

Stetson puts end to FSU win streak

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Florida State, which had been dishing out the punishment on the baseball field the last two weeks, was the recipient of some rude treatment Monday at Seminole Field.

The unruly guests were the Stetson Hatters, who stung the 'Noles with 21 hits and a 14-9 pounding that snapped the FSU win streak at 16 straight.

The fact that Seminole starter Dick Wiggins was the first mound victim made the loss all the more painful. Thus far, the junior right-hander had been akin to a sure thing, compiling a 5-0 record and a 1.88 earned run average going into the Stetson encounter.

But the Hatters (17-10), solved Wiggins' breaking-ball deliveries with five runs in the first four innings, causing his earliest departure of the season.

"I didn't have much on the ball at all," Wiggins said. "It just got to where everything I threw up there they hit pretty well."

Stetson rightfielder Lou Stawarz

set the mood with a first-inning, lead-off homer off Wiggins.

After Wiggins left, the Seminole bullpen belied its recent success. Rick Hatcher lasted one-third of an inning, giving up five runs, and Ken Fischer was hit for four additional tallies before coming out after the seventh.

Still, the Seminoles (24-5), batting .327 before the contest, almost made a game of it. They scored three runs in the sixth and four in the seventh to pull to within six, after trailing 11-1.

The Hatters, however, did what the Seminoles could not — find relief when they needed it.

Dan Williams came over from first base to replace starter Bill Swaggerty with a three-ball count on Jack Emerick leading off the eighth. Williams blew three strikes past the FSU catcher and got through the inning untouched.

In the ninth, Seminoles Don DeLoach and Craig Patterson singled with none out. But Williams fanned Don Milner and, after walking Mike Fuentes to fill the sacks, got David (Please see FSU, page 4B)

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Mobley on a ground ball — scoring the ninth run — and struck out Emerick again to end the game.

The main culprit in the assault on the Seminoles was Hatter third baseman David Miller, who had a double and triple among his four hits, and five runs batted in.

Centerfielder Bob Shaffer was also productive, going 3-for-5 and knocking home three runs.

The 'Noles were spearheaded by centerfielder Fuentes, who hit a three-run homer in the eighth. The blast was Fuentes' 10th, and he now has 38 runs batted in.

At that pace, the sophomore from Coral Gables would break the FSU single season homer (21) and runs batted in (64) records held Terry Kennedy, the slugging catcher now on the St. Louis Cardinals' roster.

FSU Coach Dick Howser, who last saw defeat almost two weeks ago

against St. Francis, said no one is about to push the panic button over a little loss.

"We've still got a head of steam," Howser said. "We just lost one game. It's not going to bother us. I'd rather lose a game like this, than lose by one run. I like the way we battled back. We still played well."

Howser said he can't see his team losing any gusto now that the streak is over, and certainly would not foresee a problem at Miami Friday and Saturday.

"I'd be surprised if there is a let-down," Howser said. "I think we're looking forward to playing the number-one team in the nation."

Before that, the Seminoles play a doubleheader Wednesday at home against Division II Oakland (Mich.) State.

Stetson**AB R H BI**

Stawarz rf 6 2 3 1
 Ost' man 2b 5 1 2 1
 Williams 1b-p6 1 1 1
 Manning dh 5 2 3 0
 Sullivan 1b 1 0 0 0
 Eicholtz lf 4 4 2 1
 Miller 3b 4 1 4 5
 Shaffer cf 5 1 3 3
 Danson ss 5 2 2 2
 Tinsley c 5 0 1 0

Totals 46 14 21 14

Florida State**AB R H BI**

Schimchak rf 5 1 1 0
 DeLoach ss 5 2 3 0
 Patterson 2b 3 1 2 1
 Milner 1b 4 2 0 0
 Fuentes cf 4 2 2 3
 Casey 3b 4 0 2 1
 Mobley ph 1 0 0 1
 Emerick c 5 1 0 1
 Traylor lf 2 0 1 1
 Gagnon ph-lf 0 0 0 0
 Ledbetter dh 2 0 0 0
 Ramsey ph 1 0 0 0
 Totals 36 9 11 8

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E — Casey, Emerick. 2B — Shaffer 2,
 Miller, Fuentes, Traylor, DeLoach. 3B —
 Miller. HR — Stawarz, Danson, Fuentes. SB
 — Manning. LOB — Stetson 9, FSU 7.

IP H R ER BB SO

Swaggerty (W, 5-2) 7 9 8 8 4 4
 Williams 2 2 1 1 2 2
 Wiggins (L, 5-1) 4 8 5 5 2 2
 Hatcher 1/3 5 5 4 1 0
 Fischer 2 2/3 7 4 4 1 2
 Nichols 1 1 0 0 0 1
 Bombard 1 0 0 0 0 2

PB — Tinsley. WP — Haggerty 2. A —
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