

Stetson completes sweep of FSU 9-5

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DELAND — Florida State completed a horrendous road series with Stetson here Tuesday afternoon by dropping its second game in a row 9-5.

The Seminoles, who had an 11-game winning streak snapped by the Hatters on Monday night, were in the game early, but fell victim to a six-run seventh inning that closed the door.

The game was tied 1-1 going into that inning, but Stetson got to FSU starter Craig Eaton for the go-ahead run and then loaded the bases to bring on reliever Brooks Carey.

Stetson third baseman Jeff Barefoot unloaded on Carey immediately for a booming triple to left field that cleared the bases and put the Hatters in the driver's seat.

Designated hitter Stan Lewis promptly added insult to injury by hitting Carey's next pitch into left-center for a double that scored Barefoot with Stetson's sixth run and the fifth of the inning.

Joe Nichols soon became the third FSU pitcher of the inning when Carey protested a balk call by umpire Bob Wyche and was thrown out of the game. That balk brought home the Hatter's seventh run of the game.

Florida State managed to work its way back into striking distance with a four-run eighth of its own.

Guillermo Bonilla and Joe Hicks chased Stetson pitcher Jesse Wright, who picked up the victory, with run-scoring singles that cut the lead to 7-3.

First baseman Ben Curry then greeted reliever Jeff Bruggeman with a two-run, bad-hop single that bounded over the third baseman's head.

At that point, center fielder Carlos Lezcano was called out on strikes and became the second victim of Wyche's wrath as he was thrown out of the game for questioning the call. The Seminoles left the bases loaded in the eighth.

Two more Stetson runs in the last of the eighth provided the final margin. Both scored on an error by shortstop Jeff Hardy, his fourth in two days.

The Seminoles, now 22-4, were victimized here over the two days by noisy Hatter fans at Conrad Park and some "questionable umpiring."

After three Tribe pitchers had combined for a school-record 18 walks in Monday night's game, FSU Coach Woody Woodward was obviously upset at the number of close calls that went against the Seminoles and agreed that the boisterous fans hurt his club's performance.

"We really played sloppy under some very unfavorable conditions," he said after the Seminoles had committed six errors Monday. The shoddy play carried over, however, as Florida State made three more miscues on Tuesday.

The Seminoles continue the long road trip Thursday when they meet Columbus College at 3:30.

Stetson 9 FSU 5

Fla. State	ab r h	Stetson	ab r h
Bifano, 2b	3 0 1	Gray, 2b	4 2 0
McArdle, lf	3 1 1	Williams, lb	5 1 1
Huff, cf	1 0 0	Barefoot, 3b	4 1 1
Bonilla, 3b	5 1 1	Lewis, dh	3 1 1
Kennedy, rf	5 1 1	Girardeau, cf	5 0 1
Hurdy, ss	4 1 0	Sears, rf	3 0 1
Coulter, dh	0 0 0	Carl, c	4 1 2
Hicks, dh	3 1 2	L'gnskamp, lf	2 1 0
Lezcano, cf	4 0 0	Leisher, ss	4 2 1
McGlone, c	3 0 1	Bieri, p	0 0 0
Curry, lb	3 0 1	Wright, p	0 0 0
Jones, pr	0 0 0	Br'geman, p	0 0 0
Nichols, p	0 0 0		
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Eaton, p	0 0 0		
Carey, p	0 0 0		
TOTALS	34 5 8	TOTALS	34 9 8

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E—Hardy, Curry, Eaton. DP—Stetson 1. LOB—FSU 9, Stetson 8. RBI—Bonilla, Hicks, Curry 3, Barefoot 3 Girardeau. 2B—McArdle. 3B—Barefoot. 5—Gray. SB—Bifano, Hardy, Gray, Williams, Carl 2, Leisher 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Eaton, L(2-1)	6	5	5	4	4	3
Carey	2 1/2	3	1	1	0	1
Nichols	1 1/2	0	1	0	1	0
Nicholas	1	0	1	0	2	1
Bieri	3	0	1	1	5	3
Wright, W(2-1)	4 1/2	6	4	2	1	3
Br'geman	1 1/2	2	0	0	1	2

WP—Wright 2, Eaton BALK—Carey. U—Wyche, Robinson. T—3:07. ATT—300.