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AUBURN, Ala. — Florida State thought it was picking up where it left off Monday when it jumped on Auburn for two first inning runs Tuesday afternoon, but the Tigers needed only two pitches to let the Tribe know this game would be different.

Instead of a fine pitching duel, yesterday's game became a 26-hit, 13-run slugfest which the Seminoles finally captured 7-6.

The victory was the 40th of the year for the Tribe, establishing a new school record in that department. The old mark was 39 set in 1966. FSU's record now is 40-6-1.

The first two men went out quickly enough for the Seminoles, but a pair of singles and a walk then loaded the bases. Greg Gromek beat out an infield hit to score John Grubb, and Tom Porter was hit by a pitch forcing in the second run.

FSU hurler Carl Gromek stepped to the mound with a two-run cushion, but Auburn's Pete Rancont slapped Gromek's first delivery into center for a base hit. Tiger

rightfielder Ken Dempsey rapped the Seminole senior's next delivery over the rightfield fence to tie things up.

The Seminoles scored three more time in the second and third while the Tigers tallied

once as Gromek took a 5-2 lead into the fifth.

Singles by Larry Cocks, Greg Gromek and a double by Tom Porter plated FSU's sixth run.

The Tiger's Dempsey led off the home half of the fifth with his second home run of the day, and a single and Andy Merchant's double brought the Tigers to within one run.

The run that proved to be the winner for the Seminoles came in the sixth on a double by Dick Nichols and pinch-hitter John Keith's single.

Righthander Tom Henson who relieved Gromek after Merchant's fifth inning double was credited with the win — his third of the year.

Porter with three hits in as many official plate appearances led the Tribe attack with Greg Gromek who went four-for-five. Porter also drove in three runs.

The Seminoles, anticipating next week's trip to the NCAA District 3 tournament in Gastonia, N.C., will not be looking quite that far ahead as the wind up the regular season with a three-game set against arch-rival here Friday and Saturday.

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	ab r h		ab r h
Nichols 2b	5 1 1	Rancant ss	4 1 2
Schnute cf	4 1 0	Dempsey rf	4 2 2
Grubb, rf	4 1 2	Walker 2b	3 2 1
Saferight c	3 1 2	Merchant c	5 0 1
Kelth c-ph	2 0 1	Collins lf	4 0 0
Cocks	4 1 1	Martin 1b	5 0 1
Gromek ss	5 1 4	Haefner cf	5 0 1
Porter 3b	3 0 3	Hall 3b	2 0 0
Kasimier 1b	2 1 1	Nance ph	0 0 0
Scheller ph-1b	3 0 1	Kain p	2 1 1
C. Gromek p	3 0 0	Jones p	0 0 0
Henson p	1 0 0	Baker ph	1 0 1
Scarce p	0 0 0	Halsey, pr	0 0 0
TOTALS	39 7 16	Lazenby p	0 0 0
		Blodgett ph	1 0 0
		Wheeler p	0 0 0
		TOTALS	34 6 10

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E—Dempsey, Walker, Porter, Schnute, Gromek (2). PO—A—FSU-27-14, A—27-14. DP—FSU-3, A—3. RBI—Gromek, Porter (3), Dempsey (3), Merchant, Kelth, Saferight, Nance, Walker. LOB—FSU-10, A—10.

2B—Porter, Merchant, Nichols, Baker. 3B—Gromek. HR—Dempsey (2). SF—Walker.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Gromek	4	7	5	4	3	2
Henson (W, 3-0)	3	3	1	0	1	3
Scarce	2	0	0	0	2	2
Kain (L, 1-2)	4	11	6	5	2	1
Jones	2	2	1	1	0	1
Lazenby	1	1	0	0	1	0
Wheeler	1	2	0	0	0	1

HBP — By Kain (Porter) By Wheeler (Grubb). WP — Scarce. T — 2:40. A — 450.