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GAINESVILLE — There was hard rock music pouring from a stereo tape recorder aboard Florida State's baseball team bus as it carried the Seminoles to face rival Florida Tuesday afternoon.

Just over two hours later the Seminoles boarded the bus again, but there was no music, only silence and glum looks.

Florida State's No. 1 nationally ranked team had been rocked hard by Florida's opportunistic Gators 3-1 at Perry Field in the opener of a two-game series here.

And Seminole Coach Jack Stallings talked about "simple" things.

"It was a simple matter of making the big play and hitting in the right place," he said. "We didn't. We just got beat. You can't blame it on anything. It's that simple."

Righthander Wayne Rogers handcuffed the Seminoles on six-hits while the Gators' alert defense backed him with clutch fielding. Rogers who upped his record to 8-4 at FSU's expense, yielded to lefty reliefer Harry Sheffield in the ninth.

Junior Pat Osburn who started for FSU and was credited with the loss, had his problems early. The lefty was tagged for six of Florida's seven hits before leaving in the sixth.

But the damage had already been done.

The Gators scored an unearned run in the second on the heels of two Seminole errors before FSU tied it in the third. Florida tallied a pair of runs in the fifth to go ahead for good.

In the second, UF's Richard Scarborough led off with a sharp single to left. After Rod Wright flied out, Jim Gruber rapped a bouncer to shortstop Greg Gromek who bobbled the ball leaving both runners safe.

With two outs, catcher Harry Saferight caught Scarborough off base, but his throw to second for a pickoff was overthrown and Scarborough trotted home.

Gromek opened the third with a single to left. But Doug Kasimier immediately hit into a double play.

Osburn then lined to left for a base hit, and Dick Nichols followed with a triple into deep centerfield plating Osburn. Nichols, however, was tagged out at home as he tried to

stretch the blast into a home run.

In the fifth Gruber again got the Gators rolling with a hard line drive to center. Tommy Blankenship put down a sacrifice bunt to Osburn whose throw to second was a fraction too late.

A double steal advanced the runners to second and third before Gruber raced home on

Len Bloodworth's sacrifice fly to center. Blankenship then stole third and came home on a single to right-center by Fred Bretz.

Trailing 3-1, the Seminoles tried desperately to rally in the ninth. Ron Cash walked and Larry Cocks singled to short left. A squeeze bunt by Greg Zera, however, nailed Cash at third. Gromek's fielder choice pushed Cocks to third but no closer.

Osburn, who apparently had trouble pacing himself under a blistering hot sun, was replaced in the sixth by Mike Slade who eventually gave way to John Ferguson midway in the eighth. "Osburn wasn't real sharp today," admitted Stallings.

The coach added that FSU had the chances. "We had numerous opportunities to score with a hit in the right place," Stallings said.

Defensively, Stallings said the Seminoles couldn't get out of trouble like other games this season.

"We played like we did today against Michigan State and Auburn and lost," he said. "We didn't bear down."

While Florida got only seven hits, five of them came most appropriately in the lead off spot. "When you've got four or five guys jumping up with a hit to start things that helps," said UF Coach Dave Fuller.

"This was a big win for us."

Fuller continued "We played good defense and hit the ball a lot better than we've shown this season. I've had a hard time convincing the guys they could hit."

Fuller admitted that the Gators were down some after losing the SEC Eastern Division playoff to Tennessee last week. "Anytime you're playing the No. 1 rated team though you can get back up," he said. "Now we've got to live on FSU for our fire."

The loss dropped the Seminoles' record to 37-4-1 while Florida is now 25-15.

Righthander Gene Ammann (10-0) is scheduled to start for FSU in today's 3 p.m. game, while the Gators will throw Gene Pickren (3-3), also a right hander.

Florida St.	ab	r	h	Florida	ab	r	h
Nichols 2b	3	0	1	Bloodworth 2b	3	0	2
Schnute cf	3	0	0	Brett 1b	3	0	1
Gruber rf	4	0	1	Harmon c	4	0	1
Cash 3b	3	0	0	Dobies cf	4	0	0
Cochs lf	3	0	1	Scarborough 3b	3	1	2
Sateright c	3	0	1	Wright lf	2	0	0
Zera ph	1	0	0	Divergitis ph	0	0	0
Moss pr	0	0	0	Gruber rf	3	1	1
Gromek ss	4	0	1	Blankenship ss	2	1	0
Kasimer 1b	3	0	0	Rogers p	3	0	0
Kerth ph	1	0	0	Sheffield p	3	0	0
Osburn p	2	1	1				
Slade p	0	0	0				
Porter ph	0	0	0				
Ferguson p	0	0	0				
TOTALS 30	1	1	6	TOTALS 31	3	2	7

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1 - Gromek Sateright RBI Nichols.
Bloodworth Brett POA FSU 24 11. UF
27 16. DP FSU 1 UF 2 LOB FSU
UF 4

2B Bloodworth 3B Nichols SB Gruber.
Blankenship S Blankenship Brett
SF Bloodworth

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Osburn (1.9 2)	5 1 3	6	3	1	0	3
Slade	1 2 3	0	0	0	0	0
Ferguson	1	1	0	0	0	1
Rogers (W 8 4)	8	6	1	1	3	2
Sheffield	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP Rogers PB Sateright 2 1 2 12
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