

Florida State's baseball team walloped Mississippi State here yesterday by the stunning score of 24-2.

The Bulldogs of Coach Paul Gregory, picked to challenge the Seminoles for supremacy in the deep South this season, led with their ace, Ken Tatum, an All-America candidate who had a 7-1 record last season, including victory over FSU in the District 3 tournament.

Before the fans got settled to watch the expected duel

between Tatum and Seminole southpaw Marvin Stringfellow, the Seminoles had counted four runs in the first inning and 12 in the second and Tatum was in the showers after what was his roughest day on any mound anywhere.

Two home runs in the first inning—an inside - the - park blow by Jim Lyttle and a three-run blast by Maury Hopkins—set the pace for a 23-hit FSU attack which included four home runs, four

doubles and a triple.

Gary Sprague led off the game with a routine grounder to first. Lyttle hit one which sailed to the wall in left center, and the Seminole speedster had rounded second before the ball hit the ground, raced on home.

Randy Brown got the first of his three singles. Tom Thomas drew a walk, and Hopkins put one into the pines in right center.

In the second inning every Seminole scored at least once. A three-run homer by Pete Sarron, two doubles by Dick Fernandez, a double by Lyttle and a triple by Thomas were the big blows in a nine-hit, 12-run inning.

The Seminoles came on with one more in the third, four in the fourth, and wrapped up the scoring with three in the fifth for a 24-0 lead. Fernandez hit a home run in the fourth with no one on.

Mississippi State picked up a run off Stringfellow in the sixth, and one off reliefer Jim Mathers in the ninth. Left fielder Russ Gatlin and second baseman Ken Beasley each had two hits for the Bulldogs.

Meanwhile, FSU's Brown went three - for - three and

scored five runs. Thomas had three-for-four and four rbis, Hopkins two-for-four and four rbis, and Fernandez four-for-five with two rbis. Lytle and Martin also had two rbis for the Seminoles.

In an earlier game, Auburn defeated Mississippi State 4-2. The Seminoles were scheduled to play the Tigers this afternoon at 3.

Q. V. Lowe spaced six hits and turned in three sparkling fielding plays as he pitched for Auburn.

On three different oc-
casions, Lowe dove from the
-mound for hot grounders and
made the play at first.

Catcher Harry Doles doubled in the two Auburn runs that provided the victory margin.

MISS. STATE				FLORIDA STATE			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Ben	5	0	1	Sprague	5	1	0
Umscr	3	1	0	Ziegler	1	0	0
Burns	5	0	0	Lytle	6	2	2
Periera	1	0	0	Wooley	1	0	0
Patten	3	0	1	Brown	3	5	3
Gallin	4	0	2	Harmon	1	0	1
Tatum	1	0	1	Thomas	4	3	3
Bishop	1	0	0	Mesbems	1	0	1
Gregory	2	0	1	Hopkins	4	3	2
Hammon	1	0	0	Lawrence	1	0	0
Craft	2	1	1	Barren	3	3	1
Feld	3	0	1	Sutton	1	0	0
Beasley	4	0	2	Marlin	4	2	2
				Hitchcock	1	0	0
				Fernandez	5	3	4
				Cole	1	0	1
				Stringfellow	2	2	2
				Taff	1	0	0
				Brewer	1	0	1
Totals	35	2	10	Totals	44	24	25
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Florida State	4(12) 143 002—24 23 2						
E—MSU: Patten, Barren, Bishop, Gallin, Beasley. FSU — Ziegler, Sutton.							
DP—Man 1, FSU 2, LOB — Man 10.							
FSU 11, 12 — Fernandez 1, Lytle, Marlin, Gallin, Craft, 13 — Thomas, HB — Lytle, Hopkins, Barren, Fernandez, HB — Brown, Barren.							
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Tatum (L)	11	3	7	11	11	2	1
Edmondson	2	3	5	5	4	2	1
Bishop	2	5	5	3	2	0	
Gregory	3	6	2	1	2	4	
Stringfellow (W, 2-1)	4	7	1	1	2	3	
Cole	2	1	0	0	1	1	
MacBarr	1	2	1	1	0	1	
WF—Bishop, U—Shaw and Mack, 1—1000, T—							