

Valdosta blasted by FSU

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VALDOSTA — Locked in a tight game for six innings, Florida State's baseball team broke loose in the late going and pounded out a 14-5 victory over Valdosta State here Sunday afternoon.

In a game delayed almost two hours by a wet field, the Seminoles led just 3-0 after six innings. Then they erupted for six runs in the seventh and five more in the eighth before the game was called due to darkness.

The win boosted Florida State's record to 4-2, with a twilight double-header scheduled for Thursday against Kentucky at Seminole Field. Valdosta State is now 8-2 on the season.

Valdosta State starting pitcher Bill Petty had held the Seminoles pretty well in check through the first six innings, but the Tribe bats chased him in the seventh by scoing all six runs before he could retire a batter.



Terry Kennedy

Carlos Lezcano doubled in two runs, Guillermo Bonilla pushed across two more with a single, then catcher Terry Kennedy slugged a towering shot over the right field fence to drive in two more.

The homer was Kennedy's fourth in six games this season, putting him well ahead of last year's pace when the Mesa, Ariz. product hit 21.

FSU shortstop Bob Benda added to production totals in the eighth when he tripled in Rick McGlone off relief pitcher Richard Sullivan. Benda finished the day with three hits in five trips, including his first home run of the season in the third inning, and two runs batted in.

Lezcano and Mark Coulter also had RBI singles the eighth inning, and Ben Curry pushed a run across with a bases-loaded walk.

For Florida State starting pitcher Larry Jones (3-0) went just five innings because of a sore elbow. He held the Blazers to three hits, walking two and striking out seven.

Jones has now pitched 17½ in nings this season without giving up a run.

The Blazers touched reliever Jackie Smith for four runs in the seventh. Skipper Fite had the big blow in the inning, a two-run double.

Senior Dave Bedingfield allowed the Blazers a run in the eighth v.

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	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Benda,ss	5	4	3	2	D'man,dh	5	1	1	0
Lezcano,cf	5	2	3	3	Fite,2b	4	1	1	2
Bonilla,2b	3	2	1	1	Adeo,cf-c	4	1	1	1
Turko,2b	1	0	1	0	W'head,c-rf1	0	0	0	0
Kennedy,c	3	2	1	3	Fowler,rf	2	0	0	0
Hicks, dh-3b5	0	1	0	0	Ft'b'rry,rf	4	0	3	1
McArdle,lf	3	1	1	0	Leach,lb	3	0	0	0
Coulter,dh	1	0	1	1	Alvarez,pr	0	1	0	0
Cooper,rf	3	0	0	0	Viers,lf,cf	1	0	0	0
Harris,ph	0	0	0	0	Smith,c	1	0	0	0
Mobley,3b	4	1	2	1	Maini,ss	3	1	0	1
Curry,lb	0	0	0	1	Griffin,3b	4	0	2	0
McG'n,lb-rf2	2	0	0	0	Petty,p	0	0	0	0
G.Jones,ph	1	0	0	0	Sullivan,p	0	0	0	0
L.Jones,p	0	0	0	0	Beal,p	0	0	0	0
Smith,p	0	0	0	0					
Bd'gfield,p	0	0	0	0					

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E — Viers, Griffin, Benda, Mobley,

LOB — Florida State 7, Valdosta State

9. 2B — Lezcano, Fite. 3B — Benda. HR

— Benda (1), Kennedy (4). SF —

Kennedy. S — Smith, Benda. SB —

Benda, Lezcano, Hicks, Harris, Maini.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
L.Jones (W,3-0)	5	3	0	0	2	7
Smith	2	4	4	4	1	3
Bedingfield	1	1	1	1	1	0
Petty (L, 1-1)	6	11	9	8	2	0
Sullivan	1	2	4	4	3	1
Beal	1	1	1	1	1	1

HBP — by Smith (Maini). WP —

Sullivan, Bedingfield. PB — Smith. T —

2:33. A — 500.