

FSU blasts Jaguars 21-6

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The old adage about baseball being a crazy game couldn't have been more clear to South Alabama's Bill Sturgeon Saturday afternoon in the bright sunshine of Seminole Field.

Just six days ago he had shut out second-ranked Florida State 1-0 at Mobile and given the Jaguars a 2-1 edge in the series with FSU.

But Saturday, he was a different man. He lasted only two innings before a vicious Seminole hitting assault sent him and five of his teammates packing with an embarrassing 21-6 defeat.

The Seminole rout, that gave Woody Woodward's crew a 36-9 record on the year, set up an all-important rubber game of the season's series this afternoon at 1:30.

South Alabama, which dipped to 25-10 with yesterday's loss, will send six-game winner Joe Muich to the mound while Florida State will counter with righthander Craig Eaton who sports a 4-3 record.

"He just pitched a super game up there," Woodward said of Sturgeon. "We could have played all day and never gotten a run off of him."

"But today he was a different pitcher. He struggled from the very beginning and we just hit the ball real well."

Not only did the Seminoles hit the ball real well, they hit the ball real far. The Tribe blasted three home runs, a triple and a pair of doubles in

Jaguar hitters while striking out four. At times, however, he was also the recipient of some shaky support as the Seminoles committed five errors on the afternoon.

With new tarps up around the outfield fences, 2,108 fans crowded into the Seminole Field bleachers and watched the FSU hit parade get started in the third inning.

The Seminoles sent 10 batters to the plate and scored six runs on three hits and three USA errors.

The big blows were a two-run single by Mark Coulter and Carlos Lezcano's sixth homer of the year, a three-run shot to right-center.

The Seminoles sent nine batters to the plate in the fourth and scored three more runs. Eight FSU hitters batted in the fifth and added four more. That inning had back-to-back homers by Jeff Hardy and Coulter.

Batting around for the third time in the game, Florida State plated six more runs in the seventh with the big blow coming on a pinch-hit triple by David Cooper. Runs batted in by Chip Bifano and Rick McGlone in the eighth completed the scoring.

Today's game will decide the season's series and may be a determining factor in the NCAA playoff selections before it is all over.

"We'll just try to come back and do it all over again," said Woodward. "Tomorrow's another day."

equallying their highest run-production of 1976.

Florida State's Larry Jones, riding the offensive success of his teammates, pitched his first complete game in almost two months and despite a shaky outing picked up his sixth victory of the year against a pair of losses.

Jones gave up seven hits and walked six

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	ab r h		ab r h
Jacobs,cf	4 0 0	Bifano,2b	5 1 2
Morrison,2b	3 0 2	McArdle,lf	3 3 1
Poston,c	4 0 0	Cooper,lf	2 1 1
Baker,c	1 0 0	Bonilla,3b	6 1 2
Long,dh	4 1 2	G.Jones,3b	0 0 0
D'c'mil'r,3b	4 1 2	Kennedy,c	4 4 2
Baryviski,rf	2 2 1	West,rf	0 0 0
Franz,lf	4 1 0	Hardy,ss	2 2 1
Lowe,1b	2 1 0	Givens,ss	0 1 0
Salemss	4 0 0	Coulter,dh	4 4 3
Sturgeon,p	0 0 0	Hicks,1b	4 1 1
Rosen,p	0 0 0	Curry,1b	0 0 0
Roney,p	0 0 0	Lezcano,cf	5 2 2
Reidy,p	0 0 0	Huff,rf	3 0 0
Tharpe,p	0 0 0	McGlone,c	0 1 0
TOTAL	32 6 7	L.Jones,p	0 0 0
		TOTAL	38 21 15

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E — Morrison 2, Baryviski, Bonilla
 2, Hardy 2, Huff. EP — FSU 1. LOB —
 USA 7, FSU 11. RBI — Franz, Lowe,
 Bifano 2, Cooper, Kennedy 2, Hardy 2,
 Coulter 4, Lezcano 4, McGlone 2. 2B —
 Morrison, Long, Bifano, Kennedy. 3B
 — Cooper. HR — Hardy (10), Coulter
 (7), Lezcano (6). SF — Lowe, Bifano,
 McGlone.

IP H R ER BB SO

Sturgeon, L (1-1) 2 1/3	4	6	0	4	1
Rosen	1 1/3	3	3	3	0
Roney	3	4	5	5	1
Reidy	1	3	5	5	0
Tharpe	0	0	2	2	3
Long	1	1	0	0	0
L.Jones, W(6-2)	9	7	6	3	6

HBP — by Jones (Lowe), by
 Tharpe (Givens). WP — Jones 2. PB
 — Poston 3. U — Shaw, Jackson. T —
 3.05. ATT — 2,108.