

FSU explodes on Dolphins

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Like a caged animal that's been poked and jabbed one time too many, Florida State lashed out for five runs in the bottom of the seventh to break a 5-5 tie, and went on to beat stubborn Jacksonville 11-6 Wednesday at Seminole Field.

David Mobley, the junior first baseman who pounded South Alabama last week with two homers and six runs batted in, clubbed two more home runs, his ninth and tenth of the season, and drove in five runs against the Dolphins.

All year the Seminoles, now 32-6, have reacted unkindly when their opponents score some runs, and they vented their anger in this game, as well.

Jacksonville (29-15) jumped to a 2-0 lead in the third off Seminole starter Jin Riley. Third baseman Greg Jones' three-base error and Riley's wild pitch let the first one in, and then Dolphin rightfielder Rick Shaw, who hit a grand-slam the night before, tagged a solo shot for the second run.

Stung by such gall, FSU came right back in the bottom of the inning. Or rather, Mr. Mobley did. With Craig Patterson aboard, Mobley lofted a fly into the ozone that seemed to go practically straight up. It landed, however, about 340 feet from home, long enough to be a two-run homer. That tied it 2-2.

By the top of the seventh, the Seminoles, thanks in part to some spotty Jacksonville play, led 5-2 with Riley in control.

WITH TWO out in the top of the seventh, though, another error by Jones, a walk and a single scored one run.

Then Shaw hit a drive to left that Bruce Huff chased and just missed while crashing into the wall. Two more runs scored, but Shaw was thrown out at the plate trying for an inside-the-park homer. The side was out and the game tied, 5-5. Huff, momentarily stunned, was okay.

The Seminoles' patience by now had reached its limit. In the bottom of the seventh inning, two errors by Dol-

phin third baseman Bob Bircher set the table for Mobley, who lashed into a Ken Kuiper pitch and deposited it well over the wall in left-center.

Steve Parton came on in relief and got two quick outs, but the Seminoles loaded the bases on two hits and a walk, and centerfielder Mark Gilbert stroked a two-run single to make it 10-5. Each team scored single runs in the eighth.

Riley got the win, his fifth against two losses, but needed help from relief pitcher Kevin Brooks. Brooks did a good job, pitching the Seminoles out of an eighth inning jam, and mopping up in the ninth.

RILEY LASTED seven and one-third innings, allowing eight hits and six runs, but only two of them were earned. Seminole Coach Woody Woodward was pleased with Riley's effort, saying the junior righthander "pitched better than the score indi-

cated."

In line for special commendations are shortstop Bob Benda and catcher Blane McDonald. Benda made a dazzling sliding catch of Duane Schifano's foul pop-up in the seventh, while McDonald played the whole game in pain from a variety of hurts.

On Tuesday, McDonald took a foul tip on the thumb, got hit by a Ken Fischer pitch in the ankle, and stayed in the game. In Wednesday's contest, he caught another foul tip on the sore ankle, but limped through the entire game once again.

Reserve catcher Craig Ramsey didn't even suit up, because he has a sprained ankle, so it was just McDonald.

Despite the aches and pains, the

junior still went two for four and laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt in his last at bat. Such is the life of a catcher.

Woodward, though concerned about the injuries, was in a good mood following the two-game Jacksonville sweep.

"This club scraps and comes from behind better than any club I've had in my four years here," he said.

TRIBE TIDBITS : Mobley on hitting: "I don't study hitting that much. I just go up and do it"...FSU took three of four from Jacksonville on the season...Seminoles, winners of 26 straight at home, are now ranked 3rd in nation by a publication...Don DeLoach is on the mound today for Seminoles vs. Valdosta St. in Georgia.

Jacksonville					Florida St				
	AB	R	H	BI		AB	R	H	BI
Krupa dh	4	1	1	1	Gilbert cf	5	0	2	2
Shaw rf	5	1	2	3	Benda ss	5	1	0	0
DelSardo cf	4	1	1	0	Pat'son 2b	4	2	2	0
Cham'in c	4	0	22	0	Mobley 1b	5	3	3	5
Gaedele 1b	3	0	0	0	McDonald c	4	1	2	0
Bircher 3b	4	0	2	1	Tice rf	3	2	2	0
Schifano lf	4	0	0	0	Rigby ph	1	0	0	0
Bowden 2b	3	1	0	0	DeLoach dh	3	0	0	0
Cromwell ph	1	0	0	0	Milner dh	2	1	2	1
Runge ss	0	0	0	0	Jones 3b	5	1	1	0
Kuiper p	0	0	0	0	B.Huff rf	2	0	0	1
Parton p	0	0	0	0	Riley p	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	6	8	5	Brooks p	0	0	0	0
					Totals	39	11	14	9

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 E — Jones (2), Riley, Bircher (2), Rider,
 Del Sardo. 3B — Tice, Shaw. HR — Mobley
 (2), Shaw. LOB — JU 6, FSU 7. S — McDo-
 nald. SF — B.Huff.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kuiper (L,5-3)	6	9	8	4	1	5
Parton	2	5	3	1	1	0
Riley (W,5-2)	7 1/3	8	6	2	3	4
Brooks	1 2/3	0	0	0	2	0

WP — Riley, Kuiper. PB — Chamberlain.