



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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STEPHEN DREW RETURNS TO LINEUP AS NO. 5 FSU BEATS MERCER 11-2 Marc LaMacchia improved to 5-0 after giving up just one earned run in six innings

Tallahassee, Fla. – Sophomore right-hander Marc LaMacchia threw six strong innings and freshman Stephen Drew returned to the lineup for the first time since February 1st as No. 5 Florida State (27-8) defeated Mercer (13-13) by a score of 11-2 at Dick Howser Stadium. LaMacchia ran his record to 5-0 with the victory, giving up two runs (one earned) on three hits in six innings. Drew, who fractured the fifth metatarsal in his left foot at Hawaii 28 games ago, led off the game as the Seminole designated hitter and went 1-for-4 with a three-run double.

Mercer took an early 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning on a solo home run to right by Drew Starke.

The Seminoles took control in the bottom half of the inning with a six-run rally. Tony McQuade scored the first run when Scott Toole was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. Drew cleared the bases with a double to the gap in right center. Mike Futrell followed with a doubled down the third base line to score Drew. After Futrell advanced to third on a wild pitch, Ryan Barthlemey came through with a RBI-groundout.

After Bryan Zech's sacrifice fly scored Tony Richie in the bottom of the third inning, Mercer took advantage of an FSU error to score a run in the fourth to make the score 6-2.

Florida State added single runs in the fifth and sixth to increase the lead to 8-2. Toole knocked in the run in the fifth on a bunt base hit and McQuade had an RBI-double in the sixth.

Barthlemey's two-run single in the eighth inning concluded the scoring and gave the Tribe an 11-2 victory.

Mercer starter Byron Kiefer (1-1) took the loss after giving up four runs on no hits in 1.1 innings. Kiefer walked four and hit two batters.

The Seminoles travel to Wake Forest this weekend for a three-game series with the Demon Deacons. Game times are set for Friday at 1:30, Saturday at 1:00 and Sunday at 12:00 noon. Matt Lynch (5-0, 3.53 ERA), Robby Read (5-1, 3.98 ERA) and Blair Varnes (4-3, 3.86 ERA) will start on the mound for FSU in the weekend series.

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The Automated ScoreBook
Mercer at Florida State
Mar 26, 2002 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

Mercer 2 (13-13)

Florida State 11 (27-8)

P	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Gaines cf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Harwell dh.....	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Levengood lf.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1
Appalucci rf.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
Hurst 3b.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Starke c.....	3	1	1	1	0	1	4	0	0
Sas c.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Jackson 2b.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	2
Fox 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	0
Murphy ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0
Kiefer p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stone p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Paolantonio p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bishop p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Morrison p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jones p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	32	2	3	1	1	9	24	8	4

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Stephen Drew dh.....	4	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	3
Mike Futrell rf/lf.....	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Aaron Cheesman ph.....	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dominic Robinson lf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Rogers cf.....	3	1	1	0	2	0	3	0	0
Ryan Barthelemy 3b.....	5	0	1	3	0	0	1	4	1
Tony McQuade lf.....	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
Richie Smith rf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tony Richie c.....	2	2	1	0	0	0	3	1	0
Blair McCaleb ph/c.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	2
Jerrod Brown 1b.....	3	1	2	0	0	1	10	0	0
Chris Hart 1b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Bryan Zech 2b.....	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	3	0
Kevin Richmond ph/2b....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Scott Toole ss.....	3	1	1	2	0	2	0	2	0
Marc LaMacchia p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Daniel Davidson p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eric Roman p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals.....	33	11	11	11	6	7	27	13	7

Score by Innings R H E

Mercer..... 010 100 000 - 2 3 0

Florida State..... 061 011 02X - 11 11 2

E - Toole 2(9). DP - Bears 1. LOB - Bears 4; Seminoles 7. 2B - Harwell(5); Drew(1); Futrell(10); Rogers(14); McQuade(9); Zech(6). HR - Starke(2). HBP - Richie; Toole. SF - Zech(3). SB - Gaines(14).

Mercer	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Kiefer.....	1.1	0	4	4	4	1	3	9
Stone.....	1.0	4	3	3	1	0	6	8
Paolantonio.....	2.2	3	1	1	0	3	11	11
Bishop.....	1.0	1	1	1	1	0	4	5
Morrison.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3
Jones.....	1.0	3	2	2	0	1	6	6

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Marc LaMacchia.....	6.0	3	2	1	1	4	22	23
Daniel Davidson.....	2.0	0	0	0	0	5	7	7
Eric Roman.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3

Win - LaMacchia (5-0). Loss - Kiefer (1-1). Save - None.

WP - Stone(3); Bishop(4). HB - Kiefer 2. BK - Stone(3); Paolantonio(2).

Umpires - Home:Mark Humphreys 1st:Al Davis 3rd:Landon Davis

Start: 6:32 Time: 2:22 Attendance: 987

Game: MER1

Game notes:

Freshman Stephen Drew makes first appearance since Feb. 1st foot injury.