

FSU no-hits Olivet; wins 23-0, 16-1

McLeod nearly perfect;
McGlone hits three HRs

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A no-hitter by Mike McLeod and eight homers in a 39-run afternoon doubleheader proved to doubting fans that there is plenty of life left in the Florida State baseball team.

McLeod made his first start of the season and pitched near perfect ball in a 23-0 win over Olivet of Michigan, and then his teammates continued the power show in the second game with a lopsided 16-1 victory.

The senior righty out of Godby High School hit the first batter he faced, and after that it was only an error that marred a perfect game.

Two double plays by his fielders erased both base runners, and the delighted McLeod wound up facing the minimum, just 21 batters in the seven-inning game.

He struck out only three, but displayed great control in walking none and only once allowing the ball into the outfield.

Meanwhile, the Florida State batters were proving that it wasn't the fine weather which silenced the Olivet bats.

The Seminoles sent 14 men to the plate in the first inning and had all 23 runs by the end of the fourth frame. Everyone in the starting lineup scored, but the biggest batting hero by far was catcher Rick McGlone.

MCGLONE'S FATHER came down from Portsmouth, Ohio, to tell Rick that he should drop his new batting stance and change back to his old way.

The results over two games were three homers, including a first-inning grand slam in the first game, four hits in four at-bats, and eight runs batted in.

Playing as a replacement for the injured All-America Terry Kennedy, McGlone was batting in the number-nine spot, but by the end of the doubleheader he had people wondering just where Kennedy would be playing upon his return.

The no-hitter and the numbing batting barrage partially overshadowed another fine pitching performance in the second game by sophomore Joe Nichols.

Nichols, out of Cincinnati, made his first appearance and scattered five hits in six innings allowing the only run on a third-inning four-bagger by Jim Baranski.

Olivet hit the ball with a bit more authority than it did against McLeod, bouncing the ball off the FSU wall twice, but Nichols stayed

out of trouble and ended each inning with a harmless ground out.

His game seemed at first like it might be a closer affair than the first, as the Seminoles pushed "only" one run across in the first. But a triple error by Olivet accounted for three of four second-inning runs and then the line drives started coming again as FSU piled up another big lead.

That one first-inning run FSU did score was on a homer by center-fielder Carlos Lezcano, and marked the third straight game in which he has homered after hitting none in the first eight games of the season.

Others slamming homers Saturday were Joe Hicks, who also banked a double off the wall; Bob Benda, who helped save the no-hitter with two fine defensive plays a shortstop; and Dave Cooper, who also ripped a double.

Olivet ended its southern swing with a 6-8 record while the Seminoles are now 8-3 and halfway through their grueling week of play.

Today they face North Central College out of Illinois in a doubleheader starting at 1:30 p.m. at Seminole Field.

Monday FSU plays the same team in a 7:30 p.m. game and then Tuesday and Wednesday it's two games at Jacksonville before the Seminoles get a two-day rest.

First Game

OLIVET					FLORIDA STATE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Buck, p, cf	2	0	0	0	Jones, 3b,ss	4	3	2	2
B'ski, rf	3	0	0	0	Lezcano, cf	2	3	2	2
Callas, 1b	3	0	0	0	Bonilla, 2b	2	2	2	2
Wheeler, 3b	2	0	0	0	Hicks, dh	3	2	3	5
Ramm, lf	0	0	0	0	Curry, 1b	3	1	1	1
Ramsey, c	2	0	0	0	Cooper, rf	3	3	2	0
C'neau, 2b	2	0	0	0	McArdle, lf	3	2	1	0
H'son, cf,lf	1	0	0	0	Benda, ss	2	3	1	0
Strebeck, ss	2	0	0	0	McGlone, c	3	3	3	7
Chipinis, p	1	0	0	0	McLeod, p	0	0	0	0
Kruger, p	1	0	0	0	S'chak, cf	2	0	1	1
V'berg, lf	1	0	0	0	Turko, 2b	2	0	0	0
					M'ley,dh,3b	1	0	0	0
					Stevens, 1b	2	0	0	0
					A'nder, lf	1	0	0	0
					Coulter,ss	0	0	0	0
					Harris, c	1	1	1	2
Totals	20	0	0	0	Totals	34	23	18	23

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E—Olivet 1, Florida State 1. LOB

— Florida State 5. WP — Buck 1,

Chiponia 1. S — Jones 1, Lezcano 1. 2B

— Hicks (2), Bonilla, Cooper, McArdle.

3B — Jones, Bonilla, Harris. HR —

McGlone 2 (2), Lezcano (2), Hicks (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Buck (L)	1/3	6	9	8	2	1
Chiponis	1 2/3	10	11	10	4	0
Kruger	3	2	3	3	4	0
McLeod(W,1-0)	0		0	0	0	3

T—1:57.

Second game

OLIVET					FLORIDA STATE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Buck, cf	3	0	1	0	Huff, rf	3	2	1	2
Wheeler, 3b	3	0	2	0	Lezcano, cf	1	3	1	1
Callas, 1b	3	0	0	0	Bonilla, dh	2	1	1	0
Vandberg, lf	3	0	1	0	Cooper, lf	2	1	1	3
Theisen, c	3	0	0	0	Coulter, 1b	1	0	0	0
Krull, 2b	3	0	1	0	Mobley, 3b	2	0	1	0
Ramm, dh	3	0	0	0	Benda, ss	2	1	2	1
B'ski, rf	3	1	1	1	Turko, 2b	3	0	0	0
Strebeck, ss	3	0	0	0	McGlone, c	1	2	1	2
Vasquez, p	0	0	0	0	Nichols, p	0	0	0	0
Kruger, p	0	0	0	0	S'chak, cf	1	1	1	0
					Stevens, dh	2	0	0	0
					McArdle, lf	0	1	0	0
					Curry, 1b	1	1	1	0
					Hicks, 3b	0	1	0	1
					Jones, 2b	2	1	1	2
					A'nder, ss	1	1	1	1
					Harris, c	2	0	0	0
					McKnight, p	0	0	0	0

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E—Olivet 3, Florida State 1. LOE

— Olivet 5, Florida State 5. WP —

Vasquez 2. S (1), — Bonilla, 2 B —

Wheeler, Vandenberg, Bonilla. HR —

Baranski, Lezcano (3), Cooper (1),

Benda (2), McGlone (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SC
Vasquez (L)	5 1/3	9	14	10	9	
Kruger	2/3	3	2	2	1	
Nichols (W,1-0)	6	5	1	1	0	
McKnight	1	1	0	0	0	

T—1:51. A—606.