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APRIL 8, 2000

No. 1 Florida State Hammers No. 12 Miami 12-2

Tallahassee, FL – Top-ranked Florida State (34-5) defeated No. 12 Miami (24-11-1) by a score of 12-2 at a sold out (5,020) Dick Howser Stadium. The 10-run margin of victory was the largest in the series since FSU beat UM 15-1 in 1996.

Mike Ziegler held the Hurricanes in check while the Seminole offense gave the junior right-hander plenty of run support. Ziegler, who improved to 7-1 with the win, worked a careerhigh eight innings and allowed two earned runs on four hits. He struck out 11 and walked just two.

Marshall McDougall continued to hit Miami pitching well as he put FSU up in the bottom of the first inning with a three-run home run just inside the foul pole in right field. Brett Groves and John-Ford Griffin were aboard after singles before McDougall hit his seventh homer of the year.

UM cut the lead to 3-2 on a solo home run in the second and third innings by Manny Crespo and Kris Clute

FSU scored two runs in the bottom of the third to make it 5-2. McDougall reached on a fielder's choice, stole second and scored on Ryan Barthelemy's double to right. Karl Jernigan then plated Barthelemy with a single up the middle.

The Seminoles upped their lead to 8-2 with three more in the bottom of the fifth. After McDougall singled and a Jernigan walk, Chris Smith singled to right. McDougall scored and Jernigan came home on an errant throw by UM right fielder Manny Crespo. Smith was able to take third on an error by the pitcher and Pichi Balet got the RBI with a ground ball to second.

FSU erased any doubt with four more in the eighth. Griffin knocked in Spano and Groves with a double to right-center and Barthelemy followed with a double of his own to score Griffin. Barthelemy took third on a wild pitch and came home on a passed ball to put the Seminoles safely ahead 12-2.

The top six batters in the FSU order each had two or more hits - Groves (2-for-5), Griffin (3-for-4), McDougall (3-for-5), Barthelemy (2-for-5), Jernigan (2-for-3) and Smith (3-for-5). Griffin extended his hitting streak to 21 games.

UM lefty Brian Walker took the loss after giving up eight earned runs on 12 hits in six innings.

The two teams conclude the Tallahassee portion of the series Sunday at Dick Howser Stadium with FSU RHP Blair Varnes (6-1, 3.24 ERA) scheduled to face UM RHP Kiki Bengochea (4-1, 2.14 ERA). The 1:00 p.m. game will be televised by Sunshine Network.

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The Automated ScoreBook Miami at Florida State Apr 08, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

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Win - Ziegler 7-1. Loss - B. Walker 5-2. Save - None.

WP - B. Walker; Smith; Ziegler; Roman. PB - Lovelady; Futrell. BK - B. Walker.

Umpires - Home:Lee Whitaker 1st:John Prejean 3rd:Paul Guille

Start: 7:03 Time: 2:53 Attendance: 5020

Came Notes:

John-Ford Griffin extends hitting streak to 21 games.