

Seminoles 'Play Better' To Break 3-Game Skid

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STATESBORO, Ga. — Florida State baseball coach Jack Stallings said, "we played a little better" and that was a direct reference to a 7-3 victory over Georgia Southern here Sunday afternoon.

It snapped a three - game losing streak for the Seminoles with one game (this afternoon) left on a five-game road trip that had already been doomed a loser.

Stallings said he'd send out freshman righthander Ed Frank for his first pitching start of the season, and hope the team continued to show signs of returning to early season form.

The Seminoles, for the first time in sometime, played without an error, turned five double plays, bunched 12 hits for two big scoring innings and put their record a 22-9.

IN ALL, it was a pretty good birthday gift for Stallings.

John LiBrandi, Denny Williams and Dan Roatche carried the big sticks for the Seminoles, who got five hits in each of the third and fifth scoring innings.

In the third, Tom Rosa opened with a single, was pushed along to second on a walk to winning pitcher Dave Fernald and scored when Georgia Southern shortstop Steve Daniels booted the ball twice on a pickoff attempt. After kicking the throw from losing pitcher Ernie Venet into short left, he booted it again after running it down while Rosa raced home.

Williams then followed with a triple to score Fernald, and, in turn, scored on Rick Snyder's groundout.

The Seminoles scored four more in the fifth when the Georgia Southern rightfielder Jorge Mangasle lost two straight fly balls in the sun to let them drop for singles in aiding the uprising.

LiBrandi drove in both of them with a triple and scored on Herb Sikes' single. Roatche drove in Sikes with his second hit of the day.

Georgia Southern, now 19-9

on the season after losing for the sixth time in their last eight games, got one run over in the third when Larry Kirkland doubled, moved to second on a groundout and scored on a wild pitch by Fernald.

Seminole relief pitcher Randy Guemple walked three, one with the bases loaded, as Georgia Southern scored two in the sixth. The second run came while the Seminoles

turned one of their five double plays.

The other twin killings came in the first, second, fifth and seventh innings, and the Seminoles need tight relief pitching from Mike Scarce in the ninth to salt the victory away. He came on after a walk and single got Guemple in trouble again. He got a strikeout and forced the other two to hit the ball into routine groundouts.

Fla. State		Ga. Southern	
ab r h			ab r h
Williams 2b	5 2 2	Kirkland cf	4 1 3
Snyder cf	5 1 1	Perez 2b	4 0 0
LiBrandi rf	5 1 3	Tamargo c	4 0 1
Sikes 1b	4 1 1	DeArmas 1b	3 1 0
Nichols lf	1 0 0	Mangasie rf	3 1 0
Gailey lf	3 0 1	Wilkes lf	2 0 1
Doria 1b	1 0 0	Amann 2b	2 0 1
Roatche c	4 0 2	Daniel ss	3 0 0
Rosa 2b	3 1 1	Nenet p	1 0 0
Smith ss	4 0 0	G. WILL P.H.	1/3 ? ?
Fernald p	1 1 1	Sapp p	0 0 0
Bankston pf	1 0 0	Bigwood ph	1 0 0
Guemple p	1 0 0	Johnson p	0 0 0
Scarce p	0 0 0	Moning ph	1 0 1
TOTALS	38 7 12	TOTALS	29 3 7

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Georgia So. 001 002 000—3
E — Daniels 2, DP — FSU 5, Ga.
Southern 1, LOB — FSU 6, Ga. So. 9, 2B
Kirkland, Roatche. 3b — Williams, Li-
Brandi — RBI — D. Williams 1, Snyder
1, LiBrandi 2, Sikes 1, Roatche 1,
Amann 1, SB — Synder.

	UP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fernald (W 5-2)	5	3	2	2	4	0
Guemple	3	3	2	2	4	2
Scarce	1	0	0	0	1	1
Venet (L 2-2)	5	9	7	7	3	2
Sapp	1	1	0	0	0	0
Johnson	3	2	0	0	0	5

HBP (By Fernald) Kirkland (by
Guemple) Wilkes. WP — Fernald 1, T
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