

Wham! Seminoles Rap St. Leo 15-1

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Florida State, without a star with which to hitch its wagon, locked onto the wind Saturday afternoon and rode to a 15-1 victory over St. Leo at Seminole Field.

In the process, a number of once budding stars reemerged, all to the delight of Coach Jack Stallings, who was smiling for the first time in weeks.

"We kept playing," he said. "This is the first time in a long time that we got an early lead and kept right on playing . . . We didn't fall asleep."

The Seminoles, hiking their record to 25-10, played the game much the way they did in the early part of the season when they won their first 12 games.

"We had good pitching, good defense and good hitting," Stallings said in summing up the game about as quickly and as accurately as humanly possible.

The Seminoles made only two fielding errors — none mentally for a change — rapped 18 hits off three St. Leo pitchers and got the first route-going pitching performance in almost two weeks.

Bill Fuller, the only lefty on the Tribe staff, scattered five hits, but lost his shutout with the first one when Danny Blessing got a routine fly ball up in the breeze that took it out of the park for a home run in the first inning.

But, it was only a preview of things to come. Before the af-

ternoon was over, Tim Sherrill, Dan Roatche, Dave Nichols and John LiBrandt hit homers for the Seminoles. Ken Doria smacked a pair of doubles, Denny Williams cracked a triple and Tom Rosa rapped three sharp singles.

It was by far the best hitting day since the Tribe went into a tailspin that saw them lose four out of five on a recent road trip. Back home now, FSU has won three in a row while scoring 40 runs.

FSU next plays Florida A&M Wednesday night at Seminole Field.

After spotting St. Leo the 1-0 lead in the top of the first, the Seminoles came back on Sherrill's three run homer that rode the wind out to score Rosa and Randy Gailey, both of whom had singled.

The Seminoles went on to score in every inning except the second and there was an excuse for that. With two out, Fuller singled to right, moved to second when Williams walked and could have scored on Rosa's single, but was held at third in a move to keep the pitcher from winding himself on a sprint for home.

Roatche, wind or no wind, lashed his two-run homer in the fourth. It touched down somewhere near the mound on the Seminoles' practice field just beyond the leftfield fence. It travelled some 415 feet.

Nichols lashed his two-run homer in the fifth. It didn't need the aid of the wind either. It was his sixth of the season.

LiBrandi, the last starter to get a hit, ripped his homer 350 feet to right-center in the seventh.

Fuller was a master most of the way on the mound. He allowed only one base runner to third after the first inning home run by Blessing.

ST. LEO				FLORIDA STATE			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Del Papa rf	4	0	0	Williams	5	1	1
Blessing lf-cf	4	1	2	Rosa ss	5	2	3
Teale lb	5	0	0	Smith ss	1	0	1
Leitzell 2b	3	0	0	Nichols 2b	5	1	2
Sellings c	2	0	1	LiBrandi cf	5	2	1
Bucci c	2	0	0	Galley lf	4	1	2
Delgado 3b	3	0	0	Bankston lf	0	0	0
Pardalis ss	4	0	2	Sherrill lb	4	3	2
Tobias pr	0	0	0	Snyder rf	0	0	0
Marivcci cf	2	0	0	Roatche c	4	1	1
Connolly lf	1	0	0	Colzie pr	0	1	0
Vick p	1	0	0	Cone c	0	0	0
Boyd ph	1	0	0	Doria rf-lb	4	3	3
Farmer p	1	0	0	Fuller p	4	0	2
Honulik p	1	0	0				

Totals 34 1 5 Total 41 15 18

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E — Marivcci, Williams, Sherrill, DP
St. Leo 1, FSU 1, LOB — St. Leo 5, FSU
9, RBI — Blessing, Williams, Rosa, Nichols 2, LiBrandi, Galley, Sherrill 3, Roatche 2, Fuller 2, 2b — Doria 2, 3b — Williams, Home runs — Blessing, Sherrill, Roatche, Nichols, LiBrandi.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Vick (L, 7-3)	4	10	8	8	3	2
Farmer	3	6	5	4	2	1
Honulik	1	2	2	2	1	0
Fuller (W, 5-3)	9	5	1	1	3	8

WP — Vick, U — Martin, Wood, T — 2:14, Att. — 400.