

Fuentes is 'super' in demolishing JU

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If Clark Kent were a baseball player, he would resemble Mike Fuentes.

Fuentes, the mild-mannered outfielder, was the closest thing to Superman as Florida State pounded out a 21-8 win over Jacksonville Sunday at Seminole Field.

The bespectacled and soft-spoken Fuentes let his bat do the shouting. He hit two homers — a three-run poke and a grand-slam — and drove in nine runs to set a FSU record for runs batted in a game. The old one was seven, set in 1972 by John Librandi.

The home runs were Fuentes' sixth and seventh of the year, and the nine runs batted in gives him 29 with the regular season one-third completed.

After the game, Fuentes looked at a statistics chart, and expressed concern over his fielding, of all things.

His fielding average could have been .250 for all anyone cared Sunday. Batting in the third with FSU leading by a still-sensible 3-1, he lofted a Kevin Coughlin pitch just over his favorite spot on the wall in right-centerfield for a three-run homer.

It was 7-2 in the fourth when Fuentes advanced to the plate with

the bases loaded. Jacksonville Coach Tom Bradley yanked lefty reliever Ed Devine — who had faced one hitter — and brought in his best bullpen man, righthander Steve Parton to face the right-swinging Fuentes.

Hello Parton, goodbye baseball. Fuentes left no doubt about this one, sending it high and far into the trees beyond the wall.

"The first one, I didn't think was going out," Fuentes said. "I thought it would be a sacrifice fly. I was very surprised. The second one, I knew was out as soon as I hit it."

That homer tied the Seminoles' RBI mark at seven. Fuentes broke it in the seventh inning when came up with the bases loaded again, and hit a medium-deep fly to right that scored Don DeLoach. The throw from right-fielder Duane Schifano was up the first-base line as DeLoach scored easily.

"I knew that if I just hit the ball, I'd have the RBI," Fuentes said. "There was only one out, and I didn't think I'd hit into a double play."

Fuentes' got his final "ribbie" in the eighth as he walked, again with the bases loaded.

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All this was in direct contrast to the previous night, when Fuentes struck out three times.

"I didn't have a chance up there last (Saturday) night," he said. "I was guessing on every pitch. Now I feel like I can hit again."

The sophomore from Coral Gables hardly played last year, batting but six times. Then-coach Woody Woodward started to use Fuentes as a defensive replacement in leftfield toward the end of the season.

"I didn't expect to play much, but more than I did play," Fuentes said. "He (Woodward) played me a lot defensively, but didn't give me a chance

to hit. I thought I could hit pretty good."

The Seminoles as a team are also hitting pretty good now. After the 17-hit attack on the Dolphins, FSU has raised its batting average from .280 to .321 in a week.

That has helped the club to a nine-game winning streak, and a 17-4 overall mark.

The Seminoles have another home game today at 3:30 against Mercer of Atlanta.

In addition to Fuentes' four-baggers, rightfielder Ken Schimchak hit his second in two days and third of the year, while scoring four runs.

Schimchak, DeLoach and David Mobley had three hits, with DeLoach driving in three runs. Schimchak, Craig Ramsey and Jeff Ledbetter each knocked in a pair.

Rick Holloway got the win on the mound. He struggled to the seventh, when Ken Smith came on to get the final out after the Dolphins closed the score to 11-7 with runners on second and third.

But four Seminole runs in the bottom of the inning, and six in the eighth, erased any idea of a Jacksonville comeback.

For the Dolphins (10-7), it was the second game in which 20 or more runs were scored on them. Miami won, 22-14, earlier in the year at Jacksonville.

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AB R H BI Jacksonville					AB R H BI				
Schimchak rf	4	4	3	2					
DeLoach ss	5	3	3	3	Krupa 2b	4	2	1	0
Cul'per pr-ss	0	1	0	0	Runge ss	4	1	1	1
Patterson 2b	5	3	2	0	Maisch ss	0	0	0	0
Milner 1b	4	1	1	1	Mauldin lf	3	2	2	0
Casey 3b	0	1	0	0	Binare lf	0	0	0	0
Fuentes cf	2	2	2	9	Cromwell 1b	3	1	1	1
Gagnon cf	0	0	0	0	Om'chuck 1b	0	0	0	0
Traylor lf	5	0	2	1	Gaedele cf	3	1	0	0
B.Huff pr	0	1	0	0	Dowdy ph-cf	1	1	0	1
K.Huff lf	0	0	0	0	Greenstein dh	5	0	2	2
Ramsey c	4	1	0	2	Schifano rf	4	0	2	1
Mobley 3b-1b	6	2	3	0	Parkison c	4	0	1	2
Ledbetter dh	5	2	2	2	Scheetz 3b	5	0	2	0
Totals	40	21	17	20	Totals	36	8	12	8

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E — Krupa, Casey. 2B — Schifano 2, Parkison, Milner, Schimchak. HR — Fuentes 2, Schimchak. SF — Parkison, Schifano, Fuentes. S — Runge. LOB — Jacksonville 11, FSU 10. DP — Jacksonville 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Coughlin (L, 2-2)	3 1/3	8	10	9	4	0
Devine	1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Parton	3	6	5	3	5	1
Walsh	2/3	3	6	6	3	0
Teifer	2/3	1	0	0	0	0
Holloway (W, 3-2)	6 2/3	10	7	7	6	5
Smith	1 1/3	1	1	0	0	1
Long	1	1	0	0	0	0

Save — Smith. PB — Ramsey. HBP — Mauldin (by Smith). Balk — Parton. A — 792.