

# Seminoles Fall Again

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Coach Eddie Stanky's South Alabama baseball team dredged up some memories here this weekend for Florida State Coach Jack Stallings.

But, if it's all the same, Stallings said he could do without such graphic reminders.

Stanky's Jaguars made very few mistakes, none of which were unforgivable, and whacked Stallings' Seminoles 6-4 yesterday to complete a three-game sweep here.

"One of our players in the dugout may have summed it up best," Stallings said. "He commented about the third or fourth innings that they (South Alabama) 'play this game like we did three years ago.' And that's about right."

Three years ago, of course, the Seminoles were national runnersup at Omaha, and, of course, right now the Jaguars

nearly the most impressive thing about Stanky's club.

It was more of a case of how the Jags went about it — aggressively.

"It's a good solid ball club," Stanky said. "We make all the routine plays."

Stallings said the same thing, and added "that's the name of the game."

With that combination, the Jaguars went home with a 27-2 record and left the Seminoles flopping around with a 26-13 mark.

Furthermore, it left South Alabama at the top of the class in the scramble for an at-large berth in the NCAA District tournament late next month.

"There's still time for us to do something," said Stallings. "and we'll get the opportunities."

The Seminoles have 13 games left with challenging independents from the area.

are the South's top contender this year's College World Series.

Coming here ranked No. 1 in the country, the Jaguars did absolutely nothing to damage that image.

In 33 innings, they scored 20 runs on 27 hits. But that wasn't

including three at South Alabama next month.

The Jaguars showed their supremacy yesterday by taking advantage of every Seminole mistake.

"We played a little better today and didn't make as many mistakes," Stallings said, "but it was still too many to make against a ball club like this and survive."

Mistakes led directly to a pair of South Alabama runs the exact victory margin. One came in the fourth inning when Catcher Dan Roatche dropped the ball after tagging out tiring and lumbering winning pitcher Stan Batkus, who was trying to score from first on Al Ryan's double.

"That one really hurt," said Stallings. "It's a lot different being behind 3-1 instead of 2-1 at that point in the game."

Mistakes also made it a little different in the ninth for the Seminoles, who had battled back to within one run an inning earlier but had to go to bat trailing by two in the bottom of the ninth.

A walk with two out, a stolen base and a wild pitch set up Ernie Rosseau at third, from where he scored on Gary Conley's infield single eighth infield hit of the series for the Jags to give the visitors a two-run lead and force the Seminoles to approach their half of the inning in a different manner.

However, after the teams traded first-inning runs, the Jags when ahead 5-1 with single runs in the third and fourth, and on Steve Gaskins' two-run homer in the sixth.

Gaskin hit the home run after fouling off two straight pitches trying to lay down a sacrifice bunt.

Later, Gaskin, trying a squeeze bunt, popped back to the pitcher and into an inning-ending double play.

With that kind of help and the stinging bat of Randy Gailey, the Seminoles did get back into the game to their ever lasting credit.

Gailey, in four trips, ripped

four of the Seminoles' seven hits and drove in three of the four runs with his three singles and a double high off the centerfield fence.

A home run would have tied the game 5-5 in the seventh and would have, for the first time in the series, put some sort of pressure on the Jaguars.

But, as it was, Stanky's crew swept right on through the series with the ease of an intra-squad game.

S. ALABAMA		FLA. STATE	
	ab r h		ab r h
Ryan 2b	5 1 2	Williams 3b	4 1 0
Fosseau lf	3 1 0	Rosa ss	5 0 1
Conley cf	5 1 3	Smith pr-ss	0 0 0
Crdwder 1b	4 0 0	Nichols 2b	4 1 0
Whitehead c	4 0 1	BiBrandi cf	2 2 0
Summers rf	4 0 0	Gailey lf	4 0 0
Warren or	0 0 0	Bankston pr	0 0 0
Phillips 3b	3 1 1	Snyder rf	3 0 1
Gaskins ss	3 1 1	Sherrill ph-1b	1 0 0
Bufkus p	3 1 0	Roatche c	4 0 0
Aubel p	0 0 0	Doria 1b-rf	4 0 1
Powell p	0 0 0	Rice p	2 0 0
Tice p	1 0 0	Sikes ph	0 0 0
Totals	35 6 8	Carroll pr	0 0 0
		Gueple p	0 0 0
		Colzie ph	1 0 0
		Scarce p	0 0 0
		Totals	34 4 7
South Alabama		101	102 001-4
Florida State		100	002 100-4
E—Rosa 2, Sherrill, Roatche, Guemple. DP—Florida State 2, LOB—South Alabama 7, Florida State 12, 2B—Ryan, Phillips, Gailey, HR—Gaskin, RBI—Conley 1, Crowder 1, Whitehead 1, Gaskins 2, Gailey 3, Snyder 1, SB—Rosseau, SF—Crowder.			
	IP	H	R ER BB SO
Bufkus (W, 7-0)	5	5	3 3 4 1
Aubel	12-3	1	1 1 2 2
Powell	0	0	0 0 0 0
Tice	2 1-3	1	0 0 2 1
Rice (L, 10-2)	6	7	5 4 3 2
Guemple	2	0	0 0 0 0
Scarce	1	1	1 1 1 1
HBP — by Powell (Sherrill), WP — Aubel, Rice, Scarce.			
U — Mauch, Wood, T — 2:21, A — 500			