

Tribe splits twin bill, loses season series

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Florida State's second-ranked baseball team continued to make things difficult for the NCAA selection committee Sunday afternoon by splitting a doubleheader with Georgia Southern and allowing the Eagles to steal away with the season series.

After taking the first game 5-2 behind the three-hit pitching of Craig Eaton, the Seminoles dropped the nightcap 4-3 when the Eagles shut off a ninth-inning rally.

Coach Woody Woodward's club will now sit back and wait for a decision from the NCAA as to whether its 39-14 record will be good enough to earn a return trip to the playoffs.

With the bids due out this week, and possibly as early as today, Woodward feels the Seminoles are in good shape despite the late-season collapse that saw them lose five of their last seven games.

"We're as good as any club I've seen this year," said the second-year head man who was Regional Coach of the Year in 1975. "I can't think of any team that I like better than ours and I think our 39-14 record will get us a bid."

Nevertheless, the Seminoles continued to fall on hard times Sunday and looked nothing like the playoff-caliber club it did in early season.

AFTER STRUGGLING to a victory in the first game that avoided a sweep of the series, the Seminoles waited until the last inning of the nightcap to go to work.

The Tribe was noticeably struggling offensively throughout the afternoon after the loss of Terry Kennedy to a slightly sprained ankle. While the injury was not serious, it was enough to keep FSU's biggest offensive weapon out of the twin bill.

Down 4-2 heading to the last inning of the regular season, Guillermo Bonilla unloaded a clutch two-out double that scored Jim McArdie from first base. Reliever Steve Perry came on to get Joe Hicks on a bounce out with Bonilla in scoring position.

That handed Larry Jones his third loss of the season against seven victories and raised Georgia Southern's record to 36-19 on the year.

Jones had been the victim of a three-run third inning in which the Eagles pounded out five hits. The only other hit they could muster was a line drive home run in the fifth by Gerald Hynko that turned out to be the winning run.

Eaton, a senior pitching his last regular season game as a Seminole, played the stopper's role in the opener, raising his record to 5-4 with the seven-inning route-going performance.

By taking two out of three games at Seminole Field and one out of two at home, Coach Jack Stallings' Eagles became the only southeastern Independent to win a series from Florida State this season.

First game									
FSU 5 Ga. Southern 2									
Fla. State		Ga. Southern			Fla. State		Ga. Southern		
	ab r h		ab r h			ab r h		ab r h	
Bifano, 2b	2 1 1	B. Moore, 2b	4 2 1						
McArdie, lf	2 1 1	Boyer, cf	1 0 0						
Bonilla, 3b	3 0 0	M. Moore, lf	3 0 0						
Kennedy, dh	0 0 0	Fisher, 1b	2 0 1						
Huff, dh	2 0 1	Hynko, dh	3 0 0						
Coulter, rf	1 0 0	Rover, ss	2 0 0						
Hardy, ss	3 0 0	Ivins, rf	2 0 0						
Lezcano, cf	3 1 1	Mathews, rf	1 0 0						
Curry, 1b	2 1 0	Kotchman, 3b	0 0						
McGlone, c	2 1 0	Kuzniacki, c	3 0 1						
Eaton, p	0 0 0	VanD'Siys, p	0 0 0						
		Perry, p	0 0 0						
Totals	20 5 4	Totals	24 2 3						
Totals					20 5 4				
					101 000 0-2				
Fla. State					120 002 x-5				
E — Bifano, Hardy 2. DP — GSC 1.									
LOB — GSC 5, FSU 7. RBI — B.									
Moore, Fisher, McArdie 3. 3B —									
McArdie. HR — B. Moore (4).									
IP H R ER BB SO									
VanD'Siys, L (3-3) 5 1/2 4 5 5 9 3									
Perry 1 1/2 0 0 0 1 0									
Eaton, W (5-4) 7 3 2 1 4 2									
WP — VanDerSiys 2, Perry. U —									
Jackson, Rosa. T — 1:58.									

Second Game									
Ga. Southern 4 FSU 3									
Ga. Southern		Fla. State			Ga. Southern		Fla. State		
	ab r h		ab r h			ab r h		ab r h	
B. Moore, 2b	4 1 1	McArdie, lf	0 2 0						
Boyer, cf	2 0 0	Bonilla, 3b	3 0 2						
M. Moore, lf	3 1 1	Hicks, dh	3 0 1						
Fisher, 1b	4 1 1	Lezcano, cf	3 0 0						
Hynko, dh	2 1 1	Curry, 1b	3 1 3						
Rover, ss	4 0 1	Hardy, ss	2 0 1						
Kotchman, 3b	0 0	Cooper, rf	2 0 0						
Kuzniacki, c	1 0 1	Griffin, c	1 0 0						
Mathews, rf	3 0 0	Givens, pr	0 0 0						
Killman, p	0 0 0	McGlone, c	1 0 0						
Perry, p	0 0 0	Jones, p	0 0 0						
Totals	26 4 6	Totals	22 3 7						
Ga. Southern					003 010 0-4				
Fla. State					110 000 1-3				
E — Lezcano. DP — GSC 2, FSU 1.									
LOB — GSC 9, FSU 8. RBI — Boyer,									
Hynko, Rover, Kuzniacki, Bonilla,									
Hicks, Griffin. 2B — Bonilla 2, Hardy. 3B									
— B. Moore. HR — Hynko (3). SB —									
Boyer, McArdie. SB — Boyer, McArdie.									
S — Cooper. SF — Boyer.									
IP H R ER BB SO									
Killman, W (7-4) 6 2/3 7 3 3 6 3									
Perry 10 1/2 0 0 0 0 0 0									
Jones, L (7-3) 7 6 4 4 6 5									
HBP — by Jones (Hynko). WP —									
Jones. Save — Perry. U — Rosa, Jack-									
son. T — 2:08. ATT — 1,756.									