

Tigers avoid a sweep with 7-2 win over FSU

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MEMPHIS — Chris Marable keyed a five-run fifth inning with a three-run homer to lead Memphis State to a 7-2 baseball win over Florida State on Sunday afternoon.

The victory lifted the Tigers to 16-9 on the year and 3-2 in Metro Conference play. FSU, which took the first two games of the series with a doubleheader sweep on Saturday night, fell to 33-5 and 10-3 in the Metro. The loss broke a five-game FSU win streak.

FSU fell behind 1-0 in the second inning on Jack Acuff's solo home run to right field, his sixth of the season. FSU came back to tie the game in the fourth. Jose Marzan walked and went to third on a Luis Alicea double. Bien Figueroa drove in the first run with a groundout. Alicea was stranded at second however, when Memphis State pitcher Joe Newcomb struck out Paul Sorrento and got Ed Ful-

ton on a groundout.

Memphis State took the lead for good in the fourth when Marable reached on a single and advanced to second when center fielder Eric Mangham failed to handle the ball cleanly. Two groundouts brought Marable home and Memphis State led 2-1.

Memphis State then put the game away in the fifth with five runs. Randy Smith beat out an infield single and moved to second on Figueroa's throwing error. Rod Bright then walked. David Moss reached on a sacrifice bunt that Alicea failed to handle at first and Smith scored on the play. Wayne Thompson then delivered an RBI single and, one out later, Marable cleared the bases with his first home run to deep right field.

Newcomb remained in control through 6½ innings, scattering seven hits and allowing just two runs.

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He went to 4-1 on the year. Doug Little took the loss, dropping to 6-2.

"Obviously, we're disappointed," said FSU coach Mike Martin. "We accomplished winning two of three on the road. But when you win a doubleheader, you naturally think sweep. I was disappointed we made five errors, but the entire game came down to the fifth inning. I was pleased with the job relief pitcher Ed Porcelli did."

Porcelli came on in the fifth inning in relief of Little, pitching 3½ innings of scoreless ball.

FSU next plays Tuesday against Central Florida at 7 p.m. in Seminole Stadium. Central Florida had a 28-game winning streak snapped Saturday night.

"It doesn't get any easier from here," Martin said. "Central Florida has done a great job this year and had one of the nation's longest winning streaks snapped recently. We need to put this game behind us and get ready for Central Florida who has shown the ability to play with anyone in the country."

FLORIDA STATE					MEMPHIS STATE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Marzan,1b	3	1	0	0	Bright,3b	2	1	0	0
Alicea,2b	4	1	3	0	Moss,ss	2	0	1	0
Figueroa,ss	4	0	1	1	Thompson,c	4	1	1	1
Sorrento,rf	3	0	0	1	Acuff,lf	4	2	1	1
Fulton,c	4	0	1	0	Marable,rf	3	2	3	3
Saxner,dh	4	0	1	0	Burr,1b	4	0	1	0
Blackwell,3b	4	0	1	0	Hammett,cf	4	0	1	1
Clayborne,lf	3	0	1	0	Watkins,dh	4	0	0	0
Mangham,cf	2	0	0	0	Smith,2b	4	1	2	0
Taddeo,ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	32	2	8	2	Totals	31	7	10	6
Florida State	000 101 000—2 8 5								
Memphis State	010 150 00x—7 10 0								
E—Figueroa 2, Mangham, Alicea, Fulton, DP—FSU 4, Memphis 1. LOB—FSU, 6 Memphis 5. 2B—Alicea 2. HR—Acuff (6), Marable (1). S—Moss. SF—Sorrento.									
					IP	H	R	ER	BB SO
Florida State									
Little L., 6-2					4½	8	7	5	3 4
Porcelli					3¾	2	0	0	1 2
Memphis State									
Newcomb W., 4-1					6½	7	2	2	2 3
Bird					2¾	1	0	0	0 2
PB—Thompson. T—2:37. A—317.									