

GAINESVILLE — Former Blountstown standout Earl Montgomery provided the spark for Florida as the Gators sent Florida State's baseball team down to defeat for the second time in as many days in a 6-3 game Saturday.

Montgomery went three-for-four at the plate, with his pair of extra-base hits—a double and triple—coming when they were needed.

FSU had moved into an early lead by bunching two singles and an error by second baseman Carol Lanoux for one run.

The Gators came back in the bottom of the second, getting three runners home on three successive singles and a triple.

The Seminoles knotted things in the top of the third when Gary Nichols whacked a home run, scoring Miles Augustine ahead of him. Florida grabbed the lead again in the bottom of the inning, scoring two runs. Montgomery hit his double to drive Lanoux home, made third on an error and scored on a sacrifice fly Tom Moore.

Florida's final tally came in the seventh, when Montgomery's triple sent Al Lopez scooting home from first.

The victory gives the Gators a 23-5 mark for the season. Coach Danny Litwhiler's Seminoles are 15-8. It also kept Florida's record with non-conference foes unblemished.

Credited with the win was Charley Anderson, who went the route, striking out eight and walking two. Loser was Allen Thomas of Cairo, who struck out one, walked two in six innings.

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	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Loftin	4	0	2	Lopez	3	1	0
Reed	4	1	1	Lanoux	2	1	0
Augustin	3	1	1	Montgomery	4	1	3
Nichols	4	1	1	Moore	3	1	1
Woodward	3	0	1	Duncan	4	0	0
Williams	4	0	0	Morcroft	4	1	1
Teagle	4	0	1	Haskins	4	1	2
Chmielewski	3	0	0	Braddy	2	0	1
Thomas	2	0	0	Anderson	3	0	0
Howell	0	0	0				
aRountre	2	0	1				
bSuarez	1	0	0				
cDahlen	1	0	0				

Totals 35 3 8 Totals 29 6 8

a—Grounded out for Thomas in 7th.

b—Hit for Chmielewski in 9th.

c—Hit for Howell in 9th.

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E—Lanoux, Reed, Nichols, Augustine, Woodward. RBI—Montgomery, Moore, Morcroft, Haskins, Braddy, Nichols 2. DP—Montgomery and Lanoux. Woodward and Nichols. Woodward, Reed and Nichols. LOB—Fla. 6, FSU 5. 2B—Montgomery. 3B—Montgomery and Haskins. HR—Nichols. SB—Loftin and Haskins. S—Moore. SF—Moore.

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Anderson (W 5-0) 9 8 3 2 2 8
Thomas (L 6-2) 6 7 5 4 2 1
Howell 2 1 1 1 1 0

HBP—Lanoux by Thomas. U—Brown and Beale. T—2:05. A—3,000.