

# FSU back home after loss to JU

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JACKSONVILLE — Florida State's baseball team ended one of its most disastrous road trips in a long while with a 6-2 loss to Jacksonville University here Friday afternoon.

After dropping four games on the seven-game trip, FSU comes home to the friendly confines of Seminole Field this afternoon for a doubleheader with Mercer beginning at 1:30. The action leads off a seven-game homestand in five days for the Seminoles, now 24-6 on the season.

"We had opportunities to get on top early," said Seminole coach Woody Woodward, "but let him (JU pitcher Stan Braithwaite) off the hook."

The Seminoles were also hurt by three crucial close calls on the base paths. In the third inning, with Jacksonville on top 2-0, Rick McGlone was called out at the plate trying to score from second on Jim McArdle's single to left.

Then in the fourth, Joe Hicks led off the inning with a double. But when Jeff Hardy lifted a fly ball to deep center and Hicks tagged and moved to third, he was called out on an appeal play for not staying at second until the ball was caught.

The most damaging call came in the FSU seventh. After a walk and two singles loaded the bases with no one out, McGlone walked, forcing in Hardy. Braithwaite then unleashed a wild pitch that struck a backstop support pole and kicked right back to catcher Tom Simmons.

Simmons relayed the ball to Braithwaite, and Carlos Lezcano was called out on a bang-bang play at the plate.

After Bifano flied to right to score David Cooper, McArdle hit a ball to deep center that Pee-wee Buscher made a leaping catch of for the final out of the inning.

Craig Eaton suffered his second loss of the season in four decisions, lasting six and one-third innings and being roughed up for all six JU runs on 11 hits.

Braithwaite went the distance for Jacksonville, growing stronger in the middle innings. After a shaky start, he limited the Seminoles to seven hits.

He is now 5-1 on the season, while the Dolphins stand at 30-5. Florida State does hold the edge for the season series, winning the first three meetings between the two clubs going into Friday's game.

## JU 6 FSU 2

FSU	ab r h	JU	ab r h
Bifano, 2b	3 0 0	Suriano, 2b	4 0 1
McArdle, lf	4 0 1	Giapponi, rf	3 1 1
Bonilla, 3b	4 0 0	Chappell, lb	5 1 2
Kennedy, rf	4 0 1	Bwr'man, lf	4 1 1
Hicks, lb	3 0 1	Laval, dh	4 0 3
Hardy, ss	3 1 1	Rausch, ss	3 1 0
Lezcano, cf	4 0 1	Simmons, c	4 0 1
West, dh	3 0 1	Buscher, cf	4 1 1
Cooper, pr-dh	1 1 0	Donovan, 3b	4 1 2
McGlone, c	3 0 1	Braithwaite, p	0 0 0
Eaton, p	0 0 0		
Miller, p	0 0 0		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32 2 7</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39 6 12</b>

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 JU 020 030 10X-6

E — Rausch, Donovan, Bonilla. DP — FSU 1, JU 2. LOB — FSU 7, JU 10. RBI — Chappell 2, Laval, Simmons, Buscher 2, McGlone, Bifano. 2B — Kennedy, Hicks, Chappell, Laval, Simmons. 5 — Giapponi. SF — Bifano. SB — Rausch, Buscher, Donovan, Hardy.

IP H R ER BB SO  
 Eaton (L, 2-2) 6 1/3 11 6 4 3 1  
 Miller 1 2/3 1 0 0 1 1  
 Braithwaite (W, 5-1) 9 7 2 2 4 6

WP — Braithwaite, Eaton. T — 2:19. A — 1,000.