

Mayer, FSU top Gators 8-2

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Like Old Man River, Bob Mayer just keeps rolling along.

With his control shaky at best and his left elbow throbbing, the Somerset, Pa., junior pitched his third consecutive complete game, silencing the Florida Gators 8-2 Monday night at Seminole Field.

The two state rivals were scheduled to meet again this afternoon in the series finale at 3:30. The Seminoles also

have a game set with Niagara at 7:30 to complete the day.

Mayer, who raised his record to 5-0 with the victory, limited the Gators to just four hits and allowed his teammates to do the rest with the bats.

The lanky lefthander worked his way out of trouble time and again as his old nemesis bases on balls grabbed him nine times on the night.

But from the very beginning, he had plenty of breathing room.

The Seminoles, now 28-7 on the year,

jumped on Florida starter Bobby Meadows with both feet scoring six runs in the first inning.

Meadows, the Gators' ace with a 6-2 record coming into the game, was tagged with the loss after lasting only two-thirds of an inning and being charged with all six FSU runs.

He left the game when Chip Bifano, batting for the second time in the inning, hit a one-hopper back to the mound that bounced off Meadows' chin and rolled away for a base hit.

Meadows sustained a cut on the chin and was taken to the Florida State Health Center for observation.

The Seminoles pounded out five hits in that first inning and took advantage of two Gator errors to the delight of the 2,490 fans that completely encircled the playing field.

First baseman Joe Hicks and shortstop Jeff Hardy had the big hits of the innings, driving in two runs apiece with line drive singles.

Florida State added a run in the third off UF reliever Bruce Baker when Bifano singled home Carlos Lezcano and another run in the seventh on Lezcano's fifth home run of the season.

Aside from that, Baker pitched effectively, allowing only four hits in seven and one-third innings and striking out four Seminole batters.

Mayer pitched into the eighth inning before giving up his second hit. Florida designated hitter Craig Pippin was credited with a hit in the second inning when Bifano mishandled a slow roller at second base.

In the eighth, however, Mayer had a few problems.

Terry Fitzgerald led off the inning with a double into the left field corner and then scored on a single by right fielder Jim Shulock.

The Gators' other run crossed when second baseman Greg Jones threw a ball into the dugout on the back end of a double play attempt. Mayer promptly got out of a bases-loaded jam, however, by getting Lynn Givens to pop to short.

Mayer, although he had reduced Florida's record to 15-15, was not altogether pleased with his performance and he admitted that his elbow was a little sore.

"I've just got to cut down on those walks," he said. "My elbow got tight early in the game and I just didn't have my good fastball."

His curveball and slider were more than enough.

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Florida	ab r h	Florida State	ab r h
Givens, cf	3 0 0	Bifano, 2b	3 1 2
Holt, ss	4 0 0	G. Jones, 2b	1 0 0
Belmonte, lf	4 0 1	McArdle, lf	5 0 0
Fitzgerald, lb	5 1 1	Bonilla, 3b	3 1 1
Morris, 2b	3 1 0	Givens, 3b	1 0 0
Shulock, rf	3 0 1	Kennedy, rf	4 1 0
Pippin, dh	3 0 1	Hicks, lb	4 1 2
Joiner, c	2 0 0	Hardy, ss	4 1 1
Hall, 3b	2 0 0	Lezcano, cf	3 3 2
Meadows, p	0 0 0	McGlone, c	3 0 0
Baker, p	0 0 0	West, dh	3 0 1
		Coulter, dh	1 0 0
		Mayer, p	0 0 0
TOTAL	29 2 4	TOTAL	35 8 9

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E — Holt 2, Fitzgerald, Morris 2, Joiner, Jones, Bonilla, Hardy. DP — FSU — 1. LOB — UF 12, FSU 8. RBI — Shulock, Bifano, Hicks 2, Hardy 2, Lezcano. 2B — Fitzgerald. HR — Lezcano (5). SB — Bonilla.

IP H R ER BB SO
 Meadows, L (6-3) 2 5 6 4 2 1
 Baker 7 4 2 2 2 4
 Mayer, W (5-0) 9 4 2 1 9 5
 HBP — by Baker (Bonilla). WP — Meadows. U — Jackson, Raven. T — 2:27. ATT — 2,490.