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Florida State bolted into the No. 1 spot among the nation's collegiate baseball powers and celebrated by pounding Jacksonville U. 9-2 Tuesday night at Seminole Field.

Playing defense like a mine detector, the top-ranked Seminoles scolded JU with a 14-hit barrage and sent the Dolphins floundering home with a stinging season-end defeat.

The victory gave FSU a sweep of the two-game series here, and more than likely put the Seminoles in the driver's seat for the independent's bid to the NCAA tournament in Gastonia.

In claiming the top rung of the national poll this week, Florida State edged out second-place Southern California by five votes 276 to 271.

Completing the top 10 were Texas, Texas A&M, Mississippi State, Washington State, Tennessee, Stanford, North Carolina St. and Clemson.

~~Last night, the Seminoles~~ used four-run explosions in the third and sixth innings to subdue Jacksonville and run their record to 35-3-1.

A forecasted pitcher's duel between FSU's Gene Ammann and JU's Gene Mendes never happened.

The Seminole bats chewed up Mendes, the Dolphins' ace lefty, for 13 hits before he yielded to reliever Tim Anderson.

Ammann, the Tribe's big righthander, pushed his unbeaten mark to 9-0, but not without some difficulty. Ammann fanned eight JU batters, walked two and gave up eight hits before lanky Mac Scarce came on in the eighth to finish off the Dolphins.

FSU scored first in the second inning when Ron Cash rapped a high hopper to second for a single. Larry Cocks got on via an error on the JU third baseman.

Shortstop Greg Gromek sent Cash to third on a fielder's choice. Gromek stole second, and Cash raced home on a wild pitch by Mendes.

In the third, JU tied it 1-1 when Tommy McMillan singled to right, advanced to third on error before Gus Bell plated him with a sharp single to center.

The Seminoles then staged their first uprising in the bottom of the frame. Ammann and Dick Nichols drew walks and Gren Schnute laid down a drag-bunt single to load the bases.

John Grubb then lined a double past the first baseman bringing home Ammann and Nichols.

Cash, FSU's hard-hitting third sacker who went four-for-five for the night, blasted a two-run single into deep leftfield to score Schnute and Grubb.

In the fourth, Guy Ezzell got JU rolling with a double off the leftfield fence. Rob Hardesty slapped a single down the third base line advancing Ezzell to

third where he scored on Gary Semanchik's single to right.

That was all until the sixth when the Seminoles again went on the warpath.

Nichols led off with a single over the pitcher's head, but the speedy second baseman was picked off first by the cat-quick move of Mendes.

Schnute walked and Grubb rifled a single to center before Cash ripped a line drive into left to plate Schnute.

Cocks then bounced a high chopper to left and Gromek walked to again load the bases. John Keith's fielder's choice

got Cash tagged out as he sprinted for home.

Doug Kasimier socked a single into right scoring Cocks and Gromek. The relay in got Keith caught in a run down to end the inning.

JU posed a threat in the seventh with two on, but Keith's throw to second picked off one runner. Mendes lined a shot to left pushing Carl Shumaker to third. Ammann got McMillan to fly out to kill any opportunity.

Jacksonville Coach Barry Myers called the Seminoles "a real opportunistic ball club."

"You give them a break," said Myers, "and they'll take advantage of it. FSU is the same on defense. You've got to earn everything you get."

FSU Coach Jack Stallings said the Seminoles loosened up and started swinging the bat. "I'm not talking about just hitting," said Stallings. "We swung the bat better."

"This was a big series for us," he continued, "but we still have to continue to play well."

The Seminoles entertain Miami in a two game series Friday and Saturday.

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	AB	R	H				
McMillan 2b	4	1	1	FLORIDA STATE			
Bell 3b	4	0	2		AB	R	H
Marecki ss	4	0	3	Nichols 2b	3	1	2
Ezzell rf	4	1	1	Schnute cf	4	2	1
Hardesty lf	4	0	1	Grubb rf	5	2	2
Semichik lb	2	0	1	Cash 3b	5	1	4
Shumaker cf	3	0	0	Cocks lf	5	1	2
Brandt c	3	0	0	Gromek ss	1	1	0
Pikula ph	1	0	0	Keith c	3	0	0
Mendes p	3	0	1	Kasimier lb	4	0	2
Alford pr	0	0	0	Ammann p	2	1	1
Anderson p	0	0	0	Porter ph	1	0	0
Peliksza ph	1	0	0	Scarce p	0	0	0
TOTALS	33	2	10	TOTALS	33	9	14
Jacksonville				001	100	000	2
Florida State				014	004	000	9

E — Gromek, Bell, Kasimier Marech:
Hardesty. PO-A-JU 24-10, FSU 27-9. OP
— JU 1, FSU 2. LOB — JU 7, FSU 8.
2B — Grubb, Ezzell. RBI — Bell,
Grubb 2, Cash 3, Cocks, Kasimier 2. SB —
Cash. S — Nichols.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Mendes (L, 12-3)	6	13	9	8	5	2
Anderson	2	1	0	0	0	1
Ammann (W, 9-0)	7	8	2	1	2	8
Scarce	2	2	0	0	0	5

HBP — by Ammann (Shumaker).
WP — Mendes, Scarce. T — 2:23. A —
1,300.