

FSU streak now at 14 with 2 wins

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There now seems to be nothing Florida State can't do on the baseball field.

Getting relief help at the right time, stealing bases like they were being handed out, and playing their usual game of bash-the-ball, the Seminoles took two from Tennessee-Martin, 4-1 and 10-4, Thursday night at Seminole Field.

That makes it 14 straight wins for the rampaging 'Noles, owners of a 22-4 record as the regular season approaches the halfway point.

They go for more tonight at home at 7:30 against Wright State.

Granted, Tennessee-Martin is not Miami (Florida, or even Ohio), but in baseball the little schools can and do beat the big boys.

The Pacers threw a couple of scares into the Seminoles more than once. In the first game, FSU starter Rick Holloway took a 4-1 lead into the seventh and final inning.

One out and four batters later, the Pacers had loaded the bases. Seminole Coach Dick Howser, at that point, summoned Ken Smith from the bullpen, and the junior responded by fanning Larry Hudson and getting Danny Hensley on a deep fly to center to preserve Holloway's fourth win of the year.

Then in the second game, the Seminoles fell behind 4-1 as the game entered the bottom of the fourth. But with a run in, Jack Emerick swatted a 1-2 pitch into left-centerfield for a bases-loaded triple, which gave FSU a 5-4 lead it later expanded.

Emerick might want to frame the last two days and hang them on the wall. Against South Florida Wednesday, he got three hits, including a big one, and made a sterling defensive play at his catcher position as FSU won 12-4.

A transfer student from Pensacola Junior College, Emerick rode out a bad slump that saw his average linger under .200 until the South Florida series.

"The big thing is, the coaches stuck with me," said Emerick, a .368 hitter last season at Pensacola. "Being able to keep playing, seeing live pitches, and the coaches having confidence in me has helped me a lot."

Emerick is part of a three-catcher system, which finds him sharing time with Ron Bartlett and Craig Ramsey behind the plate, and being the righthanded designated hitter.

Ramsey, who caught the second game while Emerick was the DH, unveiled yet another Seminole weapon when he stole home in the sixth. Before that, he had singled Mike Fuentes in to make the score 6-4, and his theft of the plate seemed to kill what little spunk the Pacers may have had left.

"I won't say it was an embarrassing play for them, but it was kind of demoralizing," Ramsey said.

Ramsey's steal was just one of seven bases pilfered by the Seminoles.

Freshman Rich Bombard went the first four innings to get his second win of the year, but he was not sharp, allowing all four Pacer runs, on five hits. Reliever Rick Hatcher came on to work the final three innings, pitching shutout baseball and giving up just one hit.

In the opener, second baseman Craig Patterson supplied the punch, hitting his second and third homers of the year — matching last

year's total — and driving in three runs.

Denying he is a power man, Patterson said "the guy (Jack Chaney) just grooved me two fastballs. On the second one (which travelled more than 400 feet) he got behind me. I was waiting for the fastball and that's what I got."

Holloway, who was effective until the seventh, was bailed out by Smith, a walk-on from Hollywood who pitched for Broward Community College last season.

FIRST GAME

Tennessee-Martin					Florida State				
AB	R	H	B	I	AB	R	H	B	I
Smith 2b	4	0	1	0	Schimchak rf	3	1	1	0
Walston ss	4	0	2	0	DeLoach ss	3	0	0	0
Hudson cf	3	0	0	0	Patterson 2b	2	2	2	3
Hensley 1b	4	1	2	1	Milner 1b	2	0	0	0
Billings dh	3	0	0	0	Fuentes cf	2	1	0	0
Robinson pr	0	0	0	0	Emerick c	2	0	1	0
Hines 3b	3	0	1	0	Casey 3b	2	0	1	0
Champion c	2	0	0	0	Traylor lf	3	0	1	1
Zipp rf	2	0	1	0	Ledbetter dh	3	0	0	0
Smith lf	3	0	0	0	Totals	22	4	6	4
Totals	28	1	7	1					

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Florida State 102 100 x — 4

E — Hudson, Champion, DeLoach 2. HR — Hensley, Patterson 2. S — Champion. SB — Fuentes, Ledbetter. LOB — T-M 9, FSU 6. DP — FSU 1.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chaney (L, 1-1)	6	6	4	4	5	1
Holloway (W, 4-2)	6 1/3	6	1	1	2	5
Smith	2/3	0	0	0	0	0

Save — Smith. WP — Chaney 3. Holloway.

SECOND GAME

Tennessee-Martin					Florida State				
AB	R	H	BI		AB	R	H	BI	
Smith 2b	4	0	1	0	B.Huff rf	1	2	1	1
Walston ss	3	0	0	0	Emerick dh	4	0	1	3
Hudson cf	3	0	1	0	Patterson 2b	3	0	1	0
Hensley 1b	3	0	1	0	Fuentes cf	2	2	2	0
Billings dh	3	0	0	0	Mobley 3b	3	0	0	0
Hines 3b	2	1	0	0	Ramsey c	3	2	2	1
Bryson c	2	2	1	0	Milner 1b	2	1	0	0
Zipp rf	3	1	2	4	Gagnon lf	1	1	0	1
Sturdivant lf	1	0	1	0	Culpepper ss	1	0	0	0
Reese ph	1	0	0	0	DeLoach ph-ss	0	2	0	0
Totals	25	4	7	4	Totals	21	10	7	6

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Florida State 100 441 x — 10

E — Smith, Bryson, Walston. 2B — Zipp, Ramsey. 3B — Emerick, Fuentes. SB — B.Huff, Fuentes 2, Culpepper, Ramsey, Gagnon, DeLoach. LOB — T-M 3, FSU 6. DP — T-M 1, FSU 1.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ingle	3 ² / ₃	2	4	4	8	0
Kelley (L, 0-1)	1	2	5	4	3	0
Dickenson	2 ¹ / ₃	2	1	1	0	1
Bombard (W, 2-0)	4	5	4	4	3	3
Hatcher	3	1	0	0	0	1

Save — Hatcher. WP — Ingle, Kelley, Dickenson. PB — Bryson. A — 853. OS — Hogan. OA — White.