

FSU Edges Virginia 8-6 For First Night Victory

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Standing in the darkness of Seminole Field late last night, Coach Jack Stallings, in a left handed way, very well may have hit upon what has been so puzzling about his Florida State University baseball team of late.

"After the first inning," he offered, "we kinda fell asleep."

Whatever, the Seminoles stayed awake long enough to hold off Virginia 8-6 and win their first night game in five attempts this season.

And, meanwhile, Virginia Coach Jim West hopes he has better luck picking out a starting pitcher for this afternoon's game at 3 o'clock.

He had to go to the bullpen twice last night before getting out of the first inning, and by then the Seminoles had scored seven runs on seven walks and three hits.

After that little righthander Mike Judkins allowed the Seminoles only three more hits and a single run in the sixth.

Virginia starter John Cunningham, a lefthanded freshman, didn't retire any of the five men he faced, and, as a matter of fact, he didn't come close. He threw 25 pitches, only four of which were

strikes, in walking all five to give FSU a 2-0 lead.

His relief, lefty freshman Doug Heatwole, suffered a

slightly different fate with
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about the same results. Ken Doria greeted him with a two-run double and Dan Roatche followed with a run scoring single. Winning pitcher Marty Rice singled home another run before Roatche scored on a passed ball.

By then, Coach West had had enough and summoned for Judkins to face the 12th Seminole batter of the inning. He got a strike out and then tagged out Rice trying to score from third when a pitch rolled away from the catcher.

Judkins then rocked the Seminoles to sleep while his teammates pecked away for a pair of runs in each the third and fifth off Rice, who used the seven-run cushion and relief help to run his record to 8-0, and two more off reliefer Ed Frank in the eighth.

It wasn't necessary, as it turned out, but the Seminoles added a slight cushion on their own in the sixth on a walk, a single and an error.

Through it all, Coach Stallings, who admits to being "a little disappointed" with the team's play of late, saw some "encouraging things".

"Even though we didn't hit the ball that well," he pointed out, "we did have our heads up and did play aggressively, and we hadn't been doing that."

The Seminoles, now 20-6, had lost three in a row over the weekend with the grim prospects of facing Virginia twice before heading on a five-game road trip of considerable importance.

Stallings, however, feels with another win this afternoon, that his club will go to Valdosta, Jacksonville and Georgia Southern in a better frame of mind.

Stallings planned to send out Dave Fernald (4-2) this afternoon, then go with the rotation of Rick Colzie at Valdosta Thursday, Bill Fuller at Jacksonville Friday then come back with Rice against the Dolphins on Saturday.

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VIRGINIA	ab	r	h	FLA. STATE	ab	r	h
Marvin 2b	4	1	1	Williams lf-3b	3	1	1
Dan lf	4	1	0	Rosa 2b-ss	2	1	0
Hall ss	3	1	0	Nichols cf-2b	3	2	0
Shobra cf	4	1	2	Sikes 3b	4	1	1
Bratt rf	3	1	2	Banksston lf	0	0	0
Williams 3b	4	0	2	LiBrandt rf	2	1	0
White 1b	4	0	0	Doria 1b	4	1	2
Bracht c	3	0	0	Roatche c	3	1	1
Bernstein ph	1	0	0	Smith ss	2	0	0
Cunningham p	0	0	0	Snyder cf	1	0	0
Heatwole p	0	0	0	Rice p	3	0	1
Judkins p	2	1	0	Gailey ph	1	0	0
Williams ph	0	0	0	Frank p	0	0	0
				Scarce p	0	0	0

TOTALS 34 6 7 TOTALS 28 8 4

Virginia 002 020 020-4

Florida State 700 001 000-8

E—Hall 2, Shobra, Sikes, Roatche.

PO-A—Virginia 24-9, FSU 27-13. DP—

Virginia 1. RBI—Hall, Bratt 3, White,

Sikes, LiBrandt 2, Doria, Roatche, Rice.

LOB—Virginia 12 FSU 8. 2B—Williams,

Marvin, Doria.SB—Dan.

IP H R ER BB SO

Cunham (L,1-1) 0 0 5 5 5 0

Heatwole 1-3 3 2 2 2 0

Judkins 8 1-3 3 1 1 2 5

Rice (W,8-0) 7 5 4 2 7 8

Frank 2-3 2 2 2 2 1

Scarce 1 1-3 0 0 0 1 0

HBP—by Judkin (Rosa). WP—Heat-

wole. PB—Bracht. U—Wood, Mauck. T—

3:08. A—390.