



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

## SPORTS INFORMATION



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**APRIL 23, 2000**

### **FLORIDA STATE TAKES SERIES WITH 7-5 WIN OVER GEORGIA TECH**

Tallahassee, FL –No. 2 Florida State (39-8, 11-4 ACC) topped No. 6 Georgia Tech (34-10, 14-4 ACC) by a score of 7-5 in front of 2,243 fans on Easter Sunday at Dick Howser Stadium. Georgia Tech leads in the conference standings with FSU and Clemson tied for second with identical 11-4 ACC records.

FSU junior right-hander Jon McDonald improved his record to 9-2 on the year with the win, working six innings and giving up four runs (three earned) on seven hits.

FSU took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when Chris Smith singled, took second on a failed pickoff attempt, and scored on John-Ford Griffin's double down the left field line.

The Yellow Jackets picked up an unearned run in the second to tie the game. With two outs, Jason Basil singled up the middle and Victor Menocal followed with a double to right. Basil came around to score when second baseman Bobby Spano could not handle Chris Smith's throw on the cutoff.

Georgia Tech took a 4-1 lead with three in the top of the third. Bryan Prince knocked in two runs with a bases loaded single to left and Derik Goffena brought home a run with a sacrifice fly.

In the bottom half of the inning, FSU got two runs back to make it 4-3. Spano led off with a walk and Smith followed with an RBI-double to left center. Smith advanced to third on Griffin's ground out to the pitcher and scored on Marshall McDougall's ground out to second.

The Seminoles took a 5-4 lead with two runs in the sixth on consecutive doubles by Ryan Barthelemy, Karl Jernigan and Brett Groves.

FSU picked up two important runs in the bottom of the eighth inning. With two outs, Groves laid down a bunt that Georgia Tech pitcher Kevin Cameron fielded and threw away. Groves got around to second on the two-base error. Scott Boyd then came through with what proved to be the game-winning RBI with a pinch-hit double off the wall in left. Blair McCaleb plated Boyd with a single up the middle to give FSU a 7-4 cushion.

Georgia Tech scored one run in the top of the ninth when Victor Menocal scored on a Jason Perry double. FSU closer Chris Whidden rebounded to record his fifth save of the season.

Smith was the only Seminole to have more than one hit on the day, finishing 2-for-5.

Steve Kelly (6-2) took the loss, allowing five earned runs on six over seven innings. Kelly struck out nine and walked two.

FSU plays its final home series of the season against NC State on Friday (7:00 p.m.), Saturday (7:00 p.m.) and Sunday (1:00 p.m.). Sunday's game will be televised by Sunshine Network.

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FSU	102	002	02x	7	8	1

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The Automated ScoreBook  
Georgia Tech at Florida State  
Apr 23, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

Georgia Tech 5 (34-10,14-4 ACC)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Richard Lewis 2b.....	5	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Brad Stockton rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Mark Teixeira 3b.....	3	1	1	0	1	0	2	1
Bryan Prince c.....	3	0	1	2	1	1	10	0
Derik Goffena 1b.....	3	0	0	1	0	0	5	0
Jason Basil lf.....	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Victor Menocal ss.....	4	1	3	0	0	0	2	0
Jason Perry dh.....	4	0	2	1	0	1	0	0
Wes Rynders cf.....	4	1	2	0	0	0	2	0
Steve Kelly p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kevin Cameron p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jeff Watchko p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 33 5 11 4 2 8 24 4

Score by innings: R H E

Georgia Tech	013	000	001	-	5	11	2
Florida State	102	002	02	-	7	8	1

ECelly; Cameron; Spano.

DP - Seminoles 3. LOB - Jackets 5; Seminoles 5.

2B - Menocal; Perry; Smith(23); Griffin(18); Barthelemy(13); Jernigan(16); Groves(17); Boyd(6).

SB - Groves(27).

SH - Stockton. SF - Goffena.

Georgia Tech	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Steve Kelly.....	7.0	6	5	5	2	9	27	30
Kevin Cameron.....	0.2	2	2	0	0	0	5	5
Jeff Watchko.....	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Florida State 7 (39-8,11-4 ACC)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Chris Smith rf.....	4	2	2	1	0	1	2	1
John-Ford Griffin lf.....	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Marshall McDougall 3b.....	4	0	0	1	0	2	1	1
Ryan Barthelemy 1b.....	4	1	1	0	0	2	10	1
Karl Jernigan cf.....	4	1	1	1	0	0	2	0
Brett Groves ss.....	4	1	1	1	0	0	2	3
John Halliday dh.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Scott Boyd ph.....	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Blair McCaleb c.....	3	0	1	1	1	2	8	0
Bobby Spano 2b.....	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	4
Jon McDonald p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Nick Whidden 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

Totals..... 33 7 8 7 2 9 27 12

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jon McDonald.....	6.0	7	4	3	2	3	21	25
Nick Whidden.....	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	4	4
Chris Ginn.....	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	3	3
Chris Whidden.....	1.0	2	1	1	0	2	5	5

Win - McDonald 9-2. Loss - Kelly 6-2. Save - C. Whidden (5).

WP - McDonald.

HBP - by Kelly (Spano).

Umpires - Home:Paul Larson 1st:Rick Darby 3rd:AJ Lostaglio

Start: 1:08 Time: 2:28 Attendance: 2243