

FSU fights past Cincy

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Prior to the baseball season, just about everyone, including Florida State coach Woody Woodward, predicted that the Seminoles would be one of those good field, no hit teams. You know, the kind politely referred to as 'scrappy.'

So much for predictions. The Seminoles Monday night crushed Cincinnati 19-8 to run their unbeaten streak to 18. They have now scored 54 runs in their last three games, and are hitting well over .340 as a team. That's not scrappy; that's awesome.

The Seminoles, perhaps feeling their fans are getting bored with the endless barrage of hits, added a new wrinkle to the game: The fourth inning brawl.

Bearcat leftfielder Tim Deffinger and FSU's Craig Ramsey, in the bullpen, had been exchanging words throughout, and as FSU prepared to bat in the fourth, push came to shove between the two, and both benches immediately emptied.

It took about twenty minutes to straighten out the unfortunate situation, and when everything was sorted out, Deffinger wound up in the hospital where he was treated for facial cuts.

ASIDE FROM the needless interlude, the game was your usual Seminole bombardment. Ken Schimchak hit a towering three-run homer in the sixth, his fourth of the year, and Don Milner added another three-run blast, number one for him, in the eighth.

But the big hitting star was catcher

Blane McDonald, who raised his batting average to .491 by going five for five with a homer, double and three singles.

McDonald has already been drafted three times by the pros, but the junior

college transfer from Kirkwood, Mo., still arrived here an unknown quantity of sorts and was given the job of stepping in for last year's superstar, Terry Kennedy.

"Not many people can fill in for Kennedy," McDonald said Monday night, "so all I want is to do my job."

Your typically modest Midwesterner, McDonald said he "didn't expect to be hitting .490" at this point in the season, although he did hit .405 last year. "I'm just seeing the ball well and getting the breaks," he said.

Pitcher Joe Nichols got a break, too. In addition to pitching five strong innings in relief of starter Ray Fox,

Nichols got a chance to hit in the eighth inning when Woodward made a batch of substitutions.

WITH THE entire team on its feet in the dugout, Nichols bounced a single between first and second. When the pitchers start hitting, it must be contagious.

TRIBE TIDBITS: Bob Benda's play in field continued shaky. He made three errors...Mark Gilbert walked four more times and stole three bases. He now has 22 steals in 24 tries...Craig Patterson was three for five with four rbi's...Brooks Carey vs. Ohio St. today at 3:30 and Rick Holloway vs. Cincy at 7:30.

Florida State					Cincinnati				
	AB	R	H	BI		AB	R	H	BI
Gilbert cf	1	3	0	0	Barnes dh	4	1	1	1
Tice cf	1	0	0	0	Allen rf	4	1	0	2
Benda ss	2	2	0	0	Deffinger lf	3	1	2	1
Deloach ss	1	1	0	0	Speed lf	2	0	1	0
Patterson 2b	5	3	3	4	Kuzniczci 3b	3	0	0	0
Nichols p	1	1	1	0	Fields 3b	2	0	0	0
Mobley 1b	3	1	1	0	Cusumano cf	5	2	4	1
Milner 1b	1	1	1	3	Britt lb	3	0	2	1
Traylor lf	5	1	0	1	Templeton ph	1	0	0	0
Huff lf	1	0	0	0	Ceddia c	4	0	0	0
McDonald c	5	4	5	2	H'smith 2b	3	1	1	1
Sch'sck rf	2	2	2	3	Jump ss	3	2	1	0
Rigby dh-2b	3	0	1	1	O'Brien p	0	0	0	0
Jones 3b	3	0	1	0	Hurley p	0	0	0	0
Casey 3b	1	0	0	0					
Fox p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	35	19	15	14	Totals	35	8	12	7