



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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MIKE FUTRELL'S HOMER HELPS FSU COMPLETE SWEEP OF VIRGINIA
Freshman Marc LaMacchia earns the victory as Seminoles win 11th in a row, 2-1.

Tallahassee, Fla. – The No. 18 Florida State Seminoles (14-5, 3-0 ACC) completed a three-game sweep of Virginia (7-7, 0-3 ACC) in the first ACC series of the season. The victory pushed the Seminoles' winning streak to 11 games. FSU freshman right-hander Marc LaMacchia (3-0) out-dueled Virginia's Dan Street in a 2-1 contest.

"The decision to start LaMacchia was made this week because we wanted to show everybody that we are going to start the guy that is pitching the best," said head coach Mike Martin. "He went out today and threw three pitches for strikes. LaMacchia had great command of his pitches and Jamey Shouppe (FSU pitching coach) called a great game."

LaMacchia went a career-long 8.1 innings and allowed just one run on seven hits while striking out seven.

"I felt great out there today," said LaMacchia. "I felt like I had all three of my pitches working towards the end of the game. I watched Blair Varnes and Robby Read yesterday to see what they did to get guys out. I wanted to hit my spots and let the defense do the job behind me."

Junior Mike Futrell was the hero at the plate for the Seminoles as his solo home run in the bottom of the sixth broke a 1-1 tie and proved to be the game-winner.

"That's the best ball I've seen Mike Futrell hit since he's been at Florida State," said Martin. "That ball was juiced. He had four quality at bats today."

For the third straight game, Virginia opened the scoring with a solo home run. This time, Robert Word's homer to left gave the Cavaliers a 1-0 lead.

The Seminoles responded with a run of their own in the bottom of the third. Bryan Zech drew a walk and scored on John-Ford Griffin's double to left center.

Brett Groves moved into fourth place on FSU's all-time stolen base list, breaking a tie with Mickey Lopez, with the 83rd of this career in the eighth inning.

Justin Lord recorded the final two outs of the game for the Tribe for his second save of the season. Lord struck out Eric Christensen with runners on first and second to seal the victory.

"Justin Lord is very poised when he is on the mound," said Martin. "He likes this role. He threw the ball in the right spots and totally controlled the game."

Street (1-1) worked all eight innings for Virginia, giving up two earned runs on seven hits. Street struck out five and walked three.

FSU will be at home for the next three days before leaving for a weekend series at NC State. The Seminoles host Northern Iowa on Monday and Tuesday, and Liberty on Wednesday. All three games are scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m.

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The Automated ScoreBook
Univ. of Virginia at Florida State
Mar 11, 2001 at Tallahassee, Fla. (Dick Howser)

Univ. of Virginia 1 (7-7,0-3)

Florida State 2 (14-5,3-0)

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Stone lf.....	4	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	0
Vroman cf.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1
Benick 3b.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Wyant ss.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
Rueffert c.....	3	0	2	0	1	1	5	0	0
Riesenfeld dh.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Christensen 2b.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	5
Word 1b.....	3	1	1	1	0	1	7	0	0
Sweet rf.....	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
D. Street p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Totals.....	33	1	8	1	1	8	24	7	6

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Bryan Zech 2b.....	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
John-Ford Griffin lf.....	4	0	1	1	0	2	3	0	0
Ryan Barthelemy 1b.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	8	0	0
Chris Cole dh.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Karl Jernigan cf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
Brett Groves ss.....	3	0	1	0	1	0	5	3	3
Mike Futrell rf.....	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Scott Toole 3b.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	2
Tony Richie c.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	2
Marc LaMacchia p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Justin Lord p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	31	2	7	2	3	5	27	8	9

Score by Innings R H E

Univ. of Virginia... 001 000 000 - 1 8 0
Florida State..... 001 001 00X - 2 7 0

DP - Seminoles 1. LOB - Virginia 6; Seminoles 9. 2B - Zech(4); Griffin(8). HR - Word(2); Futrell(3). HBP - Jernigan. SB - Groves(10). CS - Sweet(2).

Univ. of Virginia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
D. Street.....	8.0	7	2	2	3	5	31	35

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Marc LaMacchia.....	8.1	7	1	1	1	7	30	31
Justin Lord.....	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	3	3

Win - LaMacchia (3-0). Loss - D. Street (1-1). Save - Lord (2).

HB - D. Street.

Umpires - Home:Ken Couch 1st:Tony Thompson 3rd:Steve Manders

Start: 1:07 pm Time: 2:02 Attendance: 2371

Game: UVA3