

'Noles glad to be home after 18-2 rout of St. Leo

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Florida State turned Seminole Field into its own personal stomping ground Saturday night, beating up St. Leo to the tune of 18-2.

The Seminoles, now 6-3, rapped out 17 hits as pitcher Jim Riley won his second of the year without a loss. The senior righthander from Atlanta worked the first seven innings, giving up one earned run and six hits. Junior Ken Smith pitched shutout ball to mop up.

The teams have a return engagement today at 2 p.m. at Seminole Field. John Wolfer (1-0) pitches for FSU.

For the Seminoles, it was good to return home after getting bombed 16-3 by the Florida Gators Friday.

ST. LEO, on the other hand, felt nothing good, as the Monarchs evened their record at 4-4. Jack Gillis, the coach, was not in a talkative mood after the rout. When asked to comment on his team's effort, he said he had none.

Smilin' Dick Howser, on the other hand, tried to be kind. He too, knows the feeling of watching a team disintegrate before his eyes.

"These guys are a better club than they showed," the FSU coach said.

"They'll give us a battle." He paused. "But not tonight."

Compared to what happened to St. Leo, General Custer was a winner at Little Big Horn.

Florida State, sizing up the situation and feeling relief at not being confronted with the Gators, scored five in the first off Monarch loser Marty Loach (2-1). Jack Emerick and Jeff Ledbetter each drove in two runs with singles as the Seminoles batted around.

Loach got the side out in the second, but the Seminoles batted around again in the third, duplicating their five-run output of the first inning.

DON DeLOACH, the sophomore shortstop who earlier broke an 0-for-9 spell with a single, knocked in three runs with a double.

"I felt a lot better at the plate," DeLoach said. "I was glad to be home, too. I think we'll be okay now."

DeLoach's hitless spell came during the Florida series. Four errors committed in the field did not make him feel any better.

"I really can't put into words how I felt," he said. "When it goes good, it goes good, and when it goes bad, it goes bad."

Going good, the Seminoles padded

their 10-1 lead with single runs in fourth and sixth, two in the seventh, and four in the eighth — three on Mike Fuentes' third homer of the season.

ST. LEO					FLORIDA STATE				
	AB	R	H	BI		AB	R	H	BI
D'Aloia ss	4	1	1	0	B.Huff rf	2	1	1	1
Kiernan dh	3	1	0	0	Gagnon rf	1	0	0	0
Cushing lf	3	0	0	0	DeLoach ss	4	1	2	3
Les'ur ph-1b	1	0	0	0	Culpepper ss	1	1	1	0
Farmer 1b-c	4	0	1	1	Patterson 2b	5	3	3	1
Blauch rf	4	0	2	0	Milner 1b	5	2	1	1
Finnocchio 3b	3	1	1	0	Parker 1b	1	0	0	0
Lindbergcf	4	0	1	0	Fuentes cf	5	2	2	4
Ricciardi 2b	4	0	1	0	Emerick c	4	2	1	2
Bovaird c	2	0	0	0	Bartlett c	1	0	1	0
August ph-lf	2	0	1	0	Traylor lf	3	2	1	0
Totals	32	2	8	2	K.Huff lf	2	0	0	0
					Casey 3b	4	2	3	1
					Ledbetter dh	3	1	1	2
					Johnson ph	0	1	0	0
					Totals	41	18	17	15

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E — Leach, Finnocchio, Bovaird, Riley, Fuentes. 2B — Finnocchio, Blauch, DeLoach, Casey, Patterson. 3B — Milner. HR — Fuentes. SB — Emerick 2, Ledbetter. LOB — St. Leo 8, FSU 10.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Loach (L, 2-1)	2 ¹ / ₃	4	9	9	6	0
Brantas	5 ² / ₃	8	5	5	4	1
Obeid	1	4	4	4	1	0
Riley (W, 2-0) N	7	6	2	1	1	3
Smith	2	2	0	0	0	1

PB — Bovaird. WP — Loach, Brantas, Obeid, Riley. HBP — D'Aloia (by Riley), Finnocchio (by Riley). Balk — Brantas. A — 1,016.