

# FSU's Avitable Whiffs 24 In 1-Hitting Furman, 6-1

After walking five men in the first two innings, southpaw Tony Avitable settled down to hurl a one-hitter and strike out 24 men as Florida State opened its baseball season with a 6-1 win over Furman here yesterday.

The two teams were scheduled to play here again this afternoon at 1:30.

Avitable, a 5-11 junior from Lindhurst, N. Y., bettered the old school strikeout record of 18 set in 1948 by Howie Calhoun.

## LONESOME HIT

Catcher John Popson, Furman's football fullback, ruined a possible no-hitter in the sixth by blasting a double off the right field fence just out of Lee Corso's reach. The blow scored Billy Gaines, who had worked Avitable for one of six baser

on balls given up by the Sem-

inoles lefty, for Furman's lone run of the game. Avitable walked the bases full in the first but struck out the side. Then, in the second, the 21-year-old lefthander put two more men on base and again fanned the side. After that he passed only one and sent the side down swinging in the third, fifth, seventh and ninth frames. He struck out four men in the seventh when pitcher Charlie Moore missed a wildly-pitched third strike but beat the throw to first.

Florida State broke the game open in the third with four runs, all unearned. A single by Ham Bisbee, Dick Houser's double, a walk and four Furman errors accounted for the runs.

Second baseman Joe Cooper,

who was charged with three miscues in the third, pulled a near-unassisted triple play in the seventh. With men on first and second, Cooper snared Corso's drive on a hit-and-run play, doubled off the runner at second and threw to Frank Matthews at first to complete the maneuver.

The Seminoles added a pair of runs in the eighth to wrap it up.

With two out, Avitable laced a single to left and Owen McCarron batted him in with a towering triple to left field. McCarron raced home when Carlee Hendrix connected for a two-base hit.

McCarron, Hendrix, Bisbee and Houser contributed two hits each and Avitable added the ninth off Furman's Moore. The 5-9 freshman hurler struck out one and walked only three in going the route.

FURMAN	AB	R	H	E
Cooper, 2b	2	0	0	3
Kyber, cf	3	0	0	0
Brooks, rf	1	0	0	0
Howes, lf	2	0	0	0
Bagwell, lf	0	0	0	0
Gaines, cf	2	1	0	0
Matthews, 1b	3	0	0	0
Wall, 1b	1	0	0	0
Popson, c	4	0	1	0
Weir, 3b	2	0	0	2
a-Avery	1	0	0	0
Baltzagar, ss	4	0	0	1
Moore, p	3	0	0	0
b-Powers	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>
FLORIDA STATE	AB	R	H	E
McCarron, 2b	5	1	2	0
Hendrix, 3b	5	0	2	0
Bisbee, 1b	5	1	2	0
Twomey, lf	1	1	0	0
Rosell, lf	0	0	0	0
Vaughn, c	2	0	0	0
Corso, rf	4	1	0	0
Hecerra, rf	0	0	0	0
Houser, cf	4	1	2	0
Hunt, ss	4	0	0	0
Avitable, p	3	1	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>

a-Struck out for Weir in 9th.

b-Struck out for Moore in 9th.

Score by innings:

Furman 000 000—1 1 6

Florida State 004 000 002—6 9 1

Runs batted in: Popson, Houser,

McCarron, Hendrix. Two base hits:

Popson, Houser, Hendrix. Three base

hit: McCarron. Stolen bases: Hen-

drix, Twomey, Corso. Sacrifice: Avit-

able. Struck out: by Moore 1, Avitable

24. Bases on balls: off Moore 1,

Avitable 6. Hit batsmen: by Moore

(Vaughn 2), Avitable (Bagwell), Weir

pitch. Avitable. Passed ball: Vaughn.

Left on base: Furman 5, Florida State

9. Umpires: Schmitt and Kennedy.

Time of game: 2:25.