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DADE CITY—Florida State's second ranked Seminoles "tried a little harder" Sunday as the Seminoles deflated a fired up St. Leo team, 8-3.

The Monarchs, playing their final game of the season came out ready to win this one.

Most of the St. Leo players remembered the 3-2 upset win over the Tribe last year and were hopeful of a repeat.

The Seminoles would have no part of it, however.

The Tribe fell behind, 2-1, after the first inning, but began pecking away with two runs in each of the third, fifth and seventh innings. The final tally came in the ninth.

The Monarchs meanwhile

could score just one more run in the seventh.

"St. Leo has improved quite a bit since we played them at the start of the season," said FSU Coach Jack Stallings.

"They are hitting the ball a lot better now."

The Monarchs banged out ten hits and scored on Seminole pitching for the first time in 37 innings. The hits also were unusual of late as Tribe hurlers had given up just three safeties in the last four games.

Victim of the Monarch's uprising was Mike Slade, who picked up his fourth win of the year, although he needed relief help from Mac. Scarce in the seventh.

Dick Nchols, the Tribe's leading batter, kept up his torrid pace with a three-forfive day.

He started the Tribe off with a towering double to deep center on losing pitcher Dave Korczykowski's first pitch. John Grubb singled him home.

Chuck Sousa, who had four hits for the day and drove in all three Monarch runs, put St.

Leo ahead in the bottom of the first with a two-run double.

Slade walked to open the third and Nichols tripled to left-center to score him. The Tribe secondbaseman came home on a wild pitch and the Seminoles were ahead for keeps.

Larry Cocks helped spur the Seminole attack in the late innings, driving in three runs with a pair of hits. The win upped the Seminoles record to 29-2. St. Leo closed its season at 19-10.

Florida State will be home for the first time in two weeks this week. The Tribe will meet Florida Southern, the nation's fourth ranked college division team, Thursday night.

A three game series against Eddie Stanky's South Alabama team is slated for the weekend.

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Nichols, 2b 5 2 3 Mariveci, cf 4 2 1
Schnute, cf 4 1 1 Moverat, IF 3 1 1
Grubb, rf 4 1 2 Sousa, 1b 5 0 4
Cash, 3b 4 3 2 Plisko, rf 4 0 0
Gromek, ss 5 0 2 Toblas, ss 4 0 0
COCKS, If 5 0 2 Leitrell, 2b 4 0 1
Kellin, C 502Zoltauski, 3b3 n n
Scheller, 1b 4 0 0 Bucci, c 4 0 5
Kasimick 10 1 0 0 Kpr'zviskiop 3 0 1
Slade, p 1 1 0 Sal'ger, ph. 1 0 0
Searce, p 1 0 0 Chaney, p 0 0 0
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Florida State. 102 020 201- 8
St. Leo 200 000 100 3
E - Marivcci, Gromek, Keith, Bucci,
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FS-2, S1, L,-};
28 - Nichols, Sousa, Bucci, Cash;
3B Nichols: RBI Grubb, Sousa 3,
Nichols, Cash, Cocks 3, Gromek; SB
Schnute; S - F-Stade
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Chaney 1 2 1 1 0 1 HBP — by Slade (Marivecil); WP
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Korczykowski 2, Slade, Chaney: T -
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