

# FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL

Date 3/8/80

Site Tallahassee, Fla

<u>FLORIDA</u>	3	0	2	14	5	5	1	0	-	21	20	1
<u>FLORIDA ST.</u>	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	-	6	13	5

Battery: FLORIDA - Murphy, McClellen (2) and Cardieri. FLORIDA ST. - Wiggins, Hatcher (5), Gagnon (6), Schneider (8) and Emerick

2B: FLA. - Floyd, Henley, Brantley & Cardieri.

3B: None

HR: FLA. - Stevens, Brantley, Carpenter, Cardieri. FLA. ST. - Ledbetter (2), Fuentes

Leading Hitters: FLA. - Floyd - 4-6/3 runs. Stevens - 3-7/4 RBI's.

Brantley - 2-4/5 RBI's. Carpenter - 1-5/4 RBI's. FLA. ST. - Martinez 3-4. Ledbetter - 2-5/4 RBI's. Fuentes 4-5/1 RBI.

W.P.: McClellen (2-0)

L.P.: Wiggins (2-2)

Records: 10-2

7-2

Game Notes: The game was close until Florida scored 4 runs in the 5<sup>th</sup>, 5 runs in the 6<sup>th</sup>, and 5 more in the 7<sup>th</sup>. The four FLORIDA Homeruns and the three FLA. STATE homeruns tied an FSU school record.

Next game in this two game series is tomorrow (3/9) at 1 p.m. in Tallahassee.

# Gators mangle FSU 21-6

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"That's baseball."

With shrugs and sheepish grins, Florida State's Mike Martin and Florida's Jay Bergman offered the same reaction to the Gators' 21-6 victory over the Seminoles on Saturday afternoon.

The Gators pounded the ball all over Seminole Field from the very beginning, and by the time the ninth inning rolled around there remained only a handful of the 2,175 fans who braved threatening skies to watch what was misleadingly billed as a contest.

"Probably the longest day of my life," said a disappointed Martin. "I was very impressed with the way we played in the top of the second inning — that's about it."

That second inning was the only time a Seminole pitcher — the Gators shellacked four during the game — managed to get Florida up and down in order. When the three-hour debacle finally was over, the Gator half of the scoreboard read something like the national debt — 302,145,510.

"Just one of those days," a smiling Bergman said of team's offensive explosion. The Gators clubbed four home runs — one more than they had hit all season and as many as any team ever against Florida State. The Seminoles helped tie another record — seven homers by both teams — by smashing three of their own, two by Jeff Ledbetter.

"We sure had our hitting shoes on," Bergman said. "This is definitely a hitter's ballpark. It's so, so tough on pitchers."

Florida State seeks redemption this afternoon at 1, and neither coach expects a repeat of Saturday's performance.

"We'll find out what kind of club we've got tomorrow," Martin said. "There's just not much we can do except shrug it off and go after 'em again."

The Seminoles went after 'em Saturday — for about two innings. "Treetops" Ledbetter lived up to his nickname in the bottom of the first by lining a three-run homer into the

pinetrees over the rightfield wall. That made it 3-3 and, after a scoreless second inning, the Gators went to work.

Two runs in the second put Florida up 5-3. In the fourth, Ron Cardieri — the ninth hitter in the Gator lineup — belted a Dick Wiggins pitch over the right centerfield wall for a 6-3 lead.

The Gators then proceeded to score 14 runs over the next three innings. Glenn Carpenter, the No. 8 hitter, cracked a grand-slam homer in the fifth and five more runs crossed in the sixth. In the seventh, John Brantley hit a two-run blast and Tony Stevens added a three-run shot to make the score 20-3.

Down but not out, the Seminoles made a little noise in the bottom of the seventh when Ledbetter and Mike Fuentes hit towering home runs on consecutive pitches. But Florida left-hander Mike McClellan settled down again, and the Seminoles' only other run was an unearned tally in the ninth.

McClellan, 2-0, picked up the victory in 8½ innings of relief. Ledbetter's homer helped chase starter Rob Murphy in the first, but McClellan came on and scattered 10 hits the rest of the way.

Florida State's Wiggins, 2-2, lasted just four innings. Only three of the seven runs he allowed were earned.

Wiggins was relieved in the fifth by Rick Hatcher, who also was a victim of poor support. In 1½ innings, Hatcher allowed eight runs, but only three were earned. John Gagnon (1½ innings, five runs) and Ed Schneider (two innings, one run) finished up for Florida State.

On top of everything else, the Seminoles committed five errors, three by third baseman Rick Figueroa.

"That discourages me as much as anything," Martin said of the Seminoles' shoddy defensive play. "Of course, it really had no affect on the outcome of the game, but that's just something you don't like to see."

