

Coach Paul Nix of Auburn decided Monday to use pitcher Monte Sharpe, holder of an 0-1 record, against Florida State and save his aces for the Tigers' important series with Georgia Tech—a series that may decide the eastern division championship of the Southeastern Conference.

Sharpe pitched masterfully and sparked a 4-2 victory over the Seminoles. It was Auburn's second victory this season over FSU in as many tries.

Florida State used top right-hander Cliff Ranew. Big Cliff was not his usually sharp self and received his first loss after six straight wins.

The Seminoles get another chance today in a return game at 3:30 p.m. on Seminole Field. Auburn is the only team the Tribe hasn't beaten this year.

Sharpe started the last Au-

burn-FSU scrap, on April 20th, but the Seminoles reached him for three runs in the fifth before losing 7-5. Reliever Larry Hartley took the win in that one.

This time Sharpe struck out nine Seminoles and was in little trouble after a first-inning FSU eruption. Meanwhile, Auburn started dropping doubles among Florida State outfielders.

Third Baseman Jimmy Barfield, among SEC batting leaders, hit two and both scored shortstop Otis Bibb, who hit one himself. Barfield plagued the 6-5 Ranew all afternoon, turning in a 4-for-4 day at the plate.

His double in the first scored Bibb and opened up an Auburn lead.

But Jimmy Reed and Mike

Augustine led off for FSU with singles, and came home on successive singles by Gary Nichols and Larry Johnson.

Ranew and Sharpe dueled for three innings before Bibb opened the sixth with a walk. Barfield moved him around to third with a single, and Bibb came home when first baseman Ronnie Baynes hit into a double play.

The go-ahead run came in the eighth inning. Bibb reached the tiring Ranew for a double, then Barfield delivered him home with another double.

Barfield scored the fourth Tiger run on Baynes' single.

The loss was the Seminoles' eighth against 18 victors. Auburn improved its record to 17-7.

AUBURN					FLORIDA STATE				
	ab	r	e	r		ab	r	e	r
Martin, 2b	4	0	0		Reed, 2b	4	1	2	
Bibb, ss	3	3	1		Augustin, cf	4	1	1	
Barfield, 3b	4	1	4		Brown, lf	4	0	0	
Bachus, cf	3	0	0		Wilcox, rf	4	0	0	
Baynes, 1b	4	0	1		Nichols, 1b	4	0	1	
Haire, rf	3	0	0		Johnson, 9b	3	0	1	
Gerelds, lf	4	0	1		Suarez, c	3	0	0	
Doles, c	4	0	1		Chmiewski, 3b	3	0	1	
Sharpe, p	4	0	0		Ranew	3	0	0	

Totals	33	4	8		Totals	32	2	6	
Florida State					200 000 000	2	6	0	
Auburn					100 001 020	4	8	0	

RBI—Barfield 2, Nichols, Johnson, Baynes 2; POA—Auburn 27-7, Florida State 27-14; DP—Nichols and Reed; Johnson, Reed and Nichols; LOB—Auburn 5, Florida State 5; 2B—Barfield 2, Bibb, Gerelds.

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Sharpe (W, 1-1)	9		6	2	2	2	9
Ranew (L, 6-1)	9		8	4	4	4	6

U—Schenck and Shaw; T—2:15; A—550.