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Florida Powers Past Florida State 16-7 Tuesday Evening In Jacksonville Gators hit four home runs, outscore FSU 12-5 in the first three innings.

Jacksonville, Fla. – Florida got four home runs including two, three-run homers by first baseman Matt LaPorta and a grand slam by designated hitter Austin Pride to down Florida State 16-7 at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville Tuesday evening. The Gators outscored the Seminoles 12-5 in the first three innings to even up the season series at one game a piece. Buster Posey connected for his first home run of the season in the top of the first and finished the game with two hits, two runs scored and two RBI's to lead Florida State in the loss.

"Patrick (McMahon) has done a great job in getting this club headed in the right direction," explained head coach Mike Martin. "Moving Figueroa (to shortstop) and just making some moves in other spots have been key for them. He has done a tremendous job of getting this club in a position to make a run. Let's put it this way, they are in the middle of their run right now and they are looking good."

Florida State and Florida made history on Tuesday night as the two teams played in front of 12,280 fans, the largest crowd to witness a college baseball game in the start of Florida. The previous state record of 8,277 was set back on February 9, 1986 featuring Texas and Miami, a game played at Mark Light Stadium in Coral Gables, Fla. Tonight's attendance was also the second largest crowd to attend a game at the Baseball Grounds.

"Playing in front of this crowd was a lot of fun," stated Posey. "You could tell this crowd was going to be big at around 4:30 when the fans started packing in, but I had no idea there was going to be 12,000 here tonight."

FSU got on the board quickly in the top of the first thanks to Posey's first home run of the season. Mark Hallberg got things going with a base hit up the middle off Florida starter Clint Franklin. Posey then deposited the first pitch he saw from Franklin over the wall in left for a 2-0 Seminole advantage.

The lead was short lived as first baseman Matt LaPorta blasted a three-run shot to left to give the Gators a one-run advantage. Jon Townsend and Avery Barnes hit back-to-back singles off Florida State starter Caleb Graham (1-2) and came around to score on LaPorta's team leading 14th home run of the season.

Florida put a seven spot on the board in the bottom of the second on two home runs, a three-run shot by LaPorta and a grand slam by Austin Pride. Graham started the second inning in fine fashion retiring the first two batters on a pair of groundouts to Hallberg at short. The Gators then drew back-to-back walks bringing LaPorta to the plate. The senior first baseman took advantage of the short wall in right going opposite field for his second three-run homer of the game. That would be the end of the night for Graham as the sophomore right hander lasted just 1.2 innings. Travis Burge entered and gave up a double to Cole Figueroa, a single to Brian Leclerc and a walk to Chris Petrie to load the bases for designated hitter Austin Pride. Pride took the first pitch he saw from Burge out of the stadium in left for a grand slam and a 10-2 Florida lead.

The Seminoles countered with three runs in the top of the third to cut the deficit to 10-5. The first five Seminoles to step to plate reached safely including runs scored by Hallberg, Posey and Rye. Hallberg led off the inning reaching second on a fielding error by the Gator left fielder. Posey singled to left and Rye followed with an RBI single to left center plating Hallberg from third. Dennis Guinn entered the box and hit an RBI single through the left side scoring Posey. After a Jason Stidham walk, D'Vontrey Richardson hit a sacrifice fly to center plating Rye to cap the Florida State scoring.

Freshman Casey Whitmer entered the game in the third and the Gators sprang for two more runs to increase their lead to 12-5. Whitmer began the inning walking catcher Hampton Tignor and hitting Townsend with a pitch. Barnes followed and hit an RBI double to deep center scoring Tignor. Barnes was tagged out on the play by Brandon Reichert as he tried to advance to third on the play. Figueroa drove in the 12th Gator run of the game on a fielder's choice groundout.

Florida State loaded the bases for the second time in the ball game in the fourth but would leave them full as Florida reliever Kevin Chapman (2-1) got Stidham to groundout to first to end the threat.

Matt Fairel would be the fourth Seminole pitcher to throw on Tuesday night as he pitched the fourth and fifth innings. Fairel threw effectively as he allowed only one run on one hit. He struck out the first batter that he faced in Petrie, but the Gator left fielder would reach on a wild pitch advancing him to second. Matt den Dekker made the score 13-5 on a fielder's choice RBI groundout.

It was just one of those nights for the Seminoles as they committed their first error in seven ball games. In an attempt to get out of the fifth inning on a double play groundout, Hallberg took the throw from Thomas for the out at second and his relay to Reichert at first was in the ground allowing Figueroa to advance to second. It was the first error committed by the Seminoles in 63.2 innings, the longest errorless streak by FSU dating back to the 1996 season.

Jimmy Marshall pitched the sixth and after surrendering a lead off walk to Pride, he retired the next three Gator hitters. He registered his first pick off attempt of the season firing a bullet to Reichert at first to gun down Cody Neer, who reached on a single to center.

Florida State got two more back in the seventh to make the score 13-7. Dennis Guinn led off the inning with a double off the wall in right and moved to third on a fly out to deep center by Stidham. Pinch hitter Tommy Oravetz hit an RBI double to left scoring Guinn from third. Mark Gildea pinch ran for Oravetz at second and would come around to score on an RBI single by Reichert.

Florida would get those two runs back off reliever Brian Chambers in their half of the seventh. Back-to-back walks to start the inning would come back to haunt Chambers as both runs would score on a throwing error by the senior right hander. Figueroa laid down a beautiful bunt single towards third and Chambers threw wildly over to first scoring Barnes and LaPorta.

Danny Rosen pitched the eighth making it seven Seminole pitchers to take the mound on Tuesday. He gave up one run on two hits while striking out two.

"Well, that's baseball," said Posey. "We got off to a good start in the top of the first, but they came back out, put the bat on the ball and made things happen."

Florida State is back on the road this weekend for its second straight ACC road series. The Seminoles will travel to Raleigh, N.C. to face-off against NC State. Friday and Saturday's game are set for 7:00 pm, while Sunday's match-up will start at 1:00 pm. Fans can follow all the action over the Internet. Gametracker will be available for the contest along with live radio broadcast courtesy of 1270 the TEAM.

2007 Florida State Baseball
#1 Florida State vs #22 Florida
Apr 03, 2007 at Jacksonville, FL (Baseball Grounds)

Florida State 7 (29-3)

Florida 16 (19-13)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB

Tony Thomas Jr. 2b.....	5	0	2	0	0	0	3	3	2
Mark Hallberg ss.....	5	2	2	0	1	1	3	3	3
Buster Posey c.....	4	2	2	2	1	1	6	0	0
Jack Rye rf.....	4	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	1
Dennis Guinn dh.....	4	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	1
Jason Stidham 3b.....	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	4
Ohmed Danesh lf.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ruairi O'Connor ph/lf...	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tommy Oravetz ph.....	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mark Gildea pr/lf.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D'Vontrey Richardson cf..	3	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0
Travis Anderson ph/cf...	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Brandon Reichert lb.....	4	0	1	1	0	0	7	1	2
Stephen Cardullo ph/lb..	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Caleb Graham p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travis Burge p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casey Whitmer p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Matt Fairel p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jimmy Marshall p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Brian Chambers p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Danny Rosen p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals.....	38	7	13	7	7	5	24	10	13

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB

Jon Townsend 3b.....	4	3	1	0	1	1	0	2	2
Avery Barnes 2b.....	3	3	3	1	3	0	3	2	0
Matt LaPorta 1b.....	4	3	2	6	2	0	9	1	1
Cole Figueroa ss.....	5	1	2	1	0	0	2	4	0
Brian Leclerc rf.....	4	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
Chris Petrie lf.....	1	2	0	0	2	1	3	0	0
Jared Kubin ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Jonathan Pigott lf.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Austin Pride dh.....	4	1	2	4	1	1	0	0	2
Matt den Dekker cf.....	5	1	1	2	0	1	3	0	0
Hampton Tignor c.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0
Cody Neer ph/c.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0
Clint Franklin p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kevin Chapman p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kris Gawriluk p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Josh Edmondson p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
J.K. LaCoste p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	36	16	13	14	11	7	27	10	8

Score by Innings	R	H	E

Florida State.....	203	000	200 - 7 13 2
Florida.....	372	100	21X - 16 13 1

E - Hallberg, M(3); Chambers, B.(2); Petrie(3). DP - Gators 2. LOB - Seminoles 13; Gators 8. 2B - Guinn, D.(13); Oravetz, T.(3); Barnes(5); Figueroa(4). HR - Posey, B.(1); LaPorta 2(15); Pride(7); den Dekker(6). HBP - Thomas, T.; Townsend. SF - Richardson,D(2).

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF

Caleb Graham.....	1.2	4	6	6	3	0	9	12
Travis Burge.....	0.1	3	4	4	1	1	4	5
Casey Whitmer.....	1.0	1	2	2	2	1	3	6
Matt Fairel.....	2.0	1	1	1	2	1	8	10
Jimmy Marshall.....	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	3	4
Brian Chambers.....	1.0	1	2	1	2	2	4	6
Danny Rosen.....	1.0	2	1	1	0	2	5	5

Florida	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF

Clint Franklin.....	2.0	5	5	3	1	1	12	13
Kevin Chapman.....	2.0	2	0	0	3	2	7	11
Kris Gawriluk.....	2.1	3	2	2	1	0	9	10
Josh Edmondson.....	1.2	2	0	0	1	0	6	7
J.K. LaCoste.....	1.0	1	0	0	1	2	4	6

Win - Chapman (2-1). Loss - Graham, C. (1-2). Save - None.

WP - Fairel, M.(1); Chapman 2(4). HBP - by Whitmer, C. (Townsend); by LaCoste (Thomas, T.). PB - Posey, B.(7).

Umpires - HP: Tony Maners 1B: Randy Harvey 3B: Danny Everett

Start: 7:06 Time: 3:23 Attendance: 12280

Game notes:

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Franklin faced 3 batters in the 3rd.

Game: FS32

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Score by Innings		R	H	E
Florida State.....	203 000 200 -	7	13	2
Florida.....	372 100 21X -	16	13	1

Florida State starters: 23/2b Thomas, T.; 7/ss Hallberg, M; 8/c Posey, B.; 46/rf Rye, J.; 24/dh Guinn, D.; 13/3b Stidham, J.; 2/lf Danesh, O.; 5/cf Richardson,D; 17/lb Reichert, B.; 27/p Graham, C.;

Florida starters: 8/3b Townsend; 1/2b Barnes; 13/1b LaPorta; 10/ss Figueroa; 2/rf Leclerc; 29/lf Petrie; 43/dh Pride; 17/cf den Dekker; 22/c Tignor; 49/p Franklin;

Florida State 1st - Thomas, T. grounded out to 3b. Hallberg, M singled up the middle. Posey, B. homered to left field, 2 RBI; Hallberg, M scored. Rye, J. singled through the right side. Guinn, D. lined out to 2b. Stidham, J. fouled out to lf. 2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida 1st - Townsend singled to left center. Barnes singled up the middle; Townsend advanced to second. LaPorta homered to left field, 3 RBI; Barnes scored; Townsend scored. Figueroa grounded out to 2b. Leclerc flied out to cf. Petrie walked. Pride flied out to rf. 3 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State 2nd - Danesh, O. walked. Richardson,D struck out looking. Reichert, B. popped up to 1b. Thomas, T. flied out to lf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida 2nd - den Dekker grounded out to ss. Tignor grounded out to ss. Townsend walked. Barnes walked; Townsend advanced to second. LaPorta homered to right field, 3 RBI; Barnes scored; Townsend scored. Burge, T. to p for Graham, C.. Figueroa doubled down the rf line. Leclerc singled up the middle; Figueroa advanced to third. Petrie walked; Leclerc advanced to second. Pride homered, 4 RBI; Petrie scored; Leclerc scored; Figueroa scored. den Dekker struck out swinging. 7 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State 3rd - Hallberg, M reached on a fielding error by lf, advanced to second. Posey, B. singled to left field; Hallberg, M advanced to third. Rye, J. singled to left center, RBI; Posey, B. advanced to third; Hallberg, M scored, unearned. Chapman to p for Franklin. Guinn, D. singled through the left side, RBI; Rye, J. advanced to second; Posey, B. scored. Rye, J. advanced to third on a wild pitch. Stidham, J. walked; Guinn, D. advanced to second. O'Connor, R. pinch hit for Danesh, O.. O'Connor, R. struck out swinging. Richardson,D flied out to cf, SF, RBI; Rye, J. scored, unearned. Reichert, B. flied out to cf. 3 runs, 3 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.

Florida 3rd - O'Connor, R. to lf. Whitmer, C. to p for Burge, T.. Tignor walked. Townsend hit by pitch; Tignor advanced to second. Barnes doubled, out at third cf to 1b, RBI; Townsend advanced to third; Tignor scored. LaPorta intentionally walked. Figueroa reached on a fielder's choice, RBI; LaPorta out at second ss unassisted; Townsend scored. Figueroa advanced to second on a passed ball. Leclerc struck out looking. 2 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State 4th - Thomas, T. singled to left field. Hallberg, M grounded out to ss; Thomas, T. advanced to second. Posey, B. struck out looking. Rye, J. walked. Rye, J. advanced to second on a wild pitch; Thomas, T. advanced to third on a wild pitch. Guinn, D. walked. Stidham, J. out at first 1b to p. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 3 LOB.

Florida 4th - Fairel, M. to p for Whitmer, C.. Petrie struck out, reached first on a wild pitch, advanced to second. Pride singled to left field; Petrie advanced to third. den Dekker reached on a fielder's choice, RBI; Pride out at second 2b to ss; Petrie scored. Neer pinch hit for Tignor. Neer popped up to 2b. Townsend grounded out to 3b. 1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State 5th - Neer to c. Gawriluk to p for Chapman. O'Connor, R. grounded out to ss. Richardson,D grounded out to 3b. Reichert, B. flied out to lf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida 5th - Barnes walked. LaPorta popped up to 2b. Figueroa reached on a fielder's choice, advanced to second on a throwing error by ss; Barnes out at second 2b to ss. Leclerc walked. Kubin pinch hit for Petrie. Kubin popped up to 2b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.

Florida State 6th - Pigott to lf for Kubin. Thomas, T. singled through the left side. Hallberg, M walked; Thomas, T. advanced to second. Posey, B. popped up to 1b. Rye, J. grounded into double play 2b to ss to 1b; Hallberg, M out on the play. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida 6th - Marshall, J. to p for Fairel, M.. Pride walked. den Dekker flied out to rf. Neer singled to center field; Pride advanced to third. Neer out at first p to 1b, picked off. Townsend grounded out to ss. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State 7th - Guinn, D. doubled to right center. Stidham, J. flied out to cf; Guinn, D. advanced to third. Oravetz, T. pinch hit for O'Connor, R.. Oravetz, T. doubled to left field, RBI; Guinn, D. scored. Edmondson to p for Gawriluk. Gildea, M. pinch ran for Oravetz, T.. Richardson,D fouled out to 1b. Reichert, B. singled up the middle, RBI; Gildea, M. scored. Thomas, T. reached on a fielder's choice; Reichert, B. out at second ss to 2b. 2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida 7th - Gildea, M. to lf. Chambers, B. to p for Marshall, J.. Barnes walked. LaPorta walked; Barnes

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advanced to second. Figueroa singled, bunt; LaPorta scored, unearned; Barnes advanced to third, scored on a throwing error by p. Leclerc flied out to cf; Figueroa advanced to second. Pigott struck out swinging. Pride struck out swinging. 2 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.

Florida State 8th - Hallberg, M singled through the right side. Posey, B. walked; Hallberg, M advanced to second. Rye, J. reached on a fielder's choice; Posey, B. out at second p to ss; Hallberg, M advanced to third. Guinn, D. grounded into double play 2b to 1b; Rye, J. out on the play. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida 8th - Rosen, D. to p for Chambers, B.. den Dekker homered to right center, RBI. Neer struck out swinging. Townsend struck out swinging. Barnes singled to center field. LaPorta out at first 1b to p. 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State 9th - LaCoste to p for Edmondson. Stidham, J. singled through the right side. Gildea, M. flied out to rf. Anderson, T. pinch hit for Richardson, D. Anderson, T. struck out looking. Cardullo, S. pinch hit for Reichert, B.. Anderson, T. to cf. Cardullo, S. walked; Stidham, J. advanced to second. Cardullo, S. to 1b. Thomas, T. hit by pitch; Cardullo, S. advanced to second; Stidham, J. advanced to third. Hallberg, M struck out looking. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 3 LOB.