

FSU 'Puts it Together' — Whips Gators 8-1

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Florida State's baseball team, from the Seminole point of view, rose to the occasion.

Florida Coach Dave Fuller said it was a case of "too many bad pitches" by his staff.

If your sentiment lies somewhere in between, the truth of the matter is that Florida State hung it on the Gators, 8-1, last night at Seminole Field in "a complete game."

Righthander Marty Rice re-found his strength for a route-going, three-hit job while Herb Sikes, Dan Roatche and Rick Snyder brought about a return of the bog bats to the Seminole attack.

Sikes hit a three-run homer about 375 feet — and Roatche followed it with a 400-foot solo job an out late, to break the game open with four runs in the third inning.

It was more than enough for Rice to coast, but Snyder, who drove in a first inning run with a single, chased home two more with a double, his third hit of the night, in a three-run fourth that sealed it.

"Better," said FSU Coach Jack Stallings. "We swung the bats a lot more aggressively — in the early innings."

"But, we did knida go to sleep after that," he added reluctantly, while making sure he didn't take anything away from a vast improvement over recent games.

"I hope we're out of a slump," he said.

That theory undergoes another two tests at Seminole field with an afternoon-night doubleheader against the Gators today.

Righthander Rick Colzie will oppose the Gators' Mike Newman in this afternoon's 1:30 game. Dave Fernald is slated to pitch the 7:30 game with John Reich set to go for the Gators.

A season record crowd of 2,875 sat in on last night's game to watch the Seminoles

run their record to 42-21 and snap the Gators' five-game win streak that included two straight 3-1 wins over the Seminoles in Gainesville last weekend.

Still, the Seminoles are faced with winning both of today's games to take the five-game series.

Two more performances like last night's should be enough.

Two Gator double plays and a "three-star" catch by UF centerfielder Bob Carpenter, who leaped above the fence to rob John LiBrandi of seco-

nd-inning homer, helped keep the score as respectable as it was.

Denny Williams, who wound up scoring three times, got things started on the right track when he opened the home half of the first with a walk off starting and losing pitcher Doug Corbett (3-4), who had control problems.

"He just couldn't get it over," Fuller said in simplifying the situation.

When he did, Snyder drilled his first of three opposite field hits to plate Williams, and

things could have gotten worse for Corbett except for his defensive support.

Tom Rosa, who had walked, was tagged out attempting to move from first to third on Snyder's single, and then Sikes hit into an inning-ending double play.

LiBrandi's long shot was hauled in atop the fence leading off the second, and the Seminoles still left two base runners in the inning.

Corbett got only one out in the third while Williams and

Snyder singled to bring on Bob Lindquist, who had pitched the complete game victory last

weekend.

But, Sikes greeted him with the blast to right center and the old ball game, for practical

purposes, was over.

Rice, who gave up singles in the first, third and seventh innings, lost his shutout on an unearned run in the seventh when an error, a wild pitch and pinch-hitter Art Robbins' single did the job.

The Gators got only one other runner to third and that didn't come until the ninth.

"I didn't feel a bit tired," Rice said afterwards. "I've been doing a lot more running and I'm getting into better shape."

It was the first route going performance in five starts for the big righthander who ran his record to 13-4.

"I'm ready for Gastonia he added.

Snyder also credited his performance to the week of intense workouts.

"I've worked all week on waiting on the pitch," he said. "I've quit trying to pull every-

thing, and it's working a lot better."

The same could be said for the whole team.

Florida	ab	r	h	Florida State	ab	r	h
Hull ss	3	0	1	Williams 3b	3	3	2
Dulaney 1b	4	0	1	Rosa 2b	4	1	1
Carpenter cf	3	0	0	Snyder rf	4	1	3
Hedgecock 4f	3	0	0	Sikes 1b	4	1	1
Scarborough				Doria 1b	0	0	0
3b	3	0	0	LiBrandi cf	3	0	1
DeVirgilis lf	3	1	0	Roatche c	3	1	1
Fuller c	4	0	0	Bankston lf	0	0	0
Greenburg pr	0	0	0	Sherrill lf	3	0	0
Bowden 2b	4	0	0	Carroll lf	0	0	0
Corbett p	1	0	0	Smith ss	4	0	1
Lundquist p	0	0	0	Rice p	3	1	1
Lewis ph	1	0	0				
Kowalski p	0	0	0				
Robbins ph	1	0	1				
Gardner p	0	0	0				
Reich ph	0	0	0				

Totals 30 1 3 Total 31 8 11

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E — Fuller, Rosa, Smith. DP — UF 2.
 FSU 1, LOB — UF 8, FSU 6. 2b — Snyder.
 HR — Sikes (4), Roatche (7). RBI
 Robbins 1, Snyder 3, Sikes 3, Roatche 1.
 SB — Bankston, Smith.

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Corbett (L, 3-4)	2	1	3	4	3	3	3	1
Lundquist	1	2	3	5	5	5	1	1
Kowalski	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Gardner	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rice (W, 13-4)	9	3	1	0	5	4		

WP — Rice. BK — Rice. U — Dukes.
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