

Tribe Clips A&M 13-7

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"Big games" come dime-a-dozen for Florida State's baseball team these days, and that's the way Coach Jack Stallings likes 'em, he says.

"It was a big game yesterday, a big game today and it's going to be a big game tomorrow," he declared following yesterday's 13-7 win at Florida A&M. "They're all big and that's the way it should be."

That was Stallings' way of putting tonight's first of a two-game series with Jacksonville University into proper perspective.

"We're going to take batting practice, infield and go out and play," Stallings added in his usual workman like approach to tonight's 7:30 game at Seminole Field.

And, as an after thought: "hope we play well."

The Seminoles "played well" most of the time yesterday and well enough the rest of the time in hiking their record to 33-13.

They rapped three A&M pitchers around for 13 hits — most of them timely — got

some alert defense at times and enough clutch pitching to appear ready for what ever may come their way in the next two weeks — which is plenty. JU, Georgia Southern, Miami, South Alabama and Auburn just to name the biggies.

Otherwise, yesterday's game was pretty much what has come to be expected when the two city schools get together.

Specifically, there were eight

errors and 21 walks in the game that lasted three hours and 27 minutes.

The errors were split — four to a side. However, two FSU pitchers outdid three A&M hurlers, 12 walks to nine.

Scoring was accomplished, once again, in about every way imaginable — from double steals to bases loaded walks. Rallies were abruptly halted in much the same manner — from stumbling base running

to strikeouts.

Fickle fate didn't seem to favor either side.

Appropriately the game opened with a walk.

Denny Williams, the FSU third baseman who was later to deliver two key hits, drew the honor and scored the first run on a bases-loaded single by Herb Sikes.

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But, to make a long story short, the Seminoles scored four times in the first inning, then didn't do much of anything until A&M nearly caught up at 6-5 in the fifth inning.

Then, Williams singled home a run in the sixth and scored another on the second of Tom Rosa's three hits as the Seminoles got untracked somewhat, even though they didn't show it until they picked on A&M relief pitching for five runs in the last two innings.

When the dust had settled and the last man had walked, Rick Colzie picked up the pitching win in relief of Dave Price. It was Colzie's second victory in seven decisions, and only time and a seven-run lead

could have withstood his last inning control problem.

With two out, accomplished rather routinely to give him nine retirees in a row, he promptly lost his direction finder and walked the bases loaded. For good measure, he walked another and A&M had what would have been compa-

rable to an extra point in football.

In addition to Rosa's three hits, Sikes, Williams and Ken Doria had two each and John LiBrandi, Ken Doria and Williams unloaded triples.

On the A&M side, Ronald McCue drove in three runs and William Franklin a pair. And, of all things, Dave Robinson struckout three times.

The loss was pinned on righthander Al Nicholson, who has been able to beat everyone but the Seminoles this season. All three of his defeats have been inflicted by the Tribe, who won the season series 4-0.

It'll be righthander Marty Rice tonight against JU (32-6) and Bill Fuller tomorrow night.

FLA STATE		FLORIDA A&M	
	ab r h		ab r h
Williams 3b	5 2 2	McCue rf	5 0 1
Rosa ss	6 1 3	Bell 1b	4 1 1
LiBrandi cf	3 2 1	Evans lf	1 1 1
Sikes 1b	5 1 2	Ingrham pr	0 0 0
Gailey lf	4 0 0	Sharp lf	0 0 0
Banks 1b	0 1 0	Robinson cf	4 0 1
Sherrill c	4 2 1	Barron c	5 1 1
Nichols 2b	4 1 1	Aaron 2b	4 0 1
Doria rf	5 2 2	Strong ss	4 2 1
Snyder rf	0 0 0	Franklin 3b	1 2 0
Price p	2 0 0	Brunson 3b	1 0 0
Colzie p	2 1 1	Nicholson p	4 0 0
Totals	40 13 13	Gable p	0 0 0
		Holt p	0 0 0
		Collier ph	0 0 0
		Totals	35 7 7

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E — Rosa 2, Gailey, Price, Strong 2, McCue, Nicholson. DP — FSU 1, LOB — FSU 9, A&M 13. RBI — Williams 2, Rosa 2, Sikes 3, Nichols 1, Doria 1, McCue 3, Robinson 1, Franklin 2. 2b — Sherrill, 3b — LiBrandi, Williams, Nichols, Bell. SB — LiBrandi, Sikes, Doria, Bell.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Price	4 1-3	3	5	3	6	6
Colzie (W, 2-3)	4 2-3	4	2	2	6	2
Nicholson (L, 5-3)	7	8	9	8	8	5
Gable	1 1-3	4	4	2	1	0
Holt	2-3	1	0	0	0	0

HBP — by Price (Evans 2), Balks — Price, Nicholson. WP — Nicholson. PB — Sherrill, Barron. T — 3:27. A — 300 (est).