

Florida State's explosive bats boomed again Thursday as the Seminoles whipped Rutgers University 18 - 10 for their 15th victory in 17 games.

The Tribe collected 17 hits in the 3 hour, 20 minute marathon, including five extra base blows.

Dick Fernandez is the latest member to join FSU's hero - a - day club. The 5-11, 170 - pound senior second baseman banged out four hits in five trips to the plate, including a Fernandez three - run homer, and drove in six runs. Fernandez also scored three runs.



The game was a slug-fest with the lead going back and forth until the Seminoles took it for good in the bottom of the fifth.

FSU grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first when Gary Sprague rapped a leadoff double, advanced to third on an infield out and scored on Tom Thomas' single.

Rutgers came back in the second for three runs. Will Anderson started things with a base on balls against Flori-

da State starter Nick Cafaro. Jay Donovan followed with an infield single and both runners moved up a base on a passed ball. Rich Henderson walked to load the bases and Mike Stang slammed a double to left center clearing them again.

Cafaro was lifted in favor of Jim Ward and the junior right-hander put out the fire.

The Seminoles took the lead again in the bottom of the second with a three - run outburst. Peter Sarron was hit by a Jim Corneille pitch to lead off the stanza. Mike Martin drew a free pass and Fernandez then hit a shot over the right centerfield fence.

FSU added its fifth run in the third on a double by Sarron and a single by Fernandez.

The Scarlet Knights got a couple in the fourth as Ward issued a walk to Tony Pascale after one man was out, and Rich Surdez belted a homer over the right centerfield fence.

Corneille retired after three innings on the mound for Rutgers, and lefty John Bretz took over. He didn't last very long however.

Bretz' first 12 pitches were
gone, Jim Lyttle and Randy
Brown on base via walks be-
fore a strike was called in
the inning. Thomas then punch-

ed a single into right scor-
ing Sprague and the fleet-foot-
ed Lyttle followed him home
when rightfielder Surdez bob-
bled the ball.

Edgar Ott relieved Bietz
with runners on first and
third and nobody out. Maury
Hopkins walked to load the
bases and Sarron grounded
into a double play scoring

Brown with the third run of
the inning. Martin then end-
ed the rally with a ground
out.

Rutgers came back to tie
the score at 8-8 in the top of
the fifth.

Anderson's single, a walk to
Donovan and Henderson's sin-
gle pushed across the first
run, Donovan taking third
base on the last hit. Stang's
long fly ball to right scored
Donovan. Ott followed with a
base hit putting men on first
and third and one man out.

FSU Coach Fred Hatfield
decided to bring in sophomore
right hander Jim Helms in
from the bull pen and the
Louisville, Ky., product came
through.

Pascale hit a bouncer to
the mound forcing Ott at sec-
ond and scoring Henderson to
knot the score. Surdez then
singled, but Helm settled down
and got Bob Dickman to pop
up to end the inning.

Helms went the rest of the
way for the Seminoles, giving
up two runs (one on a homer
in the seventh by Henderson)
on four hits to receive credit
for the victory.

Florida State picked up
three runs in the bottom of
the fifth to go ahead again,
then scored four in the sixth
and three more in the sev-
enth to wrap it up.

Singles by Helm and Sprague
and a walk to Lyttle filled
the bases for the Tribe and
Brown socked a base hit to
score two of the runners.
Thomas singled and then he
and Brown teamed on a
double steal for the other
run.

The sixth - inning rally was
highlighted by a two - run
single by Fernandez and a
run - scoring double by Spra-
gue. Martin cracked a solo
homer in the seventh for
FSU.

Edge was credited with the loss, pitching just one and two-third innings and giving up three runs.

The Seminoles hit the road for the first time this season today when it journeys to Auburn for games with Wake Forest and Auburn. Florida State plays Auburn again Saturday before returning home Monday for two-day series with Spring Hill.

RUTGERS				FLA. STATE			
	ab	r	h		ab	r	h
Pascale	4	1	0	Sprague	4	4	3
Surdez	4	1	2	Lytle	4	2	1
Dickman	5	0	1	Brown	4	1	1
Starace	5	0	0	Thomas	5	0	2
Anderson	2	2	1	Newbourns	1	0	0
Walsh	1	0	0	Hopkins	2	0	0
Donovan	3	2	1	Ziegler	1	0	1
Henderson	4	4	3	Sarron	5	1	2
Stang	3	0	1	Martin	3	3	1
McAllister	1	0	1	Fernandez	5	1	4
Cornelle	1	0	0	Ward	2	0	0
Manix	1	0	0	Helm	2	2	2
Ott	1	0	1				
Edge	1	0	0				
Garrick	1	0	1				
Totals	38	10	12	Totals	39	18	17

Rutgers	030	230	901-10	12	3
FSU	101	334	902-14	17	1

E-Sarron, Surdez 2. Stang. DP-R.
1. FSU 1. LOR-R 10. FSU 9 2B --
Sprague 2. Sarron, Stang. HR-Fernandez, Surdez, Henderson, Martin, SB
-Sprague 2. Brown, Lytle, Sarron, S
-Helm. SF-Stang.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Cornelle	3	5	5	5	3	3
Blets	0	1	3	2	3	0
Ott	2 1/3	4	7	5	2	1
Edge (L)	1 2/3	4	3	1	2	1
Henderson	1	1	0	0	0	1
Cafaro	1	3	3	3	3	1
Ward	3 1/3	4	5	5	5	0
Helm (W)	4 2/3	5	2	2	0	3

HBP-Sarron (Cornelle) Martin (Ott).
WP-Edge, Brown, Dickman. U-Shaw
and Mauck. T-3:25. A-500.