

Florida pummels erring Seminoles

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GAINESVILLE — If there was any consolation to the 17-5 drubbing Florida State took at the hands of the University of Florida Saturday afternoon at Perry Field, it came in the fact that the loss was almost painless. There was never much suspense and therefore very little disappointment.

The Gators struck for eight runs in the third inning to take a 9-1 lead and end any suspense that may have existed. From then on, the only question remaining was whether or not the game — which began at 1:30 — would end before the sun set. It did. Barely.

"That one inning was the difference in the ball game," said Florida State coach Mike Martin, whose team collected as many hits as Florida.

"We dug our own grave and couldn't get out of it. That inning killed us."

Indeed it did, and so too did it kill the Seminoles' one-game winning streak that began Friday night with a

3-1 masterpiece over the Gators.

Saturday was a dud.

Florida State committed four errors — three by third baseman Rick Figueredo — and five Seminole pitchers yielded 10 walks to help the Gators improve their record to 9-6. Florida pitcher Larry Mikesell profited from Florida State's generosity, improving his record to 3-1. The Seminoles, who have almost the entire pitching staff back from last year's 51-12 team, fell to 9-8. FSU has lost six of its last eight games.

"There's no reason to panic," Martin said. "When the kids play as hard as they did today, you know you don't have to panic. If they had played lackadaisical and not played like Seminoles, then we'd panic."

The Seminoles had no time to panic Saturday. They were too busy chasing Gators.

The game did not begin as badly as it ended for Florida State.

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FSU starter Ed Schneider, 2-2, retired the side in order in the bottom of the first inning. It seemed like an impressive beginning, considering he lasted just one inning in last Sunday's 19-4 shellacking at Miami.

Florida scored a run in the second, but the Seminoles retaliated to tie the score on a home run by second baseman Lionel Martinez in the top of the third.

And then, the roof caved in. Sending 13 batters to the plate in the bottom of the third inning, Florida scored eight runs on just three hits.

It was an inning in which the Seminoles committed numerous miscues. In defense of Schneider and despite the fact he walked four batters in the disastrous inning, it should be noted that just one of Florida's eight runs was earned. The rest were gifts.

Figueredo and Martinez committed crucial errors that kept the Florida rally going longer than it should have.

Key Gator hits came off the bat of Mike Henley, who lined a two-run double down the left-field line, and Steve Floyd, who rammed a two-out single to left to bring across two more runs. Floyd's shot came off reliever Jamie Shouppe, who spelled Schneider with two out, the bases loaded and FSU down 7-1. Floyd was the first batter Shouppe faced.

The Gators added three runs in the fourth, one in the fifth and four more in the sixth. Florida State got a lone run in the fourth on Joe Licata's sixth home run of the year, and tagged Florida reliever Nick Krsnick for three runs in the ninth.

Mark Barineau's two-run triple highlighted the ninth-inning spurt.

"It just goes to show what a humbling game baseball is," Martin said. "Last night, we played almost perfect and won. Today, the table was turned. There's not really more I can say. We played hard all day long and the effort was there. But we just made mistakes that cost us some runs and bang, it was over."

The Seminoles will not have long to dwell on Saturday's misery as they play three straight doubleheaders beginning today at Seminole Field.

FSU hosts Wingate College today at 2 p.m. and Louisville tonight at 7:30. Ripon College comes to Seminole Field Monday for a pair of seven-inning games beginning at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, FSU hosts Brooklyn College in a 5 p.m. twinbill.

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	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Martinez 2b	5	2	3	1	McGraw lf	4	2	1	1
DeLoach ss	4	0	1	0	Floyd dh	5	2	1	2
Barineau ss	1	1	1	2	Shimchak rf	4	2	1	0
Fuentes cf	3	0	2	1	Bagley pr	0	0	0	0
Licata lf	3	1	1	1	Henley 3b	4	2	1	2
Cullen lf	2	0	1	0	Yonker 3b	0	0	0	0
Ledbetter 1b	3	0	0	0	Falcone 1b	4	2	0	1
Ystrzmski rf	3	0	1	0	Lmbrdzzi ss	2	3	2	4
Huff rf	0	0	0	0	Arnold ss	1	0	0	0
Cawthon dh	4	0	1	0	Foster 2b	5	1	3	2
Ramsey c	2	0	0	0	Carpenter cf	4	2	2	1
Dowell c	2	1	1	0	Reed c	3	1	1	1
Figueredo 3b	2	0	0	0	Cardieri c	1	0	0	0
Howser 3b	2	0	1	0					
Totals	36	5	13	5	Totals	37	17	12	14

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E — Martinez, Figueredo 3, McGraw. DP — Florida 2, Florida State 1. LOB — Florida State 8, Florida 10. 2B — Martinez, Henley, Foster. 3B — Barineau. HR — Martinez (2), Licata (6), Lombardozzi (3). SF — Fuentes, Falcone. SB — Fuentes, Carpenter.

IP H R ER BB SO

Florida State

Schneider (L,2-2)	2 $\frac{2}{3}$	4	9	2	4	1
Shouppe	$\frac{2}{3}$	3	3	2	0	1
Phillips	1 $\frac{2}{3}$	2	1	0	2	0
Smalley	2	3	4	4	2	0
Ledbetter	1	0	0	0	2	1

Florida

Mikesell (W,3-1)	7	8	2	2	2	2
Krsnich	2	5	3	3	1	1

WP — Shouppe, Phillips, Krsnich. PB — Ramsey. HBP — by Schneider (Falcone), by Shouppe (Lambardozzi). T — 2:51. A — 1,217.