

# Southern again ruins FSU finish

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For the second year in a row, the Georgia Southern Eagles were the hecklers in the crowd, the tomato-throwing ruffians who ruined, just before the curtain fell, what had been an immensely successful performance by Florida State.

This time it took the Eagles two days to upstage the Seminoles. Last year, it happened in one, when GSC swept a doubleheader from the Seminoles on the final day of the regular season.

GSC topped Saturday's 8-3 victory with an 8-1 win Sunday to take the season series with FSU, three games to two. The Seminoles, again heading into the Metro Tournament with a sour taste in their mouths, and tomato stains on their shirts, are 41-13.

Make no mistake about it. This GSC team, under the tutelage of former FSU Coach Jack Stallings, can play the game. The Eagles hit, field and pitch, and have a 43-13 record to show for it.

AS THEY DID the day before, the Eagles demonstrated a longball touch. They also exhibited a poised pitcher who knows how to get hitters out.

The punch came from Jorge Lezcano, the brother of ex-Seminole slugger Carlos Lezcano. Jorge doesn't wield the same potent bat — he hits ninth in the GSC lineup — but he put on a Carlos-like display nevertheless with homers in each of the last two innings.

Sophomore righthander Paul Kilimonis gave the Eagles their second complete game in as many days against the Seminoles, scattering eight hits and frequently pitching out of trouble.

He was reminiscent of teammate Chuck Lusted, the GSC hurler who closed the door on the powerful FSU attack the day before. Neither is a flame-thrower, but both spot the ball and hit the corners.

KILIMONIS (8-2) was aided by another sleepy effort from the Seminoles, who seemed to lose their pizzazz following the 20-7 rout of Florida Friday.

The FSU hitters were swinging ahead of Kilimonis' good throws, and offering at the poor ones. They left the bases loaded once, and stranded two runners on the sacks three other times.

FSU Coach Dick Howser was puzzled at the way his offensive machine has suddenly clicked off.

"I don't know what it is," he said. "I don't know if we faced good pitchers or we're just not swinging the bat. Yesterday (Saturday) I thought it was good pitching. Now, I'm not sure."

Second baseman Craig Patterson, who drove in the lone FSU run with an infield single, was similarly at a loss for explanation.

"THEY JUST beat us," he said, "They ripped the ball and we didn't. That was the story of the games."

The 'Noles also played erratically in the field. They made two errors for the boxscore, failed to turn the doubleplay, and committed a flub that went for a hit as the usually flawless Bruce Huff misjudged a fly ball in rightfield.

Rick Holloway was the only silver lining. The senior righthander, coming off a win at Georgia Tech, pitched eight strong innings in a losing cause.

Using a sidearm motion exclusively, Holloway retired the first nine hitters, then ran into trouble in the

fourth when he was nicked for two runs. But he did not buckle, as had been his tendency, and pitched into the ninth, exiting after Terry Mettis' RBI single gave the Eagles a 4-1 lead.

But Holloway's work was encouraging to Howser, especially with the tournament beginning here Thursday. Pitchers are like gold in a short series.

"Rick has been very impressive the last two times out," Howser said. "And his stuff today was much better than it was when he beat Georgia Tech."

This has been a frustrating year for Holloway. After a miserable season in 1978, he was a world-beater over the summer for the semi-pro Federals. He started 1979 as the number-one FSU pitcher.

**BUT HIS OLD** control problems flared up and he found that when he grooved the ball over the plate, the hitters grooved it out. Holloway soon became the forgotten man, benched for a month.

The exile to the dugout ended with the Georgia Tech win two weeks ago. Now, after another solid workout, Holloway thinks his season can be saved.

"I just want to help in the playoffs," he said. "My record (5-4) doesn't mean too much to me now."

"I think I'm back in the picture again for the Metro. If we go four games in the tournament, I should pitch. I'm getting back to where I was before the season started. I think I can help out."

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AB	R	H	B	I	AB	R	H	B	I
Fletcher ss	5	2	3	0	B. Huff rf	4	0	0	0
Crego 2b	5	0	1	0	DeLoach ss	5	0	3	0
Gray lf	5	1	2	1	Patterson 2b	3	0	1	1
Strucher 1b	3	1	0	1	Milner 1b	4	0	1	0
Aguayo c	5	0	2	2	Fuentes cf	4	0	1	0
Laurie 3b	5	1	1	0	Ledbetter dh	4	0	1	0
Metts rf	5	0	2	1	Traylor lf	3	0	0	0
Howard cf	4	1	0	0	Mobley 3b	3	0	0	0
Lezcano dh	4	2	2	3	Casey ph	1	0	1	0
Totals	40	8	13	8	Emerick c	2	1	0	0
					Sch'chak ph	1	0	0	0
					Totals	33	1	8	1

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E — Fletcher, DeLoach, Holloway. LOB — GSC 7, FSU 10. 2B — Aguayo, Metts, Fletcher, Ledbetter. HR — Lezcano 2. SB — Fletcher, Howard.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kilmonis (W, 8-2)	9	8	1	1	4	0
Holloway (L, 5-4)	8	9	4	4	1	4
Smith	1	4	4	4	1	0

WP — Holloway 2. U — Davis, Bickle, Rosa. T — 2:20. A — 1,010.