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No. 2 Florida State Hits Four Home Runs in 9-1 Victory Over Virginia Matt Lynch allowed one run in 6.2 innings to help FSU open ACC play with a win

March 14, 2003

Tallahassee, Fla. – No. 2 Florida State (22-2) won its ACC opener 9-1 over Virginia (9-6) in front of 2,832 fans at Dick Howser Stadium Friday night. Senior Matt Lynch (6-0) moved into a tie for sixth all-time at FSU with his 35th career victory. Lynch allowed one run on six hits over 6.2 innings and recorded a season-high seven strikeouts. Eddy Martinez-Esteve belted two home runs while Chris Hart added a grand slam and Stephen Drew's two-run shot gave the Tribe four homers on the day.

The Seminoles quickly jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning behind back-to-back home runs by Hart and Martinez-Esteve. Stephen Drew led off the inning with a single, Tony McQuade walked and Tony Richie singled to shortstop before Hart hit a grand slam deep over the left field wall. Martinez-Esteve didn't waste any time as he took a 1-0 pitch deep to center for his third home run of the season. Hart's grand slam marked the first for the Seminoles since Drew belted one against Duke on May 6, 2002 and the four RBI were a career-high for the senior.

FSU added a run in the third inning to increase their lead to 6-0. Jerrod Brown walked and moved to second on a single by Hart before scoring on Blake Balkcom's single to left.

Virginia's Ryan Zimmerman scored a run on Kyle Werman's grounder to third to cut the Seminole lead to 6-1 in the top of the fifth inning.

Martinez-Esteve hit his second home run of the game, a solo shot to left, to move Florida State's lead back to six at 7-1. The multi-home run game was the first for a Seminole since Drew had two against South Florida on June 2nd in last year's NCAA Regional.

Drew brought the team's home run total to four when he came through with a two-run shot over the screen in right in the bottom of the eighth.

Drew led FSU at the plate with three hits and also stole his 19th and 20th bases of the season. Hart, Martinez-Esteve and Matt Sauls each had two hits for the Tribe.

Rhett James relieved Lynch and pitched 1.1 scoreless innings, allowing just one hit. Eddie Cannon struck out the side in the ninth to finish off the Cavaliers.

Jeff Kamrath (1-1) took the loss for UVA after surrendering seven earned runs on 10 hits in 5.1 innings. Kamrath struck out seven and walked two.

The series continues Saturday at 6:00 p.m. with FSU junior left-hander Trent Peterson (3-0, 2.03 ERA) set to take the hill against Virginia left-hander Mike Ballard (0-1, 1.76 ERA).

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2003 Florida State Baseball Virginia at Florida State

Mar 14, 2003 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

Virginia 1 (9-6,0-1 ACC)

Florida State 9 (22-2,1-0 ACC)

.	ΆB	R	H	RBI	ВВ	so	PO	A	LO	В	Player				RBI	BB	so	PO	A	LOF
Street rf	5	0	1	0	0	3	1	1		4	Stephen Drew ss				2	0	0	0	4	(
Sweet cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	2	0		0	Tony McQuade 1f	. 4	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	C
Reynolds ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	2		0	Tony Richie c	. 4	1	1	0	0	1	12	0	3
Koshansky 1b	3	0	1	0	1	1	6	0		0	Jerrod Brown 1b	. 2	1	0	0	2	1	10	0	(
Zimmerman 3b	3	1	1	0	1	1	1	3		1	Chris Hart 2b	. 4	1	2	4	0	1	3	5	0
Kagan lf	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0		0	Eddy Martinez-Esteve 3b.	. 4	2	2	2	0	1	1	3	C
Ghrist dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		Į	Blake Balkcom rf	. 4	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	C
Dunn ph/dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	:	3	Derrick Smith dh	. 3	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	C
Headd c	3	0	1	0	1	1	11	0		0	Daniel Wardell ph	. 1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	C
Werman 2b	4	0	0	1	0	1	3	2		0	Matt Sauls cf	. 4	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	2
Kamrath p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	Matt Lynch p	. 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C
Morgenthaler p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3	Rhett James p	. 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C
											Eddie Cannon p	. 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C
Totals	33	1	7	1	3	12	24	8	!	9	Totals	. 35	9	12	10	3	10	27	12	5
Score by Innings				R	H	E														
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E - Morgenthaler(1); Hart(5). DP - Cavaliers 1; Seminoles 2. LOB - Cavaliers 9; Seminoles 5. HR - Drew(3); Hart(3); Mart.-Estev 2(4). HBP - Hagan. SB - Drew 2(20).

Via	IP E	·	R ER	. BB	so	АВ	BF	Florida State	IP	н	R	ER	ВВ	so	ΑВ	BF
Kamrath	5.1 10	ı	7 7	2	7	26	28	Matt Lynch	6.2	6	1	1	2	7	25	27
Morgenthaler	2.2 2	i	2 2	1	3	9	10	Rhett James	1.1	1	0	0	1	2	5	7
								Eddie Cannon	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3

Win - M. Lynch (6-0). Loss - Kamrath (1-1). Save - None.

HB - James.

Umpires - Home: Rick Darby 1st: Scott Erby 3rd: Henry Stancil

Start: 6:01 Time: 2:32 Attendance: 2832

Game: UVA1
Game notes:

Stephen Drew extends hitting streak to eight games.

Matt Lynch now tied for sixth all-time at FSU with 35 career wins.