

Florida State's "on-again-off-again" baseball team experienced both kinds of play Tuesday as Auburn blitzed the Tribe for 21 hits and a humiliating 11-8 loss.

The Seminoles jumped off to a quick start, getting three runs in the first three innings and built an 8-3 lead after five. But then things turned around.

While the Tribe had been pounding out eight hits and taking advantage of six walks issued by Auburn Starter Earl Nance, Bill Fuller was struggling to keep the Tigers at bay.

Fuller was in and out of trouble as the Plainsmen rapped 10 hits in those first five innings.

Auburn scored two runs on three hits in the sixth, but Fuller still held an 8-5 advantage as he took the mound in the eighth.

Tired, Fuller gave up hits nos. 15 and 16 to start the eighth. That opened the floodgate.

Mike Scarce was called on to try and hold the Tigers, but had little success. After a single loaded the bases, David Grimes booted Joe Haefner's infield roller and two runs scored.

That was all for Scarce and Robin Flake was called in. The Plainsmen never seemed to notice. Pinchhitter Andy Merchant forced Haefner as the tying run moved to third.

Wayne Hall ripped a single to left to knot the score and Don Donaldson followed with a double putting the Tigers ahead. Seminole shortstop Guy Gromek took the throw from the outfield and threw to no one in particular as Donaldson rambled to third.

Jack Van Yperen bounced high to first base, getting to the bag before Doug Kasimier could field the ball and Donaldson scored the sixth run of the inning.

Don Harbaugh came on and gave up another hit, but escaped without another run scoring.

Despite lackadaisical play, behind him, Fuller managed to stay out of serious trouble with tight clutch pitching.

Although Fuller gave up 16 hits, he walked only one, recorded seven strikeouts and managed to stay out of serious trouble with tight clutch pitching.

He helped his own cause in the fifth with a two-run single.

Van Yperen may have been the real villain as far as the Seminoles are concerned. Coming on in relief in the sixth, he limited the Tribe to one hit and shut them out over four innings.

The win was his fourth of the season.

Mike Scarce was the losing pitcher, although he faced just two men in the eighth inning. It was his first decision of the year.

A disappointed Coach Jack Stallings is hopeful his slumping Seminoles will be able to regroup this afternoon at Valdosta State before they leave on a big five-game road trip to Clemson and Georgia this weekend.

"Although we have been hitting the ball well in the last few games, our pitching has not been very strong," said the Seminole mentor. "But I think the thing that has really been hurting us the most is our erratic defensive play.

"We have a veteran infield that should not be making the mistakes and errors we have in the last few games.

"If we had made the routine plays we were supposed to today (Tuesday), we probably would have won."

The Seminoles are now 25-8. The eight losses represent the same number the Tribe had lost all last season going into NCAA College World Series final against Southern California.

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	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Demps'y rf	6	1	2	Leber cf	4	0	0
Cam'r'n lf	6	3	3	Nich'ls rf	4	3	2
Martin c	6	2	3	Cash 3b	3	1	1
Baker lb	6	1	3	S'fer'ght c	4	0	2
H'fner, cf	5	0	1	Doria lf	4	0	2
Butler ss	4	0	2	Grimes 2b	1	0	0
Merc'nt ph	1	1	0	Roatche lb	3	1	1
Ranc't ss	1	0	0	Sikes ph-lb	1	0	0
Hall 3b	6	1	2	Kas'm'r lb	1	0	0
Don'dson 2b	5	1	2	Gromek ss	4	1	0
Nance p	2	0	1	Cocks 2b-lf	2	1	0
Shum'n ph	0	1	0	Ful'r p	3	1	1
V'Yp'r'n p	2	0	2	Scarce p	0	0	0
				Fiahe p	0	0	0
				Harb'gh p	0	0	0
				Vasq'z ph	1	0	0

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E — Roatche 2, Butler, Gromek, Grimes. PO-A — Auburn 27-9, FSU 27-11. DP — Auburn 2. LOB — Auburn 14, FSU 11.

2B — Nichols, Van Ypersen, Haefner, Donaldson. RBI — Leber 2, Martin, Baker 3, Saferight 2, Butler, Fuller 2, Haefner, Donaldson, Van Ypersen. SB — Cameron 2, Martin, Shuman, Haefner, Nance.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Nance	5	8	8	5	6	4
Yperen (W, 4-1)	4	1	0	0	4	2
Fuller	7	16	7	5	1	7
M. Scarce (L, 0-1)	0	1	2	1	0	0
Flake	2-3	3	2	1	0	0
Harbaugh	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	2

HBP — Haefner (by Harbaugh). WP — Nance, Harbaugh. U — Mauck, Taft. T — 2:41. A — 1,000.