



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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FEBRUARY 17, 2001

FLORIDA STATE USES NINE-RUN SIXTH TO PUT AWAY FLORIDA, 19-6

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The No. 11 Florida State Seminoles (3-3) snapped a three-game losing streak with a 19-6 drubbing of No. 21 Florida (3-4) before a crowd of 4,371 at Dick Howser Stadium. Junior college transfer Nick Rogers, who missed the first five games with a pulled rib cage muscle, paced the Tribe offensively in his FSU debut. Rogers went 4-for-6 with two doubles, five RBI, three runs scored and two stolen bases.

Blair Varnes opened the game for the Garnet and Gold, going 4.2 innings and giving up seven hits and four earned runs in the no-decision. Justin Lord relieved Varnes in the top of the fifth to earn his first career victory. Lord worked 3.1 innings, allowing one unearned run on five hits. Eric Roman finished off the Gators with a scoreless ninth.

The game was originally scheduled to be televised by Sunshine Network, but could not be due to a campus-wide power outage that lasted through the first five innings of the game.

FSU struck early with runs in the bottom of the second inning. After back-to-back singles by designated hitter Chris Cole and center fielder Karl Jernigan, Rogers ripped the first pitch of his college career into center field for an RBI-single. Jernigan scored on an error and shortstop Brett Groves followed with a sacrifice fly. Freshman second baseman Bryan Zech knocked in the fourth run of the inning with a single up the middle.

FSU made it 7-0 in the third on a two-run double by Rogers and an RBI-ground out by catcher Tony Richie.

The Gators cut the lead to two with five runs in the top of the fifth inning. First baseman Ryan Shealy had the big hit of the inning for UF, a two-run double that knocked Varnes out of the game.

With the power back on, Florida State took control with nine runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Two Seminoles crossed the plate on balks, Mike Futrell had an RBI-single, third baseman Scoot Toole picked up an RBI on a bases loaded walk, Rogers and Jernigan had run-scoring doubles with left fielder John-Ford Griffin doing the most damage with a bases loaded double that scored three.

The Gators added a run in the top of the eighth while the Seminoles added three more in the bottom half of the inning. FSU's 19 runs were the most scored since the Tribe beat The Citadel 24-6 on May 28, 1999 in NCAA Regional competition. FSU has now won six straight against UF, dating back to February of 1999.

UF starter Jay Belflower (0-1) took the loss, surrendering seven runs (six earned) on seven hits in three innings of work.

The two teams meet again Sunday at 2:00 p.m. with FSU LHP Matt Lynch (0-1) scheduled to face UF RHP Joey Simon (1-2).

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The Automated ScoreBook

FLORIDA at Florida State

Feb 17, 2001 at Tallahassee, Fla. (Dick Howser)

FLORIDA 6 (3-4)

Florida State 19 (3-3)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Aaron Davidson 2b.....	4	1	1	0	1	2	1	2	0
Matt Siegel lf.....	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Pat Osborn 3b.....	5	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0
David Klebonis dh.....	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Ben Harrison dh.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan Shealy 1b.....	4	1	3	2	0	1	4	1	0
Peter Nystrom rf.....	4	0	1	1	0	1	4	0	4
Matt Goss cf.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Kevin Estrada ss.....	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	1	0
Brian Rose c.....	4	0	1	1	0	1	8	0	2
Jay Belflower p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Eddie Rojas p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.J. Stanton p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Matt Bomeisl p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.O. Wiegandt p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jimmy Ramshaw p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	38	6	12	6	2	8	24	5	7

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Bryan Zech 2b.....	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3
Tony McQuade ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
John-Ford Griffin lf/dh..	4	2	2	3	1	0	1	0	1
Jeff Probst 2b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Richie Smith dh/cf.....	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ryan Barthelemy 1b.....	5	2	2	0	0	1	5	0	0
Chris Hart ph/lb.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Chris Cole dh.....	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Futrell ph/lf.....	3	2	2	1	1	1	2	0	2
Karl Jernigan cf/dh.....	5	3	3	2	0	1	3	0	0
Nick Rogers rf.....	6	3	4	5	0	1	2	0	2
Tony Richie c.....	4	1	1	1	0	0	8	0	0
Blair McCaleb ph/c.....	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Brett Groves ss.....	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1
Scott Toole 3b.....	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	0
Scott Boyd ph/3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Blair Varnes p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Justin Lord p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Eric Roman p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	43	19	18	16	8	8	27	10	10

Score by Innings

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FLORIDA.....	000	050	010	-	6	12	3
Florida State.....	043	009	03X	-	19	18	2

E - Osborn; Estrada 2; Groves 2. DP - Seminoles 2. LOB - FLORIDA 7; Seminoles 10. 2B - Davidson; Osborn; Shealy; Griffin; Jernigan 2; Rogers 2. SH - Jernigan. SF - Groves. SB - Osborn; Rogers 2; Richie.

FLORIDA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jay Belflower.....	3.0	7	7	6	0	1	15	17
Eddie Rojas.....	2.0	4	4	3	3	3	12	15
T.J. Stanton.....	0.1	1	3	3	2	0	2	4
Matt Bomeisl.....	0.1	1	2	1	2	0	2	4
K.O. Wiegandt.....	1.1	2	0	0	0	3	6	6
Jimmy Ramshaw.....	1.0	3	3	3	1	1	6	7

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Blair Varnes.....	4.2	7	5	4	1	6	22	23
Justin Lord.....	3.1	5	1	0	1	2	13	14
Eric Roman.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3

Win - Lord (1-0). Loss - Belflower (0-1). Save - None.

WP - Rojas. BK - Rojas; Bomeisl; Varnes. PB - Richie; McCaleb.

Umpires - Home:Paul Guille 1st:Jeff Head 3rd:Mark Chapman

Start: 12:35 pm Time: 3:10 Attendance: 4371

Game: FLA1

Game notes:

No power at start of game!!

Rojas faced 4 batters in the 6th.