

Deloach hurls his first victory as FSU sweeps

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Don Deloach is apparently picking up where he left off.

Deloach, who last year was Leon High Schools' athletic 'all-everything,' Monday pitched the Florida State to a 6-5 win over Rose-Hulman in the second game of a doubleheader at Seminole Field. FSU trampled the Engineers 17-0 in the first game.

In his pitching debut, Deloach held Rose-Hulman to three hits in six innings, while striking out 13. Not bad for a 19-year-old freshman who is listed as an infielder in the FSU game program.

But Deloach, who also plays short-stop, said after the game that he didn't expect to become part of the regular pitching rotation yet, and Coach Woody Woodward agreed.

"We're going to look at him again soon (as a pitcher)," Woodward said, "but he will also get time at short. I'm not ready to make a decision on him yet."

A rocky third inning made the game interesting. In that frame, Rose-Hulman sent 10 men to the plate while scoring its five runs on only two hits.

Deloach was wild, walking four batters and throwing a run-scoring wild pitch.

Meanwhile, freshman catcher Dave Morano, also starting his first game, was having his share of problems, allowing three passed balls.

One of Morano's flubs, however, enabled Deloach to pull a feat that not even Tom Seaver has accomplished: Deloach struck out four men in the inning. In addition to recording the allotted three outs via strikeout, Deloach fanned a fourth batter who took first base when the third strike skipped pass Morano.

While Deloach was pulling his Nolan Ryan act, the Seminole offense provided just enough support. An error, a fielder's choice, a single, a walk and a two-RBI looping single by Bruce Huff gave FSU a 3-0 lead in the first.

After the Engineer's third inning outburst, the Seminoles came back with a run in the bottom of the inning, on Doug Casey's run scoring base hit.

Down 5-4 in the bottom of the fourth, FSU took the lead for good. With one out, centerfielder Mark Gilbert laid down a perfect bunt for a base hit, and then promptly stole second. Bob Benda grounded out to short, advancing Gilbert to third. Craig Patterson followed with a walk, and then stole second. A walk to Don Milner loaded the bases, setting the stage for Ronnie Traylor's single which drove in two runs.

Deloach allowed only one hit over the next two innings, before giving way to Jim Miller, who pitched a perfect seventh inning to seal the win. Rose-Hulman pitcher Vince Fouchee went the distance for the losers, now 0-4 on the season.

In the opener, the Seminoles (5-1) had little trouble with the visitors from Terre Haute, Ind. Junior Joe Nichols won his first start, yielding just three hits. He had help from freshman Ken Fischer's mop-up work in the seventh. First-baseman Dave Mobley provided a good deal of the firepower, with his three singles accounting for four runs. Ronnie Traylor chipped in with a three-run homer that highlighted an eight-run sixth inning for the Seminoles. Rose-Hulman pitcher Steve Hill took the loss, but was lucky compared to what happened to Dennis Baker. Coming on for Hill in the fourth, Baker gave up 12 runs (but only four of them earned) on nine hits in two and one-third innings. He also walked five.

Rose-Hulman will get two more cracks at the Seminoles in another doubleheader today, starting at 3:30. **MISCELLANEOUS** — Deloach's reaction to his first college win: "I'm tired." No wonder, he threw 126 pitches in his six innings, and that's a lot... One redeeming factor for Rose-Hulman was centerfielder Gary Ellis. In the second game, he had two assists, including a perfect throw to the plate to nail Doug Casey in the fifth inning.

ROSE-HULMAN				FLORIDA STATE			
	AB	R	H BI		AB	R	H BI
Gehring 2b	3	0	1 0	Gilbert cf	2	2	2 0
Hill p	3	0	1 0	Fuentes cf	1	1	0 0
Byram ss	1	0	0 0	Benda ss	5	2	0 0
Ellis cf	3	0	0 0	Patterson 3b	1	1	1 0
Schramm 3b	3	0	0 0	Rigby 2b	2	2	2 1
Burwell rf	1	0	0 0	Milner dh	2	1	0 1
Atherton lf	1	0	0 0	Mobley 1b	4	1	3 4
Baker p	1	0	1 0	Tice ph	1	1	1 1
Skinner p	0	0	0 0	Traylor lf	4	2	1 4
Nolan ph	1	0	0 0	McDonald c	3	0	1 2
Fouchee c	2	0	0 0	Ramsey c	2	1	1 0
Bell c	1	0	0 0	Schirmchak rf	3	1	0 0
Leitzgabel c	1	0	0 0	Jones 3b	3	1	1 0
Bradbender	1b			Casey 3b	1	1	0 0
	2	0	0 0	Nichols p	0	0	0 0
				Fischer p	0	0	0 0
Totals	24	0	3 0	3417	13	10	