



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

## SPORTS INFORMATION



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### **NO. 10 FSU DROPS MAGIC NUMBER TO TWO WITH 8-1 WIN OVER MARYLAND Scott Toole records a career-high four hits & Blair Varnes earns win number seven**

College Park, Md. – The No. 10 Florida State Seminoles (36-14, 16-3 ACC) defeated Maryland (15-32, 4-17 ACC) by a score of 8-1 at Shipley Field. FSU is now two games away from clinching the ACC regular season title. A win on Saturday over the Terps coupled with a Clemson loss would clinch the championship for the Tribe. Junior Scott Toole, starting tonight at shortstop, led the Seminoles at the plate as he had a career-high four hits in the leadoff spot. Nick Rogers added three hits of his own while starting pitcher Blair Varnes earned the victory to move to 7-1 on the season.

FSU jumped out to a 2-0 lead with a pair of runs in the top of the first inning. Toole led off with a base hit bunt and John-Ford Griffin followed with a double off the screen in right center to put runners on second and third. Ryan Barthelemy knocked in Toole with a sacrifice fly to left and Mike Futrell followed with an RBI-single to score Griffin.

UM's Kevin McDonald cut the lead in half with a home run to lead off the top of the second.

The Seminoles got the run back in the top of the fifth when Futrell tripled home Barthelemy with two outs. Barthelemy had singled and stole second prior to Futrell's second RBI of the game.

In the top of the eighth, FSU added three insurance runs to push the lead to 6-1. Rogers reached on a bunt single and advanced to third on a throwing error. Karl Jernigan then doubled off the wall in center for the RBI. After Jeff Probst was intentionally walked, he and Jernigan moved up to second and third on a failed pick-off attempt at second. The Terps loaded the bases with one out with another intentional walk, this one to Bryan Zech. Jernigan and Probst scored the next two runs on back-to-back wild pitches by starter Todd Ainsworth.

Jeff Probst and Bryan Zech had run-scoring base hits in the ninth to make it 8-1.

Varnes worked six innings and allowed one earned run on four hits. The junior, who entered the week as the ACC's strikeout leader, picked up three K's and walked two.

Daniel Hodges earned his third save of the season as he held the Terps scoreless over the final three innings.

Ainsworth took the loss after giving up six earned runs on 10 hits in 7.1 innings of work. Ainsworth walked five and struck out four.

The series continues Saturday at 7:00 with FSU LHP Matt Lynch (6-2) on the hill against UM RHP Steve Schmoll (2-6).

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The Automated ScoreBook  
Florida State at Maryland  
May 04, 2001 at College Park, MD (Shipley)

Florida State 8 (36-14,16-3 ACC)

Maryland 1 (15-32,4-17 ACC)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Scott Toole ss.....	6	1	4	0	0	1	3	6	3
John-Ford Griffin lf.....	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	3
Ryan Barthelemy 1b.....	4	1	1	1	0	1	7	1	1
Mike Futrell dh.....	3	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Tony McQuade ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nick Rogers rf.....	5	2	3	0	0	1	2	0	1
Karl Jernigan cf.....	4	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Jeff Probst 3b.....	4	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	2
Bryan Zech 2b.....	4	0	1	1	1	0	5	2	0
Tony Richie c.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Chris Cole ph.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Richie Smith pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blair McCaleb c.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0
Blair Varnes p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daniel Hodges p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	38	8	14	6	7	6	27	12	11

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Patenaude lf.....	3	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0
McCurdy 2b.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0
Oursler 3b.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
McDonald dh.....	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
Swope rf.....	4	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	2
Easter 1b.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0
Gemmill ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lomas ss.....	4	0	2	0	0	1	3	3	0
Buffone c.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	1
Thompson ph.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whitmer cf.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	4
Ainsworth p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Martin p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	33	1	7	1	2	6	27	7	8

Score by Innings                      R H E

Florida State..... 200 010 032 - 8 14 2  
Maryland..... 010 000 000 - 1 7 2

Toole; Probst; Ainsworth 2. DP - Seminoles 3; Terps 1. LOB - Seminoles 11; Terps 8. 2B - Toole 2; Griffin; Jernigan; Zech. 3B - Futrell. HR - McDonald. HBP - Easter. SF - Barthelemy. SB - Barthelemy; Rogers.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Blair Varnes.....	6.0	4	1	1	2	3	20	23
Daniel Hodges.....	3.0	3	0	0	0	3	13	13

Maryland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Ainsworth.....	7.1	10	6	6	5	4	30	36
Martin.....	1.2	4	2	2	2	2	8	10

Win - Varnes (7-1). Loss - Ainsworth (3-2). Save - Hodges (3).

WP - Ainsworth 2. HB - Varnes.

Umpires - Home:Ron Sebastian 1st:Tom Baldinelli 3rd:Junior Creech

Start: 7:05 Time: 2:30 Attendance: 504

Game: MD1