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Wolfpack Downs Seminoles 9-5, Takes Series Two Games To One

RALEIGH, N.C. -- NC State erupted for six runs in the bottom of the first inning Sunday afternoon at Doak Field, withstood a Florida State rally in the middle innings, and then tacked on three big insurance runs to defeat the Seminoles 9-5 in an Atlantic Coast Conference baseball game.

The Pack improved to 20-11 overall and 4-5 in the ACC. FSU fell to 24-9 overall and 8-4 in the conference. The win gave the Wolfpack a two-games-to-one win in the three-game ACC series with the Noles. The Pack's 10-9 win Saturday night was NC State's first regular-season victory over FSU since 1993, and the series win was also the Wolfpack's first over the Seminoles since the 1993 season.

Senior righthander Brett Black wobbled through five-plus innings, allowing five runs on eight hits, including a pair of tape-measure home runs by Jeremy Morris, and got the win to even his record at 4-4. FSU starter Randy Niles yielded eight runs on six hits in six-plus innings to fall to 2-3.

The Wolfpack roughed up Niles for six in the bottom of the first, which proved to be all the run support Black and three relievers would need. Tom Sergio led off the big inning by getting hit by a pitch, took second on a walk to Luis Figueroa, and scored on Jake Weber's double to right. One out later, Brad Piercy was intentionally walked to load the bases, and Scott Lawler followed with a walk to make it 2-0. Matt Postell followed with a two-run double, and a passed ball and a run-scoring groundout produced the final two runs of the inning.

Black carried the shutout into the fourth. Morris led off the ining with his ninth homer of the season, a towering shot to left, and Geoff Sprague doubled and scored on pinch-hitter Terry Henderson's two-out single. Morris hit a two-out two-run homer to deep center field in the fifth to cut the lead to 6-4, and Jeremy Salazar belted a solo shot in the sixth, his first of the year, to cut the Wolfpack lead to one at 6-5.

Clay Eason came in to quell the FSU rally in the sixth, and Stephen Wolff led off the bottom of the sixth with a solo homer, his second of the season, off the scoreboard in left-center field to extend the lead to 7-5. The Wolfpack made it 9-5 with a pair of runs in the seventh on an RBI double by Brad Piercy, and an RBI single by Postell.

Eason worked 1 2/3 scoreless innings, walking two and striking out two, and Dustin Baker came in from shortstop and pitched scoreless baseball in the eighth and ninth.

Note: NC State's Tom Sergio went 0-for-2 in the game, but reached base three times in five plate appearances. Sergio now has reached base 21 times in his last 37 plate appearances and 85 times in 143 plate appearances on the season.

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1997 FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL

FLORIDA STATE at N.C. State Mar 30, 1997 at Raleigh, N.C.

FLORIDA STATE 5 (24-9)

N.C. State 9 (20-11)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Zech, Scott 2b	3	0	0	0	2	0	3	3	Sergio, Tom cf	2	1	0	0	2	1	2	0
Drew, J.D. cf	4	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	Figueroa, Luis lb	3	1	0	0	1	0	9	0
Morris, Jeremy lf	5	2	2	3	0	1	0	0	Weber, Jake rf	3	2	1	1	1	0	2	0
Sprague, Geoff 3b	4	1	3	0	1	0	2	3	Combs, Chris lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
Cash, Kevin dh	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	Piercy, Brad c	3	2	2	1	1	0	4	2
Salazar, Jeremy c	5	1	2	1	0	2	9	1	Lawler, Scott dh	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
McCorkel, Shawn rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Wolff, Stephen ph	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Henderson, Terry ph/rf	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	Smith, Jason 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Woodward, Matt lb	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	Postell, Matt 3b	4	1	3	3	0	0	3	2
Griggs, Reggie ph/lb	3	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	Baker, Dustin ss/p	4	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Zabala, Jose ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	Ballard, Josh 2b/ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	4	4
Niles, Randy p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Black, Brett p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DiBlasi, Mike p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Carter, Chris p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chavez, Chris p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Eason, Clay p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	34	5	10	5	7	5	24	10	Totals.....	30	9	8	8	6	9	27	10

Score by innings: R H E

FLORIDA STATE	000	221	000	-	5	10	0
N.C. State	600	001	20	-	9	8	0

DP - SEMINOLES 1, NCST 1. LOB - SEMINOLES 10, NCST 4.

2B - Sprague(10), Piercy, Postell(1), Weber(5).

HR - Morris 2(10), Salazar(1), Wolff(2).

CS - Drew, Postell.

SH - Zabala.

FLORIDA STATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	N.C. State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Niles, Randy	6.0	6	8	7	6	6	Black, Brett	5.0	8	5	5	2	2
DiBlasi, Mike	0.2	2	1	1	0	2	Carter, Chris	0.1	1	0	0	1	0
Chavez, Chris	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	Eason, Clay	1.2	1	0	0	2	2
							Baker, Dustin	2.0	0	0	0	2	1

Winner - Black 4-4. Loser - Niles 2-3. Save - None.

WP - Niles 2. PB - Salazar, Piercy. BK - Black.

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Zech 2b	PF4		P4		F8	BB		BB	
Drew cf	BB			FF7	1B	PF5		3U	
Morris lf	F9			HR	HR	K		PF5	
Sprague 3b		1B		2B	1B		4-3		BB
Cash dh		KS		BB	F7		5-3		463
Salazar c		KS		F9		HR	1B		KL
McCorkel rf		FF7		1B		BB	BB		
Henderson rf			P5	4-3		1B	KS		
Woodward 1b			F8		4-3	5-4		4-3	
Griggs 1b									
Zabala ss									
Niles p									
Chavez p									

N.C. State

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sergio cf	HP	KS		IB		IB		PF5
Figueroa 1b	BB	4-3		FC		P4		
Weber rf	2B	F8			6-3		BB	
Combs lf	KS		KS		6-3		KS	
Piercy c	IB		1B		F8		2B	
Lawler dh	BB		543			HR	KL	
Smith 2b	BB			4-3		1B	1B	
Postell 3b	2B			1B		KS		KL
Baker p	6-3			KS		KL		5-3
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