

# Seminole nine looking strong

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Florida State baseball coach Woody Woodward has been telling people his Seminoles should be excellent at the plate but questionable on the pitching mound this year.

But the way the Tribe has opened the 1977 season, that question mark is looking smaller and smaller.

The seminoles made it two lopsided wins in a row. Tuesday with a 12-1 pasting of Jacksonville University. They tried to make it 3-0 this afternoon at 3:30 with the finale of a two-game set against the Dolphins at Seminole Field.

So far this year the Seminoles have produced, 21 runs and 19 hits in 16 innings. And that "questionable" pitching staff has stopped two opponents on three runs and four hits in 18 innings.

Yesterday it was fireballing sophomore Mike Bretz doing the job, allowing just one hit in six and two-thirds innings and facing a minimum 15 batters in the first five innings. And his successor lefty Brooks Carey, allowed nothing in his 2½-inning stint.

Today senior Larry Jones was scheduled to attempt to become the winningest hurler in FSU history when he went against JU's Mike Pustay. Jones started and won the Seminoles' opener last Saturday against St. Leo and is now tied with Gene Ammann as the top winner ever at the school with 31 victories.

The Seminoles jumped on Jacksonville early yesterday, and it was slugger Terry Kennedy providing the big punch that put the Dolphins in a hole.

Kennedy, who was hitless in the opener, ripped the first pitch he got from JU starter Tom Braithwaite over the left centerfield wall for a two-run homer in the bottom of the first.

And later the big junior catcher added a two-run single to top off a 3-for-4, 4 rbi-day at the plate.

"It was good to see him break loose," Woodward said after the game.

But the thing he most anxious to talk about was the work of right-hander Bretz.

"If Mike can throw the ball all year like he did today it will obviously be a big plus for us," the coach said. "He just threw extremely well against a team that can swing the bat."

Did the performance come as a surprise?

"No, not for me," Woodward said. "It might have been to Jacksonville. They might not even have known who he was. He only pitched eight innings last year. But during the off-season he's been our most effective pitcher."

JU Coach Jack Lamabe, however, said Bretz was no mystery man to his team.

"We knew about him," the coach said. "We knew that he was a good pitcher; that he was a hard thrower."

I'm sure he's going to have a bright future."

He didn't get off to a flying start, walking leadoff batter Joe Del Sardo to open the game. But he picked him off first before ever throwing a pitch to the next batter, and proceeded to put the Dolphins up and down in order until Dave Bowerman walked to start the sixth inning.

By that time the issue had pretty much been settled.

The Seminoles got a break in their half of the first when Carlos Lezcano's grounder to second was booted by Jim Rider. And shortly there after Kennedy ripped his opposite-field homer to make it 2-0.

FSU added four more runs in the third, and once again a JU error opened the way.

Bob Benda and Chip Bifano started the inning with walks and Carlos Lezcano reached base when third baseman Bill Bircher couldn't handle his hot smash. Guillermo Bonilla drew a bases-loaded walk to force in the first run. Kennedy got another one home with a towering popup to short center that was misplayed and allowed to drop in for a hit, and Joe Hicks followed with a solid single to center for the final two runs of the inning.

Bifano hit a two-run homer in the sixth as the Seminoles added three more, and Rick McGlone's bases-loaded double got three home in the eighth.

JU's lone hit in the game was a line-drive to left by Del Sardo with two out in the sixth. The Dolphin scored their run in the seventh when Ray Laval's sharp grounder scooted through the legs of both second baseman Bonilla and rightfielder Bifano, allowing Rocky Rausch to scoot home all the way from first.

The loss was JU's third in nine games and Braithwaite was left with a 1-1 mark.

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	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
DelSardo,dh	3	0	1	0	Bifano,rf	4	2	1	2
Donovan,cf	4	0	0	0	Lezcano,cf	4	3	1	0
Chappell,1b	3	0	0	0	Bonilla,2b	4	1	1	1
Rausch,ss	4	1	0	0	Kennedy,c	4	1	3	4
Laval,c	3	0	0	0	Turko,ss	0	1	0	0
Pustay,pr	0	0	0	0	Hicks,dh	2	0	1	2
Chambin,c	1	0	0	0	Stevens,dh	1	0	1	0
B'cher,3b-2b					Mobley,3b	5	1	0	0
	3	0	0	0	McArdle,lf	3	0	0	0
B'man,lf	2	0	0	0	Huff,lf	2	0	0	0
Rob'tsn,rf	2	0	0	0	Curry,1b	3	0	0	0
Rider,2b	2	0	0	0	Coulter,1b	1	1	0	0
Petrillo,3b	1	0	0	0	Benda,ss	2	2	0	0
Br'thw'te,-1	0	0	0	0	McGlone,c	2	0	2	3
Gr'nst'np	0	0	0	0	Bretz,p	0	0	0	0
					Carey,p	0	0	0	0

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E— Bircher, Rider, Petrillo, Bonilla, Bifano. LOB— JU 4, FSU 10.

2B—McGlone. HR—Kennedy (1), Bifano (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Braithwaite (L, 1-1)	5 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub>	9	7	3	5	2
Greenstein	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub>	3	3	3	4	2
Bretz (W 1-0)	6 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub>	1	1	0	3	4
Carey	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub>	0	0	0	1	4

WP—Braithwaite. U—Rosa, Raven. A-1,435. T-2:34.