

*Games of Friday May 16, Saturday May 17 and Sunday May 18*

## **Florida International baseball hosts SBC foe Arkansas State**

**FIRST PITCH:** 7:00 p.m. Miami, Fla. University Park Stadium, 2,000 cap.  
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**RECORDS:** FIU: 32-20 (10-11). ASU: 23-27 (8-12).

**RADIO:** WRGP 88.1 FM (Fri-Sun)

**SCOUTING REPORT:** The teams last met on April 14, 2002 as Arkansas State won the rubber match of the series, 8-4...The Golden Panthers lead the all-time series 8-7, but have lost four of the last five and two straight...FIU is coming off a 5-15 loss to New Orleans, which snapped a two-game winning streak...**Arthur Santos** dropped his ERA for the fifth consecutive week against UNO, earning his second straight win in the process...**Luis Gazitua** (34 strikeouts in 37 innings) will make his fourth start of the year against the Indians; he pitched twice in relief last weekend...**Mario Monreal** had a huge game Saturday, going four-for-six with two doubles, four RBI and his first home run of the season...**Ricardo Nanita** owns the team lead in eight offensive categories: batting average (.365), home runs (11), RBI (45), slugging percentage (.647), on-base percentage (.472), runs scored (45), walks (35) and total bases (110)...Arkansas State enters the game 23-27 after defeating Murray State 8-3 Tuesday...The Indians had jumped out to an 8-4 record in Sun Belt Conference play, but have since lost eight in a row and are in danger of missing the conference tournament...ASU is led offensively by several players, including **Matt Rogelstad** (.324, 36 RBI, six home runs), **Brad Hayes** (.321, 10 doubles, eight home runs) and **Blake Denischuk** (11 home runs, 35 RBI)...The Indians are projected to start **Jody Petty** (3.26 ERA, 55 strikeouts, 21 walks), **Karnie Vertz** (4.45 ERA, 50 strikeouts, 14 walks) and **John Anderson** (6.32 ERA, 40 strikeouts).

### **PROJECTED STARTING PITCHERS**

	<b>Florida International</b>	<b>Arkansas State</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Arthus Santos, rhp (3-7)	Jody Petty, lhp (5-5)
<b>Saturday</b>	Luis Gazitua, rhp (1-2)	Karnie Vertz, lhp (4-6)
<b>Sunday</b>	TBA	John Anderson, rhp (3-5)