

## Gators come back, split with FSU

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GAINESVILLE — So near, but in the end, so far, Florida State almost pulled off a sweep of its doubleheader with the Florida Gators Tuesday here at steamy, noisy Perry Field.

Almost, though, was not good enough. After winning the first game 7-1 behind pitcher Brooks Carey and Bob Benda's four runs batted in, the Seminoles took a 4-3 lead into the seventh and final inning of the second game.

The victory wasn't to be. With FSU

starter Jim Riley trying to hang on, Gator Jim Watkins (three-for-four) hit his second triple of the game and scored on Gary Reger's sacrifice fly, tying the game at 4-4.

Two innings later, Seminole reliever Kevin Brooks, in for a tired Riley, threw a pitch that Florida catcher Marc Sullivan hit out of the park, and the Gators had a 5-4 win. It was Sullivan's first homer this year.

But even with the loss, the Seminoles (38-12) won the season series with the Gators three games to one, and that made coach Woody Wood-

ward happy. Sort of.

"I was glad we won three out of the four," he said, "but it's hard to be pleased when we came so close to winning the last one. We made a couple of dumb base running mistakes and that hurt us."

In such a close game, Woodward's claim was not an idle one. The initial flub came early, but it hurt anyway.

Ronnie Traylor hit a two-run single in the first inning and headed for second when he thought the throw was coming home. It wasn't. Instead, the ball was cut off and Traylor was a

dead duck. Scratch one baserunner.

In the ninth, with the score tied, Don Milner singled with none out and moved to second on a balk. Kevin Rigby squared to bunt and took an outside pitch. Milner, expecting contact, was far down the line toward third and was gunned down scrambling back to second by Sullivan, the catcher.

LEST ANYONE think the Seminoles gave the game away, consider the work of Florida pitcher Ron Crum:

After the third, when FSU scored its fourth run, Crum locked the door, shutting the Seminoles out while his teammates fought back.

Crum took a 7-0 record into the game for the 30-13 Gators, but the Seminoles were hardly impressed. FSU had belted Crum around last week at Seminole Field, forcing the pitcher's exit in the third inning of FSU's eventual 9-8 victory.

Again, the Seminoles refused to give Crum the star treatment, scoring three quick runs in the first. Left-fielder Traylor hit his bases-loaded single that resulted in two runs, and Blane McDonald singled in the third tally.

A weird bottom of the first saw the Gators come back for a run off Riley. Watkins hit a lead-off double and went to third when Traylor's return throw to the infield got away. Frank McDonald flied to left for the first out, and designated hitter Greg Xiques hit a grounder to the right of Craig Patterson.

The second baseman made a nice play getting to the ball, and his throw to Don Milner at first was in time. But the umpire ruled that Milner's foot was off the base, and the Gators had a runner on first. Watkins scored the Gator run on the play.

With Dave Adeimy up, catcher Blane McDonald's attempted pick-off at first went into rightfield and Xiques moved to second. Adeimy then hit a blooper to left-center that dropped in for a hit, but Xiques, thinking the ball might be caught, hesitated before leaving second and was cut down at third by centerfielder Mark Gilbert's throw. No more Gator runs.

FSU then made it 4-1 in the third, thanks in part to Gator catcher Sullivan.

GILBERT LED off with a walk, and on his steal of second, Sullivan's errant throw skipped into center. With Gilbert now on third, Benda lofted a short fly to center.

Jim Watkins' throw to the plate was on target and may have beaten Gilbert, but Sullivan tried to stab the ball with one hand, missed completely, and Gilbert slid across home untouched.

The Gators, on a Watkins triple and a single by Frank McDonald cut it to 4-2 in the bottom of the third, but from then on both pitchers closed the scoring gates.

Or at least, it looked that way. In the bottom of the fifth, Riley got two quick outs, but just as quickly gave up three Gator hits, good for one run.

To the pitcher's credit, he bore down with the bases loaded and escaped clinging to a 4-3 lead, getting Bob Adamson to ground to Milner at first.

Crum, meanwhile, was demonstrating the form his record indicated. From the second inning on, he pitched hitless ball until Gilbert singled in the seventh, and hung tough throughout for his eighth win.

**THE SEMINOLES** got their afternoon off to a pleasant start by waltzing away with the first game after a five-inning pitchers' duel.

Shortstop Benda, the team leader in RBIs, smacked a three-run double in the sixth inning to overcome a 1-0 Gator lead. With three hits in the

game, Benda had another RBI in the seventh to extend his total to 51.

Senior Brooks Carey won his 11th of the year, and second straight over the Gators. He went the distance for the 11th time in 12 starts, scattering eight hits.

Carey and Gator starter Pete Teixeira both hurled blanks over the first three innings. Teixeira, now 7-3, was particularly effective, allowing just one hit, a single by Seminole second baseman Craig Patterson in the first.

Carey was touched for three hits, but was in trouble only once, in the bottom of the third when centerfielder Gilbert and catcher McDonald combined to save a run.

With one out, Sullivan singled and centerfielder Watkins walked. Leftfielder Frank McDonald then smashed a line single to center that Gilbert fielded on one hop.

The senior gunned a peg that reached McDonald on a fly about three feet up the line toward third. Both the ball and Frank McDonald arrived at the catcher's doorstep at the same time, resulting in a collision more suited to a football game. FSU's McDonald held on to the ball, and the run was cut off.

**THE GATORS** pushed across the first run of the game in the bottom of the fourth. First baseman Dave Adeimy led off with a double in the left-centerfield gap, moved to third on an infield out and scored on second baseman John Brantley's looping single to short right that ticked off Patterson's glove.

Florida once again threatened in the fifth, but Carey worked out of it by getting designated hitter Xiques to ground to first with Gators on first

and second and two out.

In the sixth, the Seminoles put it together against Teixeira, who had checked them on two hits to that point.

Designated hitter Kevin Rigby opened the frame with a single, rightfielder Bruce Huff, in a bunting situation, swung away and also singled. Gilbert followed with a walk and Benda ripped his bases-loaded double down the leftfield line to clear the bases and give FSU a 3-1 lead.

Patterson, the next hitter, singled to right to score Benda and it was 4-1, Seminoles. David Mobley's double-play grounder and Traylor's fly to the outfield ended the inning.

One note: Gilbert's walk gave him 51 this year, breaking the old school record of 50 set by Dave Nichols in 1972.

The Seminoles, helped by a couple of Florida errors, added three more runs in the seventh to cushion their lead.

Staked to his lead in the sixth, Carey had little trouble the rest of the way, though he put two on in the seventh. As he had before, however, Carey got out of the jam unscathed.

With Florida behind them, the Seminoles return home for a 3:30 p.m. game today against Mercer at Seminole Field. Lefty Ken Fischer will start for FSU.

#### First game

FLORIDA STATE					FLORIDA				
	AB	R	H	BI		AB	R	H	BI
Gilbert cf	2	2	0	0	Watkins cf	3	0	1	0
Benda ss	4	1	3	4	McDonald lf	3	0	2	0
Patterson 2b	4	0	2	1	Teegarden rf	3	0	0	0
Mobley 3b	3	0	0	0	Adiemy lb	2	1	1	0
Traylor lf	4	0	0	0	Xiques dh	4	0	0	0
McDonald c	3	1	1	0	Brantley 2b	3	0	1	1
Milner lb	3	0	0	0	Adamson 3b	2	0	0	0
Rigby dh	3	1	1	0	Hall ss	3	0	2	0
B. Huff rf	3	2	1	1	Sullivan c	3	0	1	0
Carey p	0	0	0	0	Teixeira p	0	0	0	0
					Glass 3b,ss	1	0	0	0
Totals	29	7	8	5	Totals	28	1	8	1

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E — Brantley, Teixeira. DP — UF 1, FSU 2. LOB — UF 10, FSU 4. 2B — Benda, Adeimy, Hall. SB — Huff.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Teixeira (L,7-3)	6 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub>	7	7	5	2	3
Kellogg	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub>	1	0	0	1	0
Carey (W,11-1)	7	8	1	1	4	2

U — Ed Norris, Ross Stapleton. T — 1:45.

Second game

FLORIDA STATE					FLORIDA				
AB	R	H	B	I	AB	R	H	B	I
Gilbert cf	1	2	1	0	Watkins cf	4	3	3	0
Benda ss	2	1	0	1	McDonald rf	4	1	2	1
Patterson 2b	3	1	1	0	Xiques dh	1	0	0	1
Mobley 3b	3	0	0	0	Adeimy lb	3	0	2	1
Traylor lf	3	0	1	2	Teegarden rf	3	0	1	0
McDonald c	3	0	1	1	Adamson 3b	3	0	0	0
Milner lb	4	0	2	0	Brantley 2b	4	0	0	0
Rigby dh	4	0	0	0	Hall ss	4	0	0	0
Huff rrf	4	0	1	0	Sullivan c	4	1	1	1
Riley p	0	0	0	0	Crum p	0	0	0	0
Sc'chak rf,ss	1	0	0	0	Reger dh,lb	2	0	1	1
Totals	28	4	7	4	Totals	32	5	10	5
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E — Traylor, McDonald, Milner, Sullivan.  
 DP — UF 1. LOB — FSU 3. 2B — Watkins,  
 Adeimy. 3B — Watkins 2. HR — Sullivan. SB  
 — Gilbert 2. SF — Benda, Reger.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Crum (W)	7	7	4	3	7	1
Riley	8	10	4	3	2	2
Brooks (L)	0	1	1	1	0	0

BK — Crum. U — Russ Stapeton, Ed  
 Norris. T — 2:30. A — 1,510.