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No. 2 Florida State Wins Seventh Straight, 9-1 Over Appalachian State Freshman right-hander Mark Sauls holds Mountaineers to one hit in five innings

February 22, 2003

Tallahassee, Fla. – The second-ranked Florida State Seminoles (10-1) got a strong pitching performance from freshman right-hander Mark Sauls as they defeated Appalachian State (0-4) by a score of 9-1 in front of 1,378 fans at Dick Howser Stadium Saturday afternoon. Sauls allowed just one hit and an unearned run in five innings. He struck out four, didn't walk a batter, and retired the final 14 Mountaineers he faced. FSU has now won seven straight games.

For the second straight day, Appalachian State got on the board first. Ty Racette reached on an error to lead off the inning and later scored on Derek Smith's sacrifice fly to right field.

FSU answered with a run in the bottom of the first. Stephen Drew led off with a single to center, stole second, advanced to third on a groundout and scored on Eddy Marinez-Esteve's sacrifice fly to right.

The Seminoles would go ahead for good with a run in the third. Tony McQuade singled with two away, stole second and scored on Tony Richie's single through the left side.

A five-run fifth put the game out of reach. Bryan Zech reached on an error and Tony McQuade walked to start the inning. After both runners moved up a base on a wild pitch, Martinez-Esteve recorded his second sacrifice fly of the game. McQuade then scored the inning's second run on a wild pitch. Jerrod Brown drew a walk and Chris Hart singled to put runners on first and third. Derrick Smith's RBI-double then made it 5-1. With the bases loaded, Matt Sauls was hit by a pitch and Bryan Zech drew a walk to make it 7-1.

FSU added a run in the sixth on a Chris Hart RBI-double and completed the scoring with another run in the seventh on a solo home run by Tony McQuade.

The Seminole bullpen was just as effective as Sauls in holding the Mountaineers in check. Hunter Jones, Daniel Davidson, Rhett James and Daniel Hodges each worked a scoreless inning of relief. The foursome allowed just one hit, totaled seven strikeouts and walked only one.

McQuade (2-for-4), Richie (2-for-3) and Hart (2-for-3) led FSU at the plate. McQuade scored three runs while Martinez-Esteve had a team-best two RBI.

ASU starter Nick Peterson (0-2) took the loss after giving up seven runs (three earned) on five hits in 4.2 innings pitched. Peterson walked six and struck out one.

The two teams will wrap up the three-game series at Dick Howser Stadium Sunday at 1:00 p.m. FSU LHP Trent Peterson (1-0) and ASU RHP Scott Clark (0-1) are the scheduled starters.

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The Automated ScoreBook Appalachian State at Florida State Feb 22, 2003 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

Appalachian State 1 (0-4)

Florida State 9 (10-1)

b, st	AB										Player					BB S			A I	OB
Ty Racette cf										1	Stephen Drew ss								1	0
Graham Thompson dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		0	Bryan Zech ss	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	0
Brian Chapman lf					Q	1	2	0		1	Tony McQuade rf	4	3	2	1	1	0	4	0	3
Derek Smith c					0	1	1	1		0	Eddy Martinez-Esteve 3b	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0
Brett Pomykala c	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	Brandon Manasa 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tim Johnson 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	8	0		1	Tony Richie c	3	1	2	1	1	0	4	a	0
Joey Robinson 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1		0	Daniel Davidson p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ben Marsh ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	2		0	Chris Whidden ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clint Johns 2b,	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	4		0	Rhett James p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sterling Hayward rf	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	0		0	Daniel Hodges p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O	0
Nick Peterson p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	Jerrod Brown 1b	3	1	1	0	1	0	8	0	3
Andrew Kline p					O	0	0	0	ł	0	Daniel Wardell 1b	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Thomas Krasnor p					0	0	0	0)	0	Chris Hart 2b	3	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	0
											Kevin Richmond 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
											Derrick Smith 1f	4	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
											Aaron Cheesman dh/c	2	0	0	0	2	1	6	1	0
											Matt Sauls of	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
											Mark Sauls p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
											Runter Jones p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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E - Robinson(1); Peterson(1); Brown(1); Hart(2). DP - Mountaineers 1. LOB - Mountaineers 3; Seminoles 10. 2B - Thompson(1); Richie(5); Hart(2); Smith(5). HR - McQuade(2). HBP - Matt Sauls. SF - Smith(1); Mart.-Estev 2(2). SB - Drew(5); McQuade 3(9); Hart(1). CS - Smith(1).

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Nick Peterson	4.2	5	7	3	6	1	17	25	Mark Sauls	5.0	1	1	0	0	4	16	17
Andrew Kline	2.1	4	2	2	3	0	11	15	Hunter Jones	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	4	4
Thomas Krasnor	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	Daniel Davidson	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3
									Rhett James	1.0	0	0	0	1	3	3	4
									Daniel Hodges	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	. 3	3

Win - Mark Sauls (3-0). Loss - Peterson (0-2). Save - None.

WP - Peterson 2(4). HB - Kline. BK - Peterson(1).

Umpires - Home: Landon Davis 1st: Joe Correia 3rd: Bruce Ravan

Start: 2:18 Time: 2:38 Attendance: 1378

Game: ASU2

Game notes:

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Florida State has won six consecutive games. Mark Sauls retired the final 14 batters he faced.

First pitch delayed 15 minutes (rain).