

Auburn University baseballers boomed out 22 hits to defeat Florida State here Tuesday, 19-5.

An epidemic of FSU errors didn't hurt matters.

It all added up to the darkest day of the year for Fred Hatfield's Seminoles, and the worst defeat of a Florida State baseball team since a 19-3 loss to East Carolina in 1962.

A ten-run seventh inning broke the Seminoles' backs. The Tigers did it with six hits, all singles, four walks issued by three FSU pitchers, two Seminoles errors, and one Auburn batter got hit by a pitch.

In all Florida State used 22 players, Auburn 15. The Seminoles' played six pitchers (only three were left on the roster, one of them ace Cliff Ranew,

who pitched the last two innings with Auburn.)

The Tigers were hit 14 times (47 official ABs, 11 walks, one HP, and one sac.) Coach Paul Nix's team ran its record to 18-5.

Florida State still has a most respectable 18-9 record to carry into next week's series here with Georgia Southern.

The Seminoles' led in Tuesday's game for one inning. Bob Wilcox singled to score fellow outfielder Mike Augustine, who had walked, in the first inning.

Then George Nichols, Auburn righthander who took the win, helped his own cause with a three-run homer in the second. Nichols's right field blast was the first hit off Ken Creely, who relieved Seminole starter Marty Howell.

Howell took the loss and is now 4-4.

Creely lasted right through the fifth inning, when Otis Bibb doubled and scored on Creely's throwing error, and through the sixth, when pitcher Nichols doubled to score two runs.

But when the first three batters in the Seventh inning got on base (walk, single, error) Hatfield replaced Creely with Don Murray.

The first six batters to face Murray reached base and scored (four singled, one walked, another hit into a fielder's choice). Then the righthander struck out Auburn's Jimmy Barfield, hit Ronnie Baynes, gave up a single to Tandy Gerards, and walked Jim Bachus and Frank Fryer.

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Charles Barton came in and retired the next batters to end the inning.

Auburn scored two more runs on Monroe Hunt, who pitched the eighth inning. Barfield singled home Jimmy Martin, who had

singled, and Otis Bib singled and came home on Baynes sacrifice fly.

Righthander Bob Kull pitched the ninth inning for FSU and retired the side.

The Seminoles pushed across runs in the seventh and eighth innings.

Sub centerfielder Leon Chalhub sacrificed Ken Suarez home in the seventh, and Gerry Chmielewski singled to score George Rountree in the eighth. The final Seminole run came when Auburn relief pitcher Duke Shackelford walked in Monty McBryde in the eighth. McBryde had singled.

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	ab	r	e		ab	r	e
Martin, 2b	6	2	2	Reed, 2b	3	0	0
Bibb, ss	5	3	3	Augustine, cf	2	1	1
Barfield, 3b	5	1	2	Brown, rf	5	1	0
Baynes, p	4	3	2	Wilcox, c	3	0	2
Geralds, lf	6	1	4	Nichols, 1b	3	0	1
Bachus, cf	5	1	4	Johnson, ss	2	0	0
Fryer, rf	5	3	1	Suarez, c	2	1	0
Tuberville, c	2	1	1	Chmielewski, 3b	3	0	1
Nichols, p	4	2	3	Howell, p	0	0	0
Doles, c	2	2	0	Creely, p	2	0	0
a-Wells	1	0	0	Murray, p	0	0	0
Schackelford, p	1	0	0	Dahlen, ss	2	0	0
d-Lewter	1	0	0	Rountree, 1b	0	1	0
Wilson, 2b	0	0	0	b-Haney	1	0	0
Haire, cf	0	0	0	Chalhub, cf	2	0	0
				Barton, p	0	0	0
				Hunt, p	0	0	0
				c-Hutchinson	1	0	1
				Bearse, 2b	0	0	0
				Thomas, rf	2	0	0
				McBryde, lf	1	1	1
				Kull, p	0	0	0

Totals 47 19 22 Totals 33 5 7

a—Grounded out for Nichols in 7th.

b—Struck out for Barton in 7th.

c—Singled for Hunt in 8th.

d—Struck out for Martin in 9th.

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E—Baynes, Tuberville, Creely, Nichols, Dahlen, Suarez; RBI—Wilcox, Bachus 2; Geo. Nichols 3, Doles, Gerald 2, Fryer, Chalhub, Barfield, Baynes, McBryde, Hutchinson; PO—A—Auburn 27-9; Fla. State 27-14; DP—Suarez to Johnson to Chmielewski to Reed; Reed to Johnson to Nichols; LOB—Auburn 9, Fla. State 10; 2B—Barfield, Bibb, Nichols; 3B—Bachus; HR—Geo. Nichols (A); SB—Augustine, Brown, Bibb; SF—Chalhub, Baynes.

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Geo. Nichols (W 3-0)	6	4	2	1	2	1
Shackelford (7th)	3	3	3	2	6	1
Howell (L 4-4)	12	3	5	4	4	0
Creely (2nd)	4	1	3	9	7	3
Murray (7th)	1	3	5	6	5	3
Barton (7th)	2	3	0	0	0	0
Hunt (8th)	1	4	2	2	0	1
Kull (9th)	1	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—Baynes; PB—Suarez; U—Phil Shaw (plate) and Shad Hilaman (base); T—3:30; A—375.