

FSU 'Puts it Together' For Split With Eagles

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Working on the theory it's never too late to save face, the Florida State Seminoles "put it all together" Saturday night and gained a doubleheader split with Georgia Southern at Seminole Field.

Embarrassed by shabby fielding and silent bats in a 4-3 afternoon loss, Coach Jack Stallings' crew rallied behind the fine pitching of Dave Fernald to win the night game 5-2 with near flawless play.

The rubber match of the three-game series comes up this afternoon with Rick Colzie scheduled to pitch the 1:30 contest against the Eagles.

Fernald scattered seven hits in hiking his record to 8-3, suffering only one bad inning when the Eagles ruined his shutout with two runs in the sixth.

Dave Price, who pitched nearly as well in the afternoon, suffered a different fate when the Seminoles played poorly. Price was also stuck with a game winning home run off the bat of Eagle catcher John Tamargo.

The Seminoles managed only six hits off two Southern pitchers in the afternoon, but unloaded for a dozen off Southern ace Tom Arden in the nightcap victory.

"That was better," Coach Jack Stallings smiled. "Fernald pitched a heck of a game, we swung the bats better and

got him some runs and we made the routine plays."

The snap back put the Seminoles' record at 35-15, while the loss dropped the Eagles to 27-14.

In the night game, the Seminoles scored a single run in the second when the Eagles' defense, sharp in the afternoon, committed two errors, the second one letting Dan Roatche streak home from third with the ice-breaker.

Roatche had singled, his first of three straight hits, took second when the leftfielder bobbled the ball, moved to third on a fielders' choice and scored on a throwing error by the Eagles' catcher.

The Seminoles actually cracked it open with a four-run explosion in the fifth on five singles, four of them in a row.

Roatche's two-run single was the big blow of the inning after Tom Rosa, Herb Sikes, Randy Gailey and John LiBrandi had drilled singles.

Meanwhile, Fernald had given up only two hits going into the sixth when the Eagles came alive to bunch four hits to ruin the shutout.

Shortstop Steve Daniel delivered the big blow, a two-run single.

In the afternoon game, Tamargo's homer produced the only earned run off Price who was the victim of a wierd second inning when the Eagles scored three times with the aid of two errors by second baseman Rosa and an assortment of other misplays.

"It was a game of routine plays and we didn't make them and they did," Stallings pointed out. "A lot of things happened in the game and

none of it was good."

The Eagles struck in the second with two out when Rosa's first error permitted Jim Wilkes to reach first. Daniel then lifted a fly ball to right which Rick Snyder misplayed, but recovered only to have the ball bounce off his diving glove for a double. Rosa's second error on Sapp's grounder let two runs in with Larry Kirkland's single producing another.

The Seminoles struck back an inning later for three runs on only one hit, a single by Denny Williams after Price had opened the inning with a walk. Rosa was hit by a pitch to load the bases and LiBrandi worked Sapp for another base on balls to force in the first run. Sikes' sacrifice fly scored the second and the third crossed when LiBrandi broke up a potential inning-ending double play with a hard slide at second.

All the offensive production after that was left up to Tamargo's home run, a 350-foot poke to right-center in the fifth.

The Seminoles missed two big opportunities, leaving the bases jammed in the seventh and ninth.

Sapp, who was lifted in the ninth after giving up a single and a walk, picked up his ninth victory without a defeat — thanks to Ernie Venet's clutch relief work. Venet got Rosa to a tap back to the mound and, after walking LiBrandi intentionally to load the bases, struck out Sikes in a tense finish.

"Sapp doesn't throw hard enough to break a pane of glass," acknowledged Southern Coach Ron Polk, "but he gives

you the good effort."

Price, who went the distance scattering 10 hits, watched hopelessly as his record dipped to 4-3 despite a fine performance.

"He deserved a better fate," Stallings said.

First Game					
Florida St.	ab	r	h	Ga. Southern	ab r h
Williams 3b	4	1	1	Kirkland cf	5 0 2
Rosa 2b	3	1	1	Perez 2b	5 0 0
LiBrandi cf	3	0	1	DeArmas 1b	4 0 1
Sikes 1b	4	0	0	Tamargo c	3 1 1
Gailey lf	4	0	0	Mangascler rf	4 0 2
Snyder rf	4	0	0	Ammann 3b	4 0 1
Sherrill c	4	0	1	Wilkes lf	4 1 0
Smith ss	2	0	0	Daniel ss	4 1 2
Nichols ph	1	0	1	Sapp p	3 1 1
Huff ss	1	0	0	Venet p	0 0 0
Price p	2	1	0		
Roatche ph	1	0	1		
Carroll pr	0	0	0		
Totals	33	3	6	Totals	36 4 10

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E—Daniel, Rosa 2. DP—FSU 1, LOB—Southern 7, FSU 10. 2B—Rosa, Daniel, Ammann. HR—Tamargo. RBI—Kirkland, Tamargo, LiBrandi, Sikes, Gailey. SF—Sikes.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sapp (W, 9-0)	8 1-3	6	3	3	2	4
Venet	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Price (L, 4-3)	9	10	4	1	1	4

WP—Price. HBP—by Sapp (Rosa). U—Hopkins, Martin. T—1:54. A—600.

Second Game					
Ga. Southern	ab	r	h	Florida State	ab r h
Kirkland cf	4	0	2	Williams 3b	5 0 0
Perez 2b	5	0	0	Rosa 2b	4 1 2
DeArmas 1b	4	0	0	Nichols pr-2b	0 0 0
Tamargo c	5	0	0	Snyder rf	5 0 2
Mangascler rf	3	1	2	Sikes 1b	4 1 2
Ammann 3b	2	1	1	Gailey lf	4 1 1
Wilkes lf	3	0	0	Carroll lf	0 0 0
Daniel ss	4	0	1	LiBrandi cf	4 1 2
Arden p	4	0	1	Roatche c	3 1 3
				Smith ss	4 0 0
				Fernald p	3 0 0

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E—Tomargo, Ammann, Wilkes, Daniel, Smith. DP—Southern 1. LOB—Southern 11, FSU 10. 2B—Ammann. RBI—Daniel 2, Roatche 2, LiBrandi 1. SB—Smith. WP—Fernald. HBP—by Fernald (Mangascler).

		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arden (L, 5-5)		8	12	5	4	2	7
Fernald (W, 8-3)	9	7	2	2	4	5	

T—2:21.
A—500

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