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Tribe Coach Beams Twin Killing Done in Style

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Florida State's baseball team didn't trip over any bats yesterday.

Neither did anyone slip in the shower.

It was enough to make Coach Jack Stallings beam, and he did.

The Seminoles destroyed Chicago State twice -12.0 and 11.2 - to complete athree-game sweep of the winless Colonels (0-8) and boast their record to 29-13.

Forget the one-sided scores. Even forget the caliber of competition.

"It doesn't make any difference if its Mrs. Smith's third grade or somebody like South Alabama," Stallings analyzed.

''The pleasing thing about these two games today was that we didn't do anything to beat ourselves. And, we haven't always played that way this year." STALLINGS: among other things, was saying the Seminoles, more often than not, have been their own worst enemy this season.

Now, hopefully, all that's behind them. At any rate Stallings was so heartened by yesterday's twin sweep that he says he can now look at the next two weeks' schedule and not shutter.

However, he says he only has his pitching rotation figured out through this weekends' series with Georgia Tech.

He'll plan later for Jacksonville, Miami and Georgia Southern, the three southern independent powers who'll visit within the next two weeks.

For the moment, Stallings was more in the mood for basking in the bless of the doubleheader sweep.

Pitching, as much as anything, pleased him most.

DAVE PRICE and Dave Fernald were the main architects of the sweep, while the stick work was timely enough, if not right down overpowering, to allow Stallings to go to the bullpen out of choice rather than necessity in search of warm bodies for the future.

He may have found one in Rick Colzie, who worked the last two innings of the afternoon shutout with Price. "Two good innings," Stall-

"Two good innings," Stallings said. "He looked like he supposed to look ... what we thought he could go all along."

Colzie did g i v e up one of three hits in the afternoon while registering three of the 13 strikeouts.

Then on the heels of that,

Fernald stepped in and whiffed 12 in eight night-time innings while Mike Scarce came on for a little work in the ninth and whiffed another.

All totaled the four pitchers gave up only 10 hits, two runs and struckout 26 in the two games.

And, they had to contend with only two errors, one of which was committed by Fernald. There was, however, one mental error but it was overlooked by everyone but Tom Rosa, who lost a base hit because the late starting Gary Huff was forced at second on a throw from the leftfielder.

Huff, who was celebrating his 21st birthday anniversity, had singled in the eighth and was totally embarrassed by the whole situation.

Meanwhile, the Seminole bats pounded 21 hits, and bunched most of them for big innings in scoring the 23 runs.

And, in a complete reversal of the day before when they scored seven in the first two innings and coasted to a 10-5 win, the Seminoles kept their mind and pressure switched on in the late innings. As a matter of fact, 14 of the runs came in the last three innings after being blanked over the corresponding innings the day before.

Among the standouts with the bat was Herb Sikes, who has had his share of trouble this season. He drove in six of the day's runs while going five for seven at the plate.

Denny Williams and Rick Snyder, who is still having his hardest hit balls caught, collected two hits in each game, while Dan Roatche hit his second home run in two days and his sixth of the season.

"I just hope we can carry this on into the series with Georgia Tech this weekend," Stallings added.

He'll go with righthander Marty Rice in Saturday's 5 o'clock game and lefty Bill Fuller in Sunday's 1:30 contest.

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