

Seminoles Stumble To a 12-10 Victory

For four innings Friday night it looked like the Seminoles of old, but alas it was only a mirage and before the night was over it was evident the same Florida State team of late was still stumbling around Seminole Field.

The Tribe defeated St. Leo 12-10 but almost blew an 11-0 lead in the process. The scrappy Monarch's will try the Seminoles again this afternoon at 1:30.

"I thought for awhile we had gotten back on the right track," said bewildered FSU Coach Jack Stallings. "We were making the plays, had been getting a good pitching performance and were hitting the ball well. Then . . ."

The "then" was a near disastrous fifth inning that put St. Leo right back in the game.

Marty Rice, who was credited with his ninth win in 10 decisions was breezing along with a three hitter going into the inning, but suddenly hit a wild streak.

Before the inning was over he had given up five bases - on - balls, three hits and, with the help of an error, six runs. A two-run single by St. Leo third - baseman Bobby Delgado was the "big hit" of the frame.

Up to that point the contest was all Florida State.

The Seminoles erupted for six runs in the first as Monarch starter Denny Harrigan had some control problems of

his own.

Denny Williams led off with a single and a pair of walks followed to load the bases. An error kept the bases loaded as the game's first run scored and Randy Gailey drew a walk forcing in the second tally.

Jeff Bankston's sacrifice fly plated run No. three and Gary Huff drew a pass to load the sacks again. Rice soon cleared them, however, with a three-run double.

The Seminoles added a pair in the second on a walk, singles by John LiBrandi and Gailey and another St. Leo error.

Two walks and a single

loaded the bases in the third before Tim Sherrill lofted a sacrifice fly for the Seminoles ninth run.

In the fourth singles by Gailey and Huff and a pair of errors resulted in two more runs as the FSU lead jumped to 11-0.

But the bottom fell out on Rice in the fifth and it was a struggle from there on out as again the Seminole bullpen could not come up with the stopper.

Rice survived the fifth and put the Monarch's down in order in the sixth, but left the game after giving up a single and a walk in the seventh.

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The Seminoles got that one back in the bottom of the seventh when pinch hitter Herb Sikes was safe on a two-base error. Rick Colzie, running for Sikes, went to third on a sacrifice by Williams and scored on an infield grounder off the bat of Tom Rosa.

The run turned out to be a big one as the Monarch's scored three times in the eighth with a big assist from the usually sure-fielding Williams who had two careers.

St. Leo threatened again in the ninth, getting a leadoff single, but Mike Scarce let the runner advance no farther than first and registered his seventh save of the season.

St. Leo	ab	r	h	FSU	ab	r	h
Mariucci cf	5	0	0	Williams 3b	4	1	3
Blessing lf	4	2	0	Rosa 2b	3	1	0
Teele lb	5	1	1	Sherrill lb	3	1	0
Del Papa rf	4	3	3	LiBrandi rf	5	2	2
Leitzell 2b	4	1	0	Galley lf	4	2	2
Sallinger c	4	1	1	Roatche c	5	1	0
Delgado 3b	4	0	1	Bankston cf	4	0	0
Pardalis ss	0	0	0	Huff ss	2	3	1
Tobias ss	2	1	1	Rice p	3	0	1
Harrigan p	1	0	0	Guemple p	0	0	0
Evans p	2	1	1	Sikes ph	1	0	0
Bucci ph	1	0	1	Colzie pr	0	1	0
Boyd pr	0	0	0	Scarce p	0	0	0

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E—Blessing, Delgado, Pardalis 2, Tobias 2, Williams 2, Rosa, Bankston. LOB St. Leo 11, FSU 7.

2B—Rice. RBI—LiBrandi, Galley 2, Bankston, Rice 3, Sherrill, Delgado 2, Tobias, Teele, DelPapa 2, Rosa. S—Williams. SF—Sherrill, Bankston.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Harrigan (L,3-6)	2	4	9	4	6	1
Evans	6	5	3	0	1	3
Rice (W,9-1)	6 1-3	7	7	6	8	3
Guemple	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
Scarce	2	2	3	1	2	2

WP—Rice. PB—Sallinger. U—Wood, Hopkins. T—2:57. A—1,000.