

Seminole's bomb in Vegas opener

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LAS VEGAS — Florida State's baseball odyssey got off to a dismal start Thursday as the Seminoles were crushed by the University of Nevada at Las Vegas 16-4.

The Hustlin' Rebels proved to be rude hosts as they assaulted four Seminole pitchers for 23 hits.

In a move that explicitly summed up the Seminole's lack of pitching depth, Coach Woody Woodward used third baseman Greg Jones as the last Seminole hurler.

Jones wasn't bad, pitching the last three innings and allowing two runs, one of them earned. His performance was masterful compared to that of starter Brooks Carey, who saw his 9-0 record and 1.98 earned run average turn into dust in the Nevada desert.

Carey lasted only two and two-thirds innings, surrendering ten hits and nine runs. He was followed to the mound by Joe Nichols and Don DeLoach, who also found the going rough.

UNLV (30-15) got off to a quick start on this extremely windy day (gusts were reported up to 60 mph) with five runs in the first inning. Rebel first baseman Mike Guena had the big hit, a two-run homer off Carey.

The Seminoles (34-8), however, made it close with a four-run uprising in the top of the second. Catcher Blane McDonald reached base on an error, and left fielder Ronnie Traylor poked a two-run homer over the wall in right off Rebel starter and winner Dan Fischer.

Then with one out, rightfielder Bruce Huff singled, the first of his three hits, and centerfielder Mark

Gilbert walked. Shortstop Bob Benda's single scored Huff, and second baseman Craig Patterson's sacrifice fly to center brought Gilbert in with FSU's last run of the inning, and the game.

UNLV scored a single run in the bottom of the second, and then buried the Seminoles with four runs in the third inning to make it 10-4 at that point.

Today, righthander Jim Riley (5-3) will see if he can do something about the Rebel bats. His mound opponent will be 27-year-old Herb Pryor, UNLV's top winner at 10-3.

UNLV	AB	R	H	B	I	Florida State	AB	R	H	B	I
Slav'ski lf	6	2	1	1		Gilbert cf	2	1	1	0	
Perry dh	6	1	1	0		Benda ss	5	0	0	1	
McHenry 2b	5	3	4	1		Pat'son 2b	4	0	0	1	
Guena 1b	5	1	2	3		Mobley 1b	4	0	1	0	
Max 3b	6	3	5	3		Milner dh	3	0	0	0	
Gemma rf	5	1	1	0		DeL'ch p-3b	2	0	0	0	
Herrera ss	5	2	3	1		McDonald c	4	1	0	0	
White c	5	2	3	4		Ramsey c	1	0	0	0	
Randolph cf	5	1	2	1		Traylor lf	3	1	2	2	
						Sch'chk rf	2	0	0	0	
						Jones 3b-p	4	0	1	0	
						B.Huff rf-lf	4	1	3	0	
Totals	48	16	23	14		Totals	39	4	9	4	
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UNLV							514	220	20x	—	16

E — Schimchak, Herrera, McHenry, Max 3. LOB — FSU 12, UNLV 10. 2B — Slavenski 2, Max 3, McHenry, White, Randolph. 3B — White. HR — Traylor, Guena, White. SF — Patterson. SB — Benda, Randolph.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Carey (L,9-1)	2 ² / ₃	10	9	9	2	2
Nichols	1 ¹ / ₃	4	3	3	1	1
DeLoach	1	4	2	2	0	0
Jones	3	5	2	1	0	0
Fischer (W,5-6)	9	9	4	2	4	9

WP — Carey. PB — McDonald 2. A — 141. Time — 2:10.