

FSU pitching shuts out 2

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Florida State's pitching staff, stunned by the loss of hurler Larry Jones, came through with flying colors Saturday shutting out a pair of opponents in a doubleheader at Seminole Field.

With Jones watching from the dugout — the result of a knee injury that has him sidelined for the year — the fourth-ranked Seminoles blanked Valdosta State 9-0 in the first game and then destroyed St. Leo 8-0 in the nightcap.

Florida State is scheduled to close out a two-game set with St. Leo this afternoon at 1:30 at Seminole Field.

Craig Eaton and Dan Owen, a pair of senior righthanders from Lake Worth, went a long way in easing Coach Woody Woodward's pain over Jones' loss by picking up their first victories of the year and never really being in any danger.

Eaton's performance was a rout-going job against Valdosta State, while Owen lasted seven and one-third innings before yielding to reliever Joe Nichols who finished the job against St. Leo.

The two shutouts, coupled with the second game of a doubleheader against Howard Thursday night, give the Seminole pitching corps 27 consecutive innings without giving up an earned run.

But more importantly, it pushes the Tribe's record to 14-2 on the season and gives Woodward a lot more confidence in the staff than he had 24 hours earlier.

But the Seminoles did it with the bats as well.

They did it early in each game at the plate and coasted the rest of the way.

Florida State hit Valdosta with a four-run first inning to get things started on the right foot. That inning was highlighted by a massive 445-foot home run to left-center by catcher Terry Kennedy.

The Seminoles gave Eaton some more insurance by scoring a pair in the fourth inning and two more in the sixth. One of the sixth-inning runs was a solo homer by first baseman Ben Curry.

Curry also had a big day at the plate, breaking out of an early-season slump and picking up five hits in six trips.

Five runs in the first inning got the Seminoles rolling in the second game and had Owen on easy street in no time. Florida State took advantage of three St. Leo errors in that inning and the Monarchs ended up committing six miscues on the night.

FSU 8 St. Leo 0

St. Leo	ab	r	h	Fia. State	ab	r	h
Blauch, rf	4	0	0	Bifano, 2b	5	1	1
Albanese, lf	4	0	2	Givens, ss	0	0	0
Carroll, cf	4	0	1	McArdle, lf	4	1	0
Bonfield, 1b	3	0	1	Cooper, lf	0	0	0
August, dh	4	0	1	Bonilla, 3b	4	2	0
Davett, 3b	2	0	1	Kennedy, rf	5	2	2
Bindorf, 3b	1	0	0	Hardy, ss	4	1	2
Piccoline, ss	4	0	0	G. Jones, ss	1	0	0
Wallace, c	4	0	0	Coulter, dh	3	1	0
Keelan, 2b	4	0	1	Lezcano, cf	2	0	0
Blazinski, ph	1	0	0	Curry, 1b	2	0	2
Corbett, p	0	0	0	Hicks, 1b	1	0	0
TOTAL	35	0	7	McGlone, c	4	0	2
				Owen, p	0	0	0
				Nichols, p	0	0	0
				TOTAL	35	8	9

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E—Carroll, Piccoline, 2, Wallace, Keelan, Corbett, Bifano 2, G. Jones, Bonilla, Givens. DP—FSU 2. LOB—St. L 8, FSU 8. RBI—Kennedy 2, Lezcano, Curry. 2B—Hardy. 3B—Kennedy. SB—Albanese, McArdle. SF—Lezcano.

IP H R ER BB SO
Corbett, L (2-2) 8 9 8 4 4 3
Owens, W (1-0) 7 1/3 7 0 0 2 7
Nichols 1 1/3 0 0 0 0 2

WP—Corbett, PB—Wallace HBP—by Corbett (Coulter), by Owen (Bonfield) T—2:11. U—Raven, Batts. A—673.

FSU 9 Valdosta St. 0

Valdosta	ab r h	Fla. St.	ab r h
Beale, lf	4 0 1	Bifano, 2b	4 1 1
DeMersseman, dh	4 0 1	G.Jones, 2b	0 0 0
		McArdle, lf,ct5	2 1
Viers, cf	4 0 1	Bonilla, 3b	4 1 2
Blizzard, 3b	3 0 1	Kennedy, c	4 1 2
Greenhalgh, 1b		Griffin, c	1 0 1
	4 0 0	Hardy, ss	4 1 1
Alford, rf	4 0 0	Givins, ss	1 0 0
Fite, 2b	4 0 1	Coulter, dh	2 0 0
Shuman, ss	3 0 0	Hicks, dh	1 0 0
Balboni, c	3 0 0	Lezcano, cf	4 1 3
Giddens, p	0 0 0	West, lf	0 0 0
Tyler, p	0 0 0	Curry, 1b	33 8 8
McLendon, p		McGlone, 1b	1 0 0
TOTALS		Huff, rf	3 1 1
		Cooper, rf	1 0 1
		Eaton, p	0 0 0
		TOTALS	38 9 15

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Fla. St. 400 202 01x-9

E - Balboni, Hardy, Tyler, G. Jones. DP - VSC 1. LOB - VSC 7, FSU 8. RBI - Bifano, Bonilla 3, Kennedy 2, Griffin, Lezcano, Curry. 2B - Bonilla, Griffin, Viers. HR - Kennedy (4), Curry (1). SB - McArdle, Hardy, DeMersseman.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Giddens, L (1-1)	3*	9	6	5	1	2
Tyler		4	4	2	2	1
McLendon		1	2	1	1	0
Eaton, W (1-0)		9	5	0	0	1

*Faced for men in 4th.

WP - Eaton. T - 2:15. U - Davis, Bats. A - 502.