

Tribe whips Gators 8-5 to snap skid

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GAINESVILLE — Florida State's second-ranked Seminoles snapped a two-game losing streak by taking their frustrations out on Florida for the third time this season 8-5 Tuesday afternoon at Perry Field.

The Seminoles, now 34-9 on the season, were scheduled to meet the Gators, 17-19, here again this afternoon at 3:30. Righthander Craig Eaton will draw the nod from Coach Woody Woodward in an attempt to gain a sweep of the Gators.

Florida State jumped on UF starter Craig Pippin for three runs in the second inning, and, although battled throughout the day, was never headed.

Lefthander Bob Mayer, a junior from Somerset, Pa., picked up his sixth victory of the season without a loss despite having a shaky outing.

Junior Jackie Smith relieved Mayer with one out in the sixth and finished up by striking out four Gators in the last three innings.

Freshman Joe Hicks got the Seminoles off on the right foot by blasting a two-run triple in the second and then stealing home for the third FSU run. Hicks, carrying a hot bat of late, finished the day with four hits in five trips and a pair of runs batted in.

After a solo homer by Florida catcher Jim Joiner in the bottom of the third, Hicks gave the Seminoles their second three-run lead by doubling to deep left center and scoring on Carlos Lezcano's base hit in the fourth.

Single runs in the fourth and fifth by UF cut the Florida State lead to one and it could have been worse had Mayer not worked his way out of a pair of jams.

The Seminoles pulled away again, however, in the sixth when second baseman Chip Bifano bounced a single through a drawn in infield with the bases loaded, scoring two more runs.

Mayer again ran into trouble in the sixth and after one out, with two men on, Woodward went to his bullpen for Smith. After giving up a single to the first batter he faced, the Manatee JC transfer got Roger Holt to fly out to shallow center and fanned UF leading home run hitter J.B. Caldwell to retire the side.

Down 6-3 going into the seventh, the Gators again staged a mild rally and scored a pair of runs when left fielder

Jim McArdle dropped a fly ball off the bat of John Cortese with the bases loaded.

McArdle had a considerable amount of trouble negotiating a steep hill that graces deep left field.

Florida State put the game on ice in the eighth when it came up with two more runs on a McArdle single and a bases-loaded walk to Jeff Hardy. Smith had little trouble in the last two innings, allowing only two base runners.

FSU 8 Florida 5

FSU	ab r h	Florida	ab r h
Bifano, 2b	5 1 2	Shulock, dh	5 0 1
McArdle, h	5 0 1	Holt, ss	4 1 1
Bonilla, 3b	4 0 1	Caldwell, 1b	4 0 1
McGlone, ph	1 0 0	Fitzgerald, rf	3 1 2
G. Jones, 3b	0 0 0	Belmonte, lf	5 1 1
Kennedy, c	2 0 0	T. Jones, cf	3 1 0
Hardy, ss	3 1 0	Cortese, 2b	4 0 1
Coulter, dh	3 1 0	Morris, 3b	2 0 0
Hicks, 1b	5 2 4	Hall, 3b	1 0 0
Lezcano, cf	5 2 2	Joiner, c	3 1 2
Huff, rf	4 1 3	Pippin, p	0 0 0
Mayer, p	0 0 0	Baker, p	0 0 0
Smith, p	0 0 0		

TOTAL 37 8 13 TOTAL 34 5 9

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Florida 001 110 200-5

E—McArdle. DP—FSU 1, Florida 1.

LOB—FSU 10, Florida 13. RBI—Bifano 2, McArdle, Hardy, Hicks 2, Lezcano, Cortese, Joiner 2. 2B—Hicks, Huff, Joiner. 3B—Hicks. HR—Joiner (5). SF—Cortese SB—Bifano 2, Hardy, 2, Hicks, Lezcano, Huff, Holt, Belmonte.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Mayer (W, 6-0)	5 1/3	5	3	3	7	3
Smith	3 2/3	4	2	1	2	4
Pippin (L, 1-7)	7	9	7	7	5	5
Baker	2	4	1	1	2	1

HBP—By Mayer (T. Jones), By Pippin (Kennedy). Save—Smith. WP—Mayer. PB—Joiner. U—Gannon, Nemeth. T—2:47. A—1500.