

Seminoles Send USF Below .500 Mark

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The University of South Florida baseball team took a 5-0 thumping from the visiting Florida State Seminoles last night and dipped below the .500 mark for the first time this season.

Seminole designated hitter Joe Hicks singled and scored twice while rightfielder Terry Kennedy singled and doubled and scored once to lead the now 28-9 Seminoles' onslaught at Red McEwen Field.

The loss was the sixth in a row for the struggling Brahms and their 15th in their last 16 games, dropping them to 21-22 for the year.

"We kicked the ball and that opened the door for them," said USF coach Robin Roberts, as a light rain fall added to an already dismal night. "We're playing good ball clubs, but we don't hit much, we're kicking the ball, our pitching is erratic, and that combination will lose you 15 out of 16."

Trailing by 1-0 in the top of the third the Brahms committed one of those costly errors, allowing Charles Leczano to reach base. Hicks and Ken-

nedy followed with singles and Mark Coulter put on the finishing touches with a double to give FSU its 4-0 lead.

Hicks singled in Chip Bifano for the final run in the fourth inning.

USF's starting pitcher Jeff Walters gave up all five runs, of which only two were earned, and eight hits.

Tony Fossas was brilliant in 5 1/3 innings of relief for the Brahms striking out 12 and stumping FSU's hitters for the remainder of the evening.

"Both have been hitting the ball lately," FSU coach Woody Woodward said of his two hitting stars — Hicks and Kennedy. "We recently moved Hicks to the third hitting spot and Kennedy is one of the top prospects in the country. We definitely count on those two."

"We have a very good club. We have 10 games left and we need to win seven or eight of those going into the Metro Seven Conference tournament."

The two teams will meet again today at 1 p.m. at the USF field.

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McLeod, Jones (7), Smith (9) and McGlone; Walters, Fossas (4) and Chicoine. 2B-Kennedy (FSU), Coulter (FSU). SO-Fossas (12). Team records — FSU 28-9, USF 21-22.