



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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FSU TAKES SEASON SERIES WITH 14-3 VICTORY OVER MIAMI

Coral Gables, FL – Top-ranked Florida State (37-7) peppered No. 17 Miami (26-13-1) for 14 runs on 16 hits as they cruised to a 14-3 victory in a curfew-shortened six-inning game with 3,650 fans looking on at Mark Light Stadium. The game was scheduled to start at 1:00 p.m., but rains started to fall just after the national anthem was played, forcing a delay of just over one hour.

"I am very proud of the way we came out and played today," said FSU head coach Mike Martin. "We came out and established ourselves early and Blair Varnes gave us what we needed on the mound. Now we have to focus on a very important ACC series this weekend in Tallahassee against Georgia Tech."

The Seminoles scored 10 runs over the first three innings as they took the season series (4-2) from the Hurricanes for the first time since 1995.

FSU came out of the gates quickly with four runs as they batted around in the top of the first inning. John-Ford Griffin singled and Ryan Barthelmy doubled to left center before Karl Jernigan came through with a two-out, two-run double to right center. Brett Groves followed with a third straight double to score Jernigan. After John Halliday and Blair McCaleb walked, Bobby Spano ripped a single to center to score Groves. Chris Smith drew a bases loaded walk after fouling off several 3-2 pitches to make it 5-0 FSU.

The Seminoles upped the lead to 6-0 in the second inning when Marshall McDougall walked, stole second and scored on Jernigan's single to left center.

With three homers in the top of the third, FSU increased the lead to 10-0. McCaleb led off with a solo shot to left center, Smith hit a two-run bomb to right, and Griffin hit the very next pitch over the right field fence.

FSU struck again in the top of the fourth when McDougall singled home Spano, who got on with a double down the left field line.

Miami got on the board in the bottom of the fourth when Danny Matienzo doubled to left and Lale Esquivel homered to right center. Javy Rodriguez concluded the scoring in the UM half of the fifth when his solo homer to left made it 11-3 FSU.

The Seminoles continued their streak of scoring in each inning as Groves doubled, took second on a wild pitch and scored on pinch-hitter Mike Futrell's sacrifice fly to center.

McDougall hit his ninth home run of the season in the top of the sixth with Griffin on after a double to increase the lead to 14-3.

McDougall (3-for-4), Griffin (3-for-4) and Jernigan (3-for-4) led the Seminoles at the plate with three hits apiece.

Blair Varnes improved his record to 7-1 with the win, allowing three earned runs in five innings of work while striking out three and walking one. Chris Whidden retired the side in order in the sixth to secure the victory.

UM starter Kiki Bengochea lasted just 2/3 of an inning, allowing five runs on five hits. Miami used a total of seven pitchers in the six-inning contest.

FSU returns to Tallahassee for a three game series with ACC-leading Georgia Tech on Friday (7:00 p.m.), Saturday (7:00 p.m.) and Sunday (1:00 p.m.). The Saturday and Sunday games will be televised by Sunshine Network.

FSU	514	112	14	16	0
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The Automated ScoreBook
 Florida State at Miami
 Apr 16, 2000 at Coral Gables, FL (Mark Light)

Florida State 14 (37-7)

Miami 3 (26-13-1)

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

Totals..... 33 14 16 14 8 6 18 6

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Florida State	5	14	16
Miami	0	3	5

LOB - Seminoles 11; Hurricanes 3.
 2B - Griffin; Barthelemy; Jernigan; Groves 2; Spano; Howard; Matienzo.
 HR - Smith(11); Griffin(5); McDougall(9); McCaleb(2); Esquivel; J. Rodriguez.
 SB - McDougall.
 SF - Futrell.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Blair Varnes.....	5.0	5	3	3	1	3	20	21
Chris Whidden.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Mike Rodriguez cf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Kevin Howard 3b.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Manny Crespo rf.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	3	0
Danny Matienzo 1b.....	3	1	1	0	0	1	4	0
Lale Esquivel dh.....	3	1	1	2	0	1	0	0
Michael DiRosa c.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
Greg Lovelady ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kris Clute 2b.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Javier Rodriguez ss.....	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Marcus Nettles lf.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Enrique Bengochea p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Sheffield p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan Channell p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luke DeBold p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alex Prendes p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dan Smith p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tom Farmer p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 23 3 5 3 1 4 18 2

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Enrique Bengochea...	0.2	5	5	5	2	2	7	9
Chris Sheffield.....	1.1	2	3	3	3	1	6	9
Ryan Channell.....	0.1	3	2	2	0	0	4	4
Luke DeBold.....	1.1	3	1	1	1	1	7	8
Alex Prendes.....	1.1	1	1	1	1	1	4	6
Dan Smith.....	0.2	2	2	2	1	1	4	6
Tom Farmer.....	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Win - Varnes 7-1. Loss - Bengochea 4-2. Save - None.
 WP - Varnes; Prendes. PB - DiRosa.
 HBP - by Smith (Groves).
 Umpires - Home:Mark Chapman 1st:Paul Guille 3rd:Mark McGill
 Start: 2:09 Time: 2:29 Attendance: 3650

Notes:
 FSU takes season series (4-2) for first time since 1995
 Game shortened due to travel curfew
 Sheffield faced 2 batters in the 3rd.