

Seminoles tomahawk Gators 12-7

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To the delight of more than 2,400 Gator-haters packed into Seminole Field, the weather, which looked bad at first, got better as Sunday afternoon continued.

And so did the Florida State for-

tunes. Falling behind 2-0 to Florida in the first inning, the Seminoles pieced together a 13-hit attack to eventually outslug the pitching-thin Gators 12-7.

As the 'Noles (29-8) have done all season, they tomahawked their opponent with the sudden, and highly productive longball.

First it was Don DeLoach, the sophomore shortstop from Leon High, who lit into a Randy Perkins pitch with the bases loaded in the second inning. The ball got up into a substantial breeze, clearing the wall in left for DeLoach's first college grand-slam.

More notably, the hit snapped a 2-2 tie, and sent freshman Perkins out of the game.

"He gave me my pitch," said DeLoach, now with four homers. "I like the ball low and inside and that's exactly where he put it."

THEN SENIOR David Mobley, last year's home run king for FSU, got a pitch where he wanted from Gator reliever Mike Grant in the fifth. Mobley hit a towering fly — again the wind helped out — that hit the scoreboard in leftfield. The three-run blast gave the 'Noles a 9-2 lead at that point. They later found they would need the runs.

Mobley's homer was also his fourth of the campaign. The third baseman from Columbus, Ga. hit 13 last year, and is bothered by this season's low output.

"Just hitting the ball has been a concern," said Mobley, a .320 hitter in 1978, but batting only .280 thus far. "I'll hit the ball well one game, then I'll come back and not hit it well. I don't know. Things aren't going too good."

ASIDE FROM the homer, Mobley hit a line smash to left field that was caught, and three fly balls, but still netted just the one hit. "I thought I hit the ball pretty well," he said. "But 1-for-5 ain't too sporty." At least he was laughing.

FSU starter and winner Dick Wiggins (6-2) got off on the wrong foot, allowing a two-run homer to Chuck Sandberg that put the Tribe down 2-0 in the first.

But the 'Noles came back with two of their own in the bottom of the inning, after two were out. Craig Patterson hit a double, preceeding run-producing hits by Mike Fuentes and Jack Emerick.

Centerfielder Fuentes had another sterling game, going 4-for-5 at the plate, scoring twice, and driving in two runs. He now has 46 runs batted in. The FSU record is 64, held by Terry Kennedy.

After DeLoach's poke put FSU ahead to stay, Wiggins settled down before tiring. The junior transfer from Valencia Junior College fanned 10, but was nicked for single runs in the sixth (unearned) and seventh, two in the eighth — on David Banes' homer — and one in the ninth. He came out of the game with two outs in the ninth, a run in and runners on first and third.

WITH THE SCORE 12-7, lefthanded reliever Ken Fischer walked the lefty-hitting Sandberg to load the bases. Then righthander Ken Smith came on to face Tony Stevens, a righthanded swinger. Stevens hit a long fly to the base of the centerfield wall that Fuentes hauled in while everyone collectively held their breath.

"It scared me to death," said Smith, who got his third save of the year.

Florida's starter, Perkins (2-1), was not to be pencilled into the lineup until another freshman lefthander, Rob Murphy, came down with a sore elbow.

"There's no question that Rob is the better pitcher," Florida Coach Jay Bergman said. "But I don't want to make any excuses. Florida State can hit the ball."

Perkins may be considered Florida's sixth starter. The Gators (26-8) are involved in a hot race in the East Division of the Southeastern Conference (where they are 10-2) and used their front-line material in a three-game set with Vanderbilt Friday and Saturday.

Florida	AB	R	H	BI	Florida State	AB	R	H	BI
Watkins cf	4	1	0	0	B.Huff rf	4	1	0	0
Hall ss	4	0	1	0	DeLoach ss	3	2	1	4
Teegarden rf	4	1	1	1	Patterson 2b	4	1	2	0
Sandberg 1b	4	1	2	3	Fuentes cf	5	2	4	2
Stevens dh	4	1	0	0	Emerick c	5	0	1	1
Banes lf	4	1	1	2	Mobley 3b-1b	5	1	1	3
Morris 3b	2	1	2	0	Milner 1b	2	1	1	0
Deans 2b	3	0	0	0	Casey 3b	1	1	1	0
Emerson ph	1	1	1	0	Ramsey dh	4	1	2	0
Maniotis c	2	0	0	0	Gagnon lf	3	1	1	1
Worley c	2	0	1	1	Traylor ph-lf	0	0	0	1
Totals	34	7	9	7	Totals	36	12	13	12

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E — Hall, Morris, Watkins, Milner. LOB — UF 7, FSU 6. DP — UF 2, FSU 2. 2B — Sandberg, Fuentes, Milner, Ramsey. 3B — Worley. HR — Sandberg, Banes, DeLoach, Mobley. SF — Traylor. SB — Watkins 3, Hall, Teegarden, Fuentes, Gagnon.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Perkins (L, 2-1)	1½	5	6	5	1	0
Grant	5½	8	6	4	2	4
Maier	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wiggins (W, 6-2)	8½	9	9	6	4	10
Fischer	0	0	0	0	1	0
Smith	½	0	0	0	0	0

Save — Smith. WP — Grant. HBP — Stevens (by Wiggins), Patterson (by Grant). U — Raven, Batts, Davis, Rosa. T — 2:26. A — 2,446