

Back-to-back homers sink FSU at Mercer

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MACON, Ga. — Mercer suddenly struck down Florida State with a three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth for a come-from-behind 4-2 college baseball victory Friday.

Bill Welch, who had doubled earlier, slugged the homer a three-two pitch off FSU ace Dick Wiggins, who then gave up a homer to Tom Campbell on the very next pitch.

Wiggins had retired the first two Mercer batters in the eighth and had given up only five hits when Mark Stennitt and Scott Hallam hit back-to-back singles. Wiggins, whose record dipped to 9-3, almost had himself out of trouble when Welch unloaded.

The defeat left FSU with a 37-11-1 record, and the victory boosted Mercer to 29-13 on the year.

The Seminoles had taken a 2-0 lead

into the eighth on the strength of Don DeLoach's sixth homer of the season and a second-inning double by Mike Fuentes to score Don Milner, who had singled.

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AB	R	H	B	I	AB	R	H	B	I
Huff rf	3	0	0	0	Ross ss	4	0	1	0
DeLoach ss	3	1	2	1	Turner lf	3	0	0	0
Patterson 2b	4	0	1	0	Stennitt 3b	4	1	1	0
Milner lb	4	1	1	0	Hallam lb	4	1	2	0
Fuentes cf	4	0	2	1	Welch 2b	4	1	2	3
Ledbetter dh	4	0	0	0	Campbell c	3	1	2	1
Mobley 3b	3	0	0	0	Sommers cf	4	0	0	0
Traylor lf	3	0	0	0	Jedneski dh	3	0	0	0
Ramsey c	3	0	0	0	Millerd rf	3	0	1	0
Totals	31	2	6	2	Totals	32	4	9	4

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E — Ross. LOB — FSU 4, Mercer 6; DP — Mercer 2. 2B — Fuentes, Welch. HR — DeLoach (6), Welch, Campbell.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wiggins (L, 9-3)	8	9	4	4	2	6
Fitzsimmons (W, 5-4)	9	6	2	1	2	5

PB — Campbell. T — 1:35. A — 225.