd:John Whitaker
Start: 1:09 Time: 2:52 Attendance: 4037

Game Notes:
John-Ford Griffin extends hitting streak to 22 games.
FSU's first 3 game series sweep of Miami since 1993.
Howell faced 2 batters in the 9th.