

AUBURN, Ala. — Although disappointed over not receiving a bid to the NCAA district playoffs, Florida State used homeruns by Herb Sikes, Doug Kasimer and Ron Cash to down Auburn for the second time in as many days, this time by a 6-5 margin.

Sikes was the leading hitter for the Tribe, ripping three hits and driving in four runs. Harry Saferight got two hits in three trips to the plate.

Florida State scored early, with Larry Cocks and Saferight starting things with singles and Sikes driving them home with his eighth home run of the year in the first inning.

Auburn wasted no time catching up, however, blasting two home runs for four runs in the bottom of the inning.

Doug Kasimer tied the game at 4-4 with a lead-off homer in the second inning. With men on first and third, the Seminoles were threatening again, but Auburn caught Greg Gromek at the plate on a double steal attempt to retire the side.

Florida State went ahead to stay in the fifth inning when Ron Cash homered off reliever Len Jones, and Saferight and Sikes followed up with back-to-back doubles to score another run and take a 6-4 lead.

Auburn scored its final run in the bottom of the fifth when Earl Nance walked, stole second and scored on a single by Andy Merchant. The Tigers threatened with runners on first and second in the sixth inning, but Dave Fernald, relieving winning pitcher Marty Rice, retired the side for the Seminoles.

Auburn lost in a ninth-inning bid to tie the game with a runner on third when Mac Scarce got Ken Dempsey to fly to centerfield for the final out.

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The win was Rice's tenth of the season against two losses. Len Jones was credited with the loss for the Tigers.

Florida State will travel to Gainesville this weekend for a three-game series with the University of Florida, and will close next weekend when the Gators come to Tallahassee for a pair of night games. The Seminoles are now 38-14 for the season. ★ ★ ★

Auburn

	ab	r	h				
Dempsey rf	4	1	0	FLA. STATE			
Merchant c	3	1	2		ab	r	h
Martin 3b	2	1	1	Nichols ss	3	0	0
Baker 1b	2	1	1	Cocks 2b	5	1	1
Haefner cf	4	0	0	Cash lf	4	1	1
Cameron lf	4	0	1	Saferight c	3	2	2
Butler ss	3	0	0	Sikes 3b	3	1	3
Bishop ph	0	0	0	Doria rf	4	0	0
Hall 2b	4	0	0	Kasimier 1b	4	1	1
V Yperen p	1	0	0	Gromek cf	4	0	0
Jones p	0	0	0	Rice p	2	0	0
Nance p	2	1	0	Fernald p	1	0	1
Kane pr	0	0	0	M' Scarce p	0	0	0

TOTALS 29 5 5 TOTALS 33 6 9

Florida State 310 020 000—6

Auburn 400 010 000—5

E — Nichols. PO-A — FSU 27-15, Auburn, 27-7. DP — FSU 1, Auburn 1. LOB — FSU 5, Auburn 5.

2B — Saferight, Sikes. HR — Sikes, Kasimier, Cash, Merchant, Baker. SB — Martin, Nance, Kane, Nichols, Cocks. S — Baker, Rice. RBI — Sikes 4, Kasimier, Cash, Merchant 3, Martin 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Rice (W, 10-2)	5 1-3 4	5	5	5	1	
Fernald	3 1	0	0	0	2	
Mac Scarce	2-3 0	0	0	0	0	
Van Yperen	2 1-3 5	4	4	1	0	
Jones (L)	2 1-3 3	2	2	0	1	
Nance	4 1-3 1	0	0	1	6	

HBP — Martin (by Rice), Bishop (by Fernald). Save — Scarce. U — Thomas, Martin. T — 2:40.