

Stats before the Regionals:

Florida State's baseball team, which closed out the regular season last week, established 16 FSU records in compiling a 24-5 won-lost mark.

The Seminoles, led by short-stop Dick Howser and pitchers Tony Avitable and Max Long, are now looking for a bid to the NCAA district tournament at Gastonia, N.C., next month.

Howser set two batting records and Avitable bettered three pitching standards as Florida State chalked up its best season in history.

The 140-pound Tribe short-stop posted a .422 average at the plate and rapped out 38 hits, bettering the old marks by .007 and six, respectively.

Avitable, who lost only one of seven decisions, struck out 24 Furman batters and ended the year with 112. The 112 figure broke the national collegiate strikeout record claimed by West Virginia's Jim Heise—but a pair of University of Arizona hurlers fanned 144 and 134, respectively.

The FSU lefthander picked up his third record by walking 58 men.

Four other individual and seven team standards were also set by the 1956 squad.

Outfielder Lee Corso, who batted in the cleanup slot most of the season, drew 27 base on balls. Infielder Carlee Hendrix went down swinging 23 times to break a record.

Hendrix and Phil Hunt came up with 18 errors to better by one Hunt's 1955 total.

Long, one of four players ineligible for the NCAA tourney, was undefeated in seven games to establish FSU's best pitching record. The senior hurler had a 1.30 earned run average.

In addition to the 24-5 season performance, six other team marks were set and two were tied. Records include most games won, 24; most runs scored, 244; most hits, 855; most runs batted in, 192; most stolen bases, 59; and longest winning streak, 11.

The Seminoles equaled the home runs and doubles marks with 12 and 35, respectively.

**FSU SHORTS**—Five pitchers had perfect records . . . Three of them can't play in NCAA tournament, Long, George Hehemann and Jim Atwood . . . catcher Gary Ashley is also ineligible for the tourney . . . Ashley was one of four players to go through the year without

an error.

Hewser posted a .611 slugging average . . . He had 30 singles, two doubles, three triples and three homers . . . Corso and Hunt tied for the lead in RBIs with 25 and led in triples and doubles with four and six, respectively . . . Hewser batted in 23 runs and his three home runs led the team.

Corso was also the stolen bases leader with 12 . . . Bob Rosell was best of the fielding outfielders with a .965 average . . . First baseman Fred Twomey was .951 and second baseman Owen McCarren fielded .912 . . . Riley Seavers, 1955 batting king at .415, had to settle for a .241 mark this year.

The 10-man pitching staff posted a 2.94 earned run average . . . Trailing Long were John Bristol at 1.71 and Avitable with a 3.03 average . . . Righthanders combined for a 15-1 record . . . Lefties were 9-4.

Pinch-hitter Gale Tuggle batted .462 but went to the plate only 13 times . . . Only four Seminoles who were charged with at bats failed to collect at least one hit.

## FSU FIGURES

### BATTING

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AV.
Tuggle	13	4	6	0	4	.462
Hewser	99	32	38	3	23	.622
Rosell	62	13	28	0	16	.463
Garcia	15	1	6	0	1	.400
Twomey	79	22	27	2	18	.342
Sheppard	18	2	6	1	6	.333
Kenney	6	1	2	0	1	.333
McCarren	100	29	32	0	11	.320
Hunt	28	24	27	2	25	.267
Long	20	5	8	0	5	.300
Hendrix	109	30	31	1	15	.284
Bisbee	41	10	11	1	14	.269
Corso	102	28	27	0	25	.265
Ashley	48	11	12	1	11	.261
Seavers	52	14	14	1	10	.241
Atwood	9	1	2	0	0	.222
Barton	12	3	2	0	1	.167
Sweeney	12	2	2	0	2	.167
Bristol	6	1	1	0	0	.167
Vaughn	40	6	5	0	4	.125
Avitable	25	3	3	0	2	.120
Glusser	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Boxer	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Hehemann	2	0	0	0	0	.000
Fraser	3	0	0	0	0	.000
Williamson	4	3	0	0	0	.000
Ash	4	0	0	0	0	.000

Totals 945 245 285 12 152 .395

### PITCHING

	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L
Long	45	30	24	40	7	0
Garcia	30 1/3	32	12	21	3	0
Atwood	25 1/3	17	11	24	2	0
Hehemann	7 1/3	8	2	3	2	0
Kenney	14 1/3	16	9	9	1	0
Avitable	77	59	55	112	6	1
Bristol	21	16	7	19	2	1
Ash	16 1/3	16	16	9	1	2
Boxer	3 1/3	5	1	3	0	0
Fraser	7 1/3	11	2	6	0	1

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