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Tribe Beaten Again

Walks Aid UF To 3-1 Victory

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GAINESVILLE - Florida, literally, walked all over Florida State here yesterday afternoon, posting a 3-1 victory for the second day in a row over a weak-swinging Seminole crew that suddenly became hypnotized by the Gators' lefthanded

We're swinging the bat like a bunch of old women," FSU Coach Jack Stallings moaned. "Give their pitching some of the credit, but not all of it."

The Seminoles got only four hits, none of them in clutch situations, and wound up stranding nine base runners, four in the last two innings while their season record dropped to 41-21.

We managed to get them on." Stallings noted, "but we couldn't do anything about it . .

just like yesterday . . didn't go up there very aggresstive . . . that's no excuse, it's a fact."

Meanwhile the Gators didn't exactly knock the cover off the ball either, but they did stand at the plate long enough to draw a pair of bases-loaded walks to force in the two winning runs in the eighth inning.

The Gators wound up with only five hits, all off starter Rick Colzie who took the loss to level his record at 4-4. He departed in the eighth after loading the bases on two infield hits and a walk.

Mike Scarce came on and walked the next two men and that's all the help the Gators needed taking a 2-0 lead in the season-ending series that picks up with three games back in Tallahassee next weekend.

It was also the fifth straight win for the Gators, who knocked off Jacksonville in two g am es earlier this week to leave some kind of an impression on the two state teams

headed for NCAA post-season

This latest Florida win left UF Coach Dave Fuller with considerable optimism.

"We're going to win all five of them." he commented look-ing ahead.

The Gators did get good pitching — "make that great pitching." said Fuller — again Saturday with lefty Ted Ledbetter shutting out the Seminoles on one hit for the first

five innings.

But, the Seminoles did break through for a run in the sixth even though they didn't have a whole lot to do with it. A wild pitch permitted Colzie to score from third after he opened the inning with a single and moved to third on Denny Williams single with none out.

Two popups followed and it appeared the Gators would survive another inning, but the wild pitch came just after a walk to load the bases and just ahead of a fly out to deep center.

The Seminoles did have a few other frustrating moments, even though it was nothing compared to the way things went Friday.

Fsu had a chance to get something going in the second inning when Ken Doria smacked a one-out double, but died at second when leftfielder Nick DeVirgilis ran down a fly ball on the terrace and Rick Scarborough speared Roger

Smith's linedrive with a leaping catch.

About the same thing happened in the third when Williams lined into a double play on a diving catch by the shorts-

top Ray Hull.

The Gators got their first run in the fourth with a walk, a wild pitch and a throwing error by Doria, whose throw following a popup behind first went wild and struck the Gators' Mark Hedgecock, who had tagged up and was taking third on the play. The ball caromed away from everyone into the FSU dugout while Hedgecock got home and scrambled home with the run.

Through it all, however, Stallings never lost his sense of himor

"Well, let's see now," he mused, "if we're looking for excuses — the wind quite blowing — the sky clouded over

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