



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE FALLS TO NO. 3 MIAMI, 9-4

CORAL GABLES, FL -- Florida State (38-8) lost its fourth straight game to Miami (30-9) in front of 5,062 at Mark Light Stadium.

UM starter David Gil (5-0) struck out a career-high 12 and surrendered just two earned runs in seven innings to earn the win. Reliever Michael Neu pitched the final two innings to record his eighth save of the season.

FSU scored two unearned runs in the first and second innings to take a 2-0 lead. Second baseman Marshall McDougall scored from third on a Gil wild pitch in the first. McDougall had advanced to third on leftfielder Manny Crespo's two-base fielding error after a single. In the second, designated hitter Sam Scott walked, took two bases on a passed ball, and scored from third on a Brett Groves RBI-single to left.

The Seminoles extended their lead to 4-0 with a two-out rally in the top of the third. First baseman John Halliday drew a walk and catcher Jeremiah Klosterman singled before third baseman Kevin Cash knocked them both in with a double down the right field line.

Miami answered in the bottom of the third with two runs of their own. Shortstop Bobby Hill walked and centerfielder Mike Rodriguez followed with a single. Both runners moved up a base on a double steal and Hill scored on a Klosterman throwing error. Russ Jacobson knocked in Rodriguez with a single to left-center.

UM tied the score at 4-4 in the bottom of the fifth inning Jacobson's second and third RBIs of the game. Right-hander Blair Varnes hit Mike Rodriguez, gave up a single to Crespo and they both moved into scoring position on a double steal. Jacobson's single to center scored the two Hurricane base runners.

The Hurricanes scored their fifth unanswered run to take the lead for good at 5-4 after six. Kris Clute and Hill singled to start the inning. Mike Rodriguez doubled to score Clute, but Hill was thrown out at the plate by rightfielder Matt Diaz. Varnes gave way to LHP Mike DiBlasi after giving up single to Clute. Varnes (7-1) lost his first game of the year, working 5 1/3 innings and giving up five earned runs.

In the bottom of the eighth, UM picked up four insurance runs when Mark Walker doubled and eventually scored on a sacrifice fly by Clute, Hill hit a solo home run and Crespo added a two-run homer.

Hill's 37th stolen base of the season in the third inning established a new Miami career stolen base record at 124.

The last time FSU lost four straight games was in 1994, exactly 500 games ago.

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1999 Miami Hurricanes Baseball
 Florida State at Miami Hurricanes
 Apr 24, 1999 at Coral Gables, FL (Mark Light Stadium)

Florida State 4 (38-8)

Miami Hurricanes 9 (30-9)

	AB	R	H	RBI		AB	R	H	RBI
Griffin lf	5	0	0	0	Hill ss	3	2	2	1
McDougall 2b	3	1	1	0	Rodriguez,M. cf	3	3	2	1
Diaz,M. rf	4	0	1	0	Crespo lf	4	2	2	2
Halliday 1b	2	1	0	0	Brown 1b	4	0	1	0
Klosterman c	4	1	1	0	Jacobson c	5	0	2	3
Cash 3b	4	0	1	2	Esquivel dh	4	0	0	0
Scott dh	2	1	0	0	Walker,M. rf	4	1	1	0
Barthelemy ph	1	0	0	0	Rodriguez,J. 3b	4	0	0	0
Smith cf	3	0	0	0	Clute 2b	3	1	2	1
Groves ss	4	0	2	1	Gil p	0	0	0	0
Varnes p	0	0	0	0	Neu p	0	0	0	0
DiBlasi p	0	0	0	0					
Hudson p	0	0	0	0					
Totals.....	32	4	6	3	Totals.....	34	9	12	8

Score by innings:					R	H	E

Florida State	112	000	000	-	4	6	2
Miami Hurricanes	002	021	04	-	9	12	1

E - Klosterman(8), Smith(2), Crespo(2). LOB - Florida St. 6, Miami 8. 2B - Cash(9), Rodriguez,M.(7), Walker,M.(4). HR - Hill(8), Crespo(10). SF - Clute(2). SB - Groves 2(16), Hill(37), Rodriguez,M. 2(5), Crespo(4). CS - Diaz,M.(3), Hill(7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HP	IBB	AB	BF	Fly	Gnd	NP
Varnes L 7-1	5.1	6	5	5	3	8	0	0	2	0	22	27	4	3	106
DiBlasi	2.1	4	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	9	11	2	2	45
Hudson	0.1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	0	8
Gil W 5-0	7.0	6	4	2	3	12	1	0	1	0	26	30	4	5	139
Neu S,8	2.0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	6	7	2	1	30

WP - Gil(3). HBP - by Gil (Halliday), by Varnes (Hill), by Varnes (Rodriguez,M.). PB - Klosterman(6), Jacobson(3).

Strikeouts - Griffin 2, McDougall, Diaz,M., Halliday, Klosterman, Cash 3, Scott, Smith 3, Groves 2, Hill, Rodriguez,M., Brown 3, Jacobson 2, Esquivel, Walker,M. 2. Walks - McDougall, Halliday, Scott, Smith, Hill, Rodriguez,M., Crespo, Brown.

Umpires - Home:Jay Asher 1st:Paul Guillie 3rd:Tony Walsh
 Start: 7:07 PM Time: 2:48 Attendance: 5062