

FSU sweeps Southern Miss

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It really doesn't matter where you put Richie Lewis. Starting or relieving, he's probably going to get you a win either way.

A reliever for the better part of last season, the sophomore pitcher for Florida State started Saturday afternoon, and struck out 10 batters in a 2-0 victory over Southern Mississippi.

Lewis' win came in the second game of a doubleheader before 2,513 at Seminole Stadium. The Seminoles edged Southern Miss in the first game 7-6. The sweep made them 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the Metro Conference. The Golden Eagles are 0-3 overall, 0-2 in the Metro. The two teams play in the South division of the conference.

Lewis, a part-time starter early last season before moving permanently to the bullpen, employed his usual mixture of high-speed fastballs and solid curves to limit Southern Miss batters to five hits and two walks.

"Lewis just dominated the second game for us," FSU coach Mike

Martin said. "He went out and showed what it's all about. He has about as good a curve ball as you'll see."

"I established my curve a little bit earlier than I usually did," said Lewis, a righthander. "I didn't throw for a while before the season because of a shoulder injury, but today I thought I was more than fresh. I just wasn't hitting the corners of the plate well. It didn't really bother me today, but there are going to be days when it will. You can't just throw it by them every time."

"I like starting," Lewis said of his new role. "Heck, I just like to pitch, wherever it is. I like to be there in the seventh, eighth and ninth innings, when the game's on the line. That's what was great about being in the bullpen. But as long as I'm there at the end, that's fine, because that's when it counts."

Lewis had some competition from his Southern Miss counterpart, righthander Darrell Lindsey, a sophomore who threw strikes for most of the game using a decent fastball of his own. Despite taking the loss, Lindsey struck out six while giving up four hits, including a solo home run to left by catcher Ed Fulton in the fourth inning.

"He (Lindsey) didn't face FSU last season because of injuries," said Southern Miss coach Hill Den-

son. "He's coming along very well for us. Our team is starting to believe it can win, and that's the important thing for us. We think we can come out here and win. But Lewis just pitched a heck of a ball game against us today."

FSU had to make up for a sick Doug Little in the first game to pick up its 7-6 victory. Still weakened by the flu, the senior righthander was not very effective in 4½ innings, though all three runs he allowed were unearned. He gave up four hits and struck out one.

"I'm starting to feel better, but I didn't have any energy," said Little, who changed back into street clothes immediately after the first game to stay warm. "I probably won't have to start again until next Saturday, so I should be fine by then. But I wasn't pleased with my performance at all."

Paul Thomas came in for Little in the fifth after Southern Miss closed the gap to 4-3, and retired the side. Thomas got into trouble himself in the sixth, though, giving up three runs before being pulled in favor of Steve Kovensky, the winning pitcher. It was the junior's second win of the season.

With the score tied 6-6 going into the bottom of the sixth, Barry Blackwell drew a walk and advanced to second on a beautiful bunt laid down by Eric Mangham, who earlier in the day hit the first homer of the year for FSU, a booming shot over the center-field fence. Blackwell moved to third on a grounder to second, then scored the winning run on a double by Jose

The two teams play today at 2 p.m. in the third and final game of the series.

SOUTHERN MISS.				FLORIDA STATE			
	ab	r	h bi		ab	r	h bi
Love,dh	4	1	1 3	Sanders,cf	4	0	1 1
O'Ravez,ss	2	0	0 2	Marzan,1b	4	1	1 1
Duncan,ph	1	0	1 1	Alices,ss	3	2	1 0
Seroka,pr	0	0	0 0	Fulton,c	2	0	1 0
Burnett,cf	3	0	0 0	Kidd,pr	0	1	0 0
Conner,rf	3	0	0 0	McClellan,3b	0	0	0 0
Nixon,lf	4	0	2 0	Figueroa,2b	3	0	3 3
Smith,c	4	0	0 0	Sorrento,rf	3	0	0 0
Graves,3b	3	2	1 0	Zoeller,dh	3	1	1 0
Cronk,1b	2	1	1 0	Blackwell,3b	1	1	0 0
Bourgeois,1b	1	1	1 0	Mangham,lf	2	1	1 1
Coleman,2b	2	1	1 0				
Totals	29	4	8 4	Totals	25	7	9 4

Game-winning RBI — Marzan (1).
E—O'Ravez, Blackwell 2, Nixon,
Conner 2, Alicea, Thomas. DP—FSU 1.
LOB—So. Miss. 6, FSU 5. 2B—Sanders,
Marzan. HR—Mangham (1). SB—Marzan,
Alicea, Figueroa. S—Coleman, Blackwell,
Figueroa. SF—O'Ravez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Southern Mississippi						
Willis	4½	8	6	4	2	3
Guin (L 0-1)	1½	1	1	1	1	1
Florida State						
Little	4½	4	3	0	1	1
Thomas	1	3	3	2	0	1
Kovensky (W 2-0)	1½	1	0	0	0	1

PB—Fulton. HBP—Conner (by Little).
T—2-05.

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Burnett,cf	3	0	1	0	Alicea,ss	2	0	1	1
Conner,rf	3	0	2	0	Fulton,c	2	0	0	0
Nixon,dh	2	0	0	0	Figueroa,2b	3	0	0	0
Graves,3b	3	0	0	0	Sorrento,rf	3	0	0	0
Duncan,c	3	0	1	0	Zoeller,dh	2	1	1	
Cronk,1b	3	0	1	0	Blackwell,3b	2	0	0	0
Coleman,2b	2	0	0	0	Kidd,rf	3	0	0	0
Jacobs,pr	0	0	0	0	Mangham,pr	0	0	0	0
					Clayborne,pr	0	0	0	0

E—Sorrento, Lindsey, Graves. DP—
FSU 1. LOB—So. Miss. 7, FSU 7. HR—
Zoeller (1). SB—Manham.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Southern Mississippi						
Lindsey (L 0-1)	6	4	2	2	5	6
Florida State						
Lewis (W 1-0)	7	5	0	0	2	10
WP—Lindsey.	PB—Fulton.					T—1:51.