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AUBURN, Ala.—With a fourth straight campaign of 20 or more victories the target, Florida State's baseball nine opens a two-game series with Auburn's Tigers here today.

The Seminoles won their 18th game at Athens, Ga., yesterday, taking advantage of six hits and clutch pitching by Carl (Duni) Nelson for a 4-2 verdict over Georgia's Bulldogs. The Tribe won Monday's game with Georgia, 8-2, to make it a sweep.

Nelson, Daytona Beach junior, allowed the Bulldogs only three hits yesterday to record his sec-

and triumph. He walked eight but was stingy in the tight spots. Both Georgia runs came without the benefit of a hit.

FSU got a measure of revenge off Georgia lefthander Bob Payne. Payne had handcuffed the Tribe in a 4-1 Georgia decision over the Seminoles at Tallahassee early in the season.

As in Monday's game, it was the fifth inning before FSU found the range yesterday. They picked up a run in the fifth, then salted it away with three runs in the sixth. Georgia scored single runs on Seminole errors in the sixth and seventh innings.

It was the season finale for Georgia, which closed with an 11-18 record, first losing campaign since Jim Whatley became Bulldog coach in 1952.

Danny Litwhiler's Seminoles have an 18-9 record heading into today's series opener with Auburn. FSU still has a chance for a District 3 NCAA tournament at-large bid.

Righthanders Jerry Hohne or Ron Fraser were to pitch today with sophomore ace Frank Davis (6-2) the probable starter tomorrow.

FSU	000	013	000-4	6	5
Georgia	000	001	100-2	3	3
Nelson and Westendick; Payne and Stover					

Bulldogs' Opportunity Raps But FSU Gets in Last Lick

Georgia Loses Finale, 4-2

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ATHENS—A long, cold baseball spring came to an end here Tuesday afternoon when Florida State applied the final and fatal twist to a dismal Georgia season with a 4-2 victory.

Even if the Bulldogs had won this one, they still would have given Coach Jim Whatley his first losing year on Ag Hill. For their 1959 record was officially posted as 11-18.

Whatley did well with what he had, but as it turned out, he did not have the horses to run in the thoroughbred section of the Southeastern Conference.

All season it had gone as it did Tuesday. The Bulldogs had chance after chance to get Seminole right-hander Carl Nelson out of the game. They lacked the knockout punch, and Nelson struggled along though matching his nine strikeouts with a like number of walks.

When the Bulldogs did score, they did it without benefit of a hit and by generosity of some loose FSU fielding.

For the Seminoles of Danny Litwhiler the season has been something less than sensational and something more than average. His boys, 18-9 for the year,

stand a slight chance of being named an at-large team for the NCAA regionals. A victory or two over Auburn in the final series would raise their hopes considerably.

Bulldog ace Bob Payne matched Nelson for every inning of the game except the sixth when FSU pushed across three big runs on

a double by Neil Martin, a triple by Charlie Rodgers and an out-field error by Joe DeFoor.

Payne, who ended his Bulldog career with a senior year 5-7 record (six of the losses coming in succession) had a no-hitter for four innings. Koch's single to open the fifth broke the spell, and Payne finished up with a six-hit performance.

"They tried to give it to us," said Whatley, referring to five FSU errors, "but we just wouldn't take it."

"There were a lot of errors out there today," said Litwhiler. "Both clubs played pretty badly in this one."

Whatley's over-all nine-year record at Georgia remains an enviable one, even after an off season. He has won 139 games, lost 94 for a .597 percentage.

Tuesday's game was held up for 45 minutes by a cloudburst. Spectators scattered to shelter, but one remained in the stands.

FSU	ab	r	h	bi	GEORGIA	ab	r	h	bi
Martin, rf	4	1	1	0	Sparrow, 3b	4	0	1	0
Rodgers, 1b	5	1	1	1	Rogers, 2b	4	0	0	0
Clem, 2b	3	1	1	0	Bryan, 1b	2	0	0	0
Dull, 3b	4	0	1	1	aAshe, 1b	1	0	0	1
Koch, ss	3	0	1	0	DeFoor, rf	2	0	1	0
King, lf	4	1	0	0	aPatchin, rf	3	0	0	0
Bazzell, cf	3	0	0	0	Tarkenton, ss	2	1	0	0
Westndk, c	4	0	1	1	Wiggins, cf	4	0	1	0
Nelson, p	3	0	0	0	Barge, lf	2	0	0	0
					cBrinson	1	0	0	0
					Lewis, lf	1	0	0	0
					Stover, c	1	1	0	0
					Payne, p	2	0	0	0
					dMitchum	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	4	6	3	Totals	29	2	3	1

a—Popped up for Bryan in 6. b—Fanned for DeFoor in 6th. c—Safe on error for Barge in 7th. d—Walked for Payne in ninth.

FSU 000 013 000—4
Georgia 000 001 100—2
E—Tarkenton, Payne, DeFoor, Rodgers
2. Clem, Westendick, Dull. PO—A—FSU
27-10, Georgia 27-14. 2B—Martin. 3B—
Wiggins, Rodgers. SB—King, Clem. SH—
Payne, Nelson. DP—Martin to Westen-
dick. LOB—FSU 7, Georgia 11.

IP R-ER H SO BB
Nelson (W, 3-1) 9 2-0 3 9 9
Payne (L, 5-7) 9 4-3 6 4 3
HBP—Clem (by Payne), Tarkenton (by
Nelson). WP—Nelson 2. PB—Stover. U—
Allen, Chambers. T—2:25. A—500.