

AUBURN, Ala. — The hitting of centerfielder Rick Countryman bolstered Q. V. Lowe's strike-out pitching and sparked Auburn to a 5-2 baseball victory over Florida State Friday. The Seminoles absorbed their third setback in a row.

The two teams are slated to go against each other again this afternoon with unbeaten LaDon Boyd set to hurl for FSU. Boyd has surrendered just two runs in 30 innings this year and is 4-0.

Countryman, who plays center when the opponent has a left-hander on the mound, drove in three of the Tigers' five runs.

A four-run outburst in the first inning by Auburn put the Seminoles in a hole and Lowe didn't let them get out of it.

The only runs allowed by the strong right hander from Ocala by way of Gulf Coast Junior College in Panama City, were on a pair of solo home runs by Florida State left fielder Tom Whitaker.

Auburn's first-inning getaway was started by another Gulf Coast grad, George Simmons, who doubled to right. A second-out fly to center moved Simmons to third and he scored on a single by shortstop Scotty Long.

Right fielder Johnny Straiton beat out a high chopper in the infield, moving Long to second. Ray Cox then doubled home Long and Coun-

tryman brought in Straiton and Cox with a long single.

An error in the eighth by FSU centerfielder Roy Mewbourne put Cox on second and Countryman promptly scored him with another single.

Lowe struck out 12 while on the way to his fourth win without a setback. After Vincent gave up the four runs in the first he settled down and at one time retired eight in a row. The little lefty, now 4-2, picked two runners off first.

Either Paul Bovert, a lefty from Pensacola High, or Jim Blauser, a right hander from Gulf Coast and Ocala, will be on the mound today for Auburn.

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Mewbourne	cf	4	0	2	Golden	3b	4	0	0
Eason	3b	5	0	0	Simmons	1b	4	1	2
Gold	2b	4	0	0	Nicknzie	2b	4	0	1
Mason	rf	4	0	2	Long	ss	4	1	1
Whitaker	lf	4	2	2	Stratton	rf	4	1	1
Cox	ss	4	0	0	Countryman	cf	3	0	2
Stringfellow	1b	3	0	0	Boozier	lf	2	0	0
Yarnell	c	4	0	1	Lowe	p	3	0	0
Vincent	p	3	0	1					

Totals .35 2 8 Totals 32 5 9

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E-Mewbourne, Eason. RBI — Whitaker 2, Long, Cox, Countryman 3. DP—Auburn 1. LOB—FSU 9, Auburn 6. 2b—Mason, Simmons, Cox. 3B Simmons. HR—Whitaker 2.

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Vincent (L, 4-2)	9	9	5	4	3	4
Lowe (W, 4-0)	9	8	2	2	1	12

HBP—By Lowe (Vincent) PB—Varnell. Cox. T-2:45.