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Tribe Wins Again _{Yellow Jackets}

Are 8-3 Victim

Florida State Head Coach Jack Stallings got two good nights' sleep this weekend and his Seminole baseball team picked up a little momentum for its stretch drive to a hoped-for bid to the NCAA District III tournament.

"That was the best night's sleep I have had in some time," said Stallings prior to Sunday's meeting with Georgia Tech at Seminole Field. "I got home Saturday night and slept like a baby." Stallings undoubtedly got a

Stallings undoubtedly got a second good night's rest Sunday as his Seminoles followed Saturday's 4-2 win over the Yellow Jackets with an 8-3 victory over the same club.

"Things were getting sticky for a while there and I wasn't always getting a good night's rest," said the Tribe coach referring to the Seminoles' April slump. "But now we're looking more like the club we thought we were."

If indeed the Tribe has finally righted itself after several ups and downs, the untracking could not have come at a more opportune time, as the weekend just past marks the start of the final two weeks before the District III selection committee will gather to thrash out who will represent the at-large teams in the Gastonia, N.C. tournament.

tonia, N.C. tournament. It is a "make or break" period for the "Fribe which, in addition to the series with Tech will meet Jacksonville twice, Georgia Southern three times and South Alabama three times. All are strong contenders.

The Seminoles, now 31-13 for the year, got started in fine fashion with the sweep of the Tech series. "It was not only the fact that we won two games." said Stallings, "but also that we played good ball doing it.

"We weren't falling asleep out there. Everyone was doing his job. making the plays and

we were putting pressure on the other guy instead of ourselves."

There were plenty of examples of that Sunday as the Tribe led, 2-0, then 6-0 before settling for the final 8-3 margin.

Third baseman Denny Williams got FSU off on the right foot with a two-run double in the third. A walk to Dan Roatche anss single by Dave Nichols set the stage for Williams' slicing linedrive into the rightfield corner.

Although the Seminoles got only six hits. they used them well, bunching them and combining them with walks and daring base running the entire afternoon.

In the fifth, singles by Nichols and pitcher Bill Fuller and a walk to Williams loaded the bases. Tom Rosa singled one run home, then with two o u t s. Herb Sikes walked to force the second score across the plate.

That was all for Tech starter

Mike Sorrow, who suffered his third loss of the year. Bill Pridgen came on in relief and was startled to find Williams breaking for home with the wind up.

All three runners were going with the pitch and Pridgen's hurried delivery bounced off the plate to the backstop allowing Rosa to score behind Williams.

That proved to be all the runs the Seminoles needed as Fuller turned in a strong performance before tiring in the eighth.

After Fuller gave up three hits that left one run in and men at first and third, Stallings elected to go to his bullpen. Randy Guemple came on, gave up a sacrifice fly, but got out of the inning with no more damage.

The Seminoles got both runs back in the bottom of the inning on five walks and an infield out. Mike Scarce worked the ninth, giving up Tech's final run.

FSU had an off day today before getting back into action Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon at Florida A&M. Thursday and Friday night Jacksonville will be in town followed by a three-game weekend series against Georgia Southern.

Stallings announced he will send Dave Fernald and Dave Price against FAMU, with Marty Rice and Fuller scheduled to work the JU series.

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