

Seminoles Take Two From Mercer To Move Toward Conference Crown

The Florida State University baseball team took another step toward the Dixie Conference diamond title yesterday as they downed the Mercer Bears 12 to 4 here on the West campus field.

The victory was the second straight over the Macon team for the Seminoles. The first victory put the Indians in the conference lead over Florida Southern and yesterday's win gave Florida State a wider leader.

Lefty Lanier started for the Seminoles and pitched 7 and $\frac{2}{3}$ innings. He yielded 10 hits and gave up all of the Mercer runs. Lanier was relieved in the eighth by Godfrey Knight after the Bruins had scored three runs. Knight gave up only one hit.

Don Lewis, Bruin pitcher, was credited with the loss. Lewis gave up 9 hits in the 5 and $\frac{2}{3}$ innings he worked. Relief pitcher McKinney was nicked for only one safety in the 3 and $\frac{1}{3}$ innings he worked.

Gresham, Trowbridge and Brown swung a big stick for the home team. Glen Gresham got three singles in four trips to the plate. Trowbridge hit two for three and Brown got two for five. Lefty Lanier was the only Seminole to hit for extra bases, he hit one double in four tries at the platter.

Mercer's Charles Hill got three for five including one double. Bear catcher Hall also hit a double.

Cop Opener

Big John Witt and Ronald Nettles, veteran Florida State University battery mates, combined efforts here Friday afternoon to give Seminoles a 3-1 victory over Dixie Conference opponent Mercer University of Macon, Georgia.

Witt pitched his finest game of the year, limited the Mercer Bears to four singles. Nettles came through with a double to right field in the second inning which drove in two runs for the margin of victory.

It was Florida State all the way as Witt kept the ball low and had the Bears hitting into the dirt most of the time. Mercer threatened once or twice after picking up its one run in top of the third innig, but snappy fielding by the Seminoles' keystone kids, Augie Pompelia and Lee Bailey, cut off possible rallies.

Chandler Watches Tilt

An interested spectator at Friday's contest was Spud Chandler, a former New York Yankee hurler who is now scouting for the Bronx Bombers.

Florida State got enough runs to win in the second inning when Lamar Brown singled, Augie Pompelia doubled, Brown holding up at third, and Nettles chased them both home with his two-baser down the right field foul line. The Seminoles added an in-

surance run in the fifth frame when Glen Gresham singled, Lefty McKelvy walked and Ronald Melton singled over second base.

Mercer got its only run of the ball game in the third inning when Hal Dixon drew a free ticket to first, went to second on an infield error and tallied on Charlie Hopkins' line single to center field.

Friday's Game

| MERCER | ab | r | h | FLA STATE | ab | r | h |
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| Bivins,ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | Bailey,2b | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Reeder,p | 4 | 0 | 1 | Gresham,rf | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Hokpins,3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | McKelvy,lf | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Hoard,lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | Melton,1b | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Colquitt,rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | Brown,cf | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Barigmn,1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | Trwbridge,3b | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Hall,c | 3 | 0 | 0 | Pompelia,ss | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| xMcKinney | 3 | 0 | 0 | Nettles,c | 4 | 0 | 2 |
| Dixon,2b | 2 | 1 | 1 | Witt,p | 3 | 0 | 0 |

Totals 32 1 4 Totals 33 3 8
xStruck out for Hall in 9th.

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Florida State 020 010 00x—3 8 3

RBI: Nettles 2, Melton, Hopkins, 2b:
Pompelia, Nettles, SB: Brown, SH: Biv-
ins, DP: Bailey, Pompelia and Melton.
LOB: Mercer 5, FSU 8, BB: off Reeder
2, Witt 1, SO: by Reeder 2, Witt 2, U:
Dehaney and Brannon. Time: 1:43.