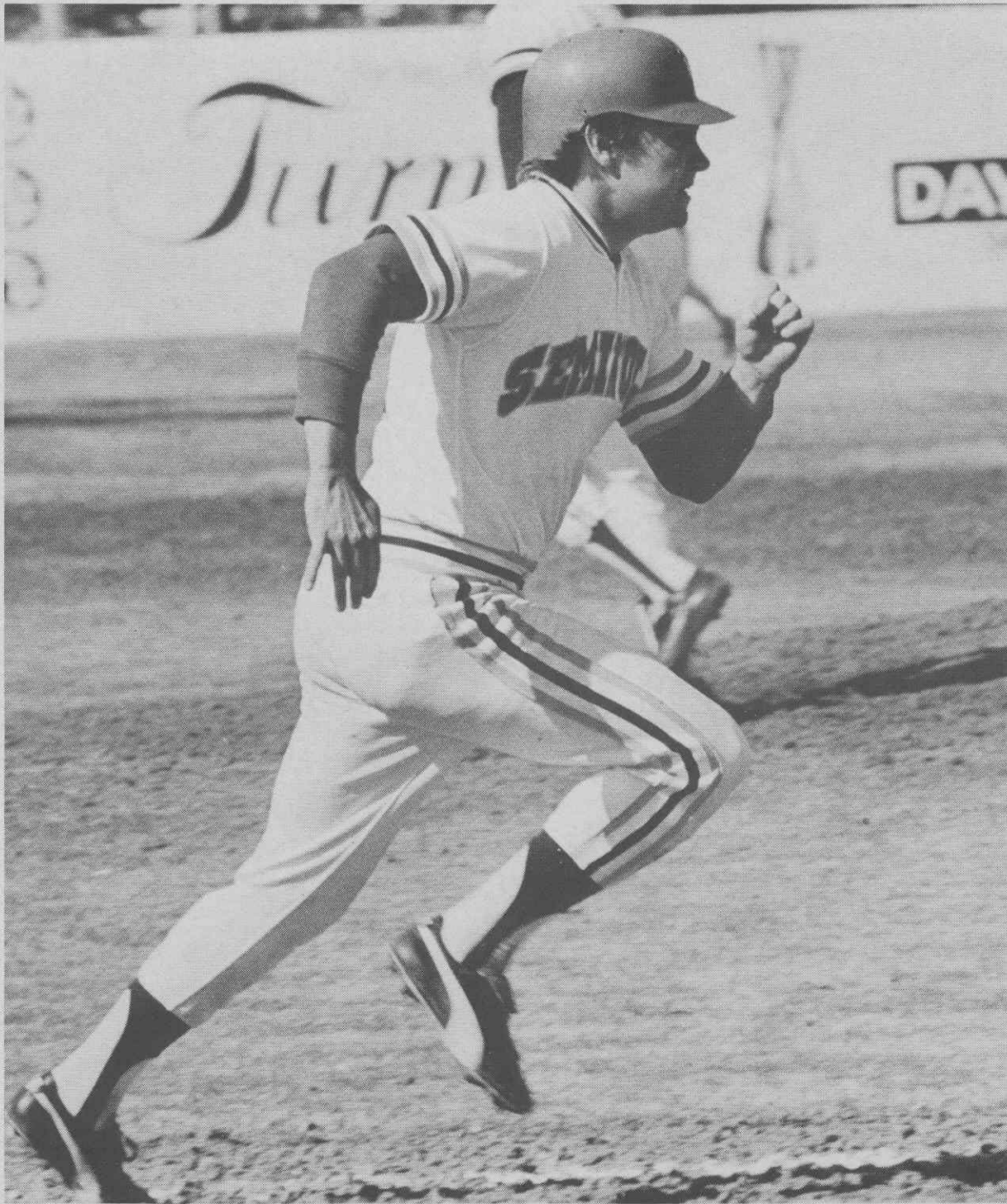


# **FSU Baseball**



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## NORTHERN KENTUCKY

No.	Name, Position
26	Jerry Hargett, p
27	Tom Birkley, p
29	Ed Meiman, of
30	Derek Edwards, p
32	Tony Hetzer, p
33	Mike List, p
34	Ken Kostas, p
35	Steve Yenser, p
38	Steve Bierman, of
	Bill Anchor, c
	Frank Wroblasky

No.	Name, Position
23	Walter Prestwood, p
24	Tim Smith, rf
25	Steve Horne, p
26	Howard Reed, lf
28	Marc Pridgen, ss
29	Terry Gaines, p
30	Scott Barnhouse, p
31	Ricky Worsham, lf-cf
32	Phillip Millerd, c

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FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL

Date 3/18/80 Site Tallahassee, FLA

<u>Mercer</u>	004	003	000	- 7	11	3
<u>FLA. ST.</u>	000	101	43X	- 9	13	1

Battery: Mercer - Hea therington, Barnhouse (7), Ryan (8) and Campbell. FLA. ST. - Smith, Hatcher (6) and Emerick.

2B: FLA. ST. - Emerick (2), Figueredo

3B: NONE

HR: FLA. ST. - Ledbetter (2)

Leading Hitters: Mercer - Sommers - 3-4/2 RBI's. FLA. ST. - MARTINEZ 2-5/1 RBI, Ledbetter - 2-5/5 RBI's, Emerick - 3-4/1 RBI.

W.P.: Hatcher (3-1) L.P.: Barnhouse (0-1)

Records: 14-3 8-5

Game Notes: FLA. ST. trailed 7-1 going into the bottom of the <sup>sixth</sup> ~~sixth~~. FSU scored one in the sixth ~~sixth~~, four in the seventh on a Jeff Ledbetter grand slam and three in the eighth on RBI singles by Lionell Martinez and Jim Weaver and a fielder's choice.

# Angry Seminoles bury Mercer

By BOB COHN

Democrat sportswriter

Do not incur the wrath of Jeff Ledbetter. The Mercer Bears did, riling up the sophomore slugger and his Florida State teammates. It was a dumb thing to do.

Ledbetter responded with two homers, including a seventh-inning grand slam, that propelled Florida State to a 9-7 victory Tuesday at Seminole Field. FSU had trailed 7-1 in the sixth inning.

The Seminoles, 14-3, have won seven straight and play host to Monmouth (Ill.) College tonight at 7:30.

A brawl almost erupted in the fifth inning when the Bears' Skeeter Sommers was out stealing at second base and came up throwing dirt at Lionel Martinez, who had applied the tag

to Sommers' jaw. Both benches emptied, but no punches were thrown.

In the sixth, Mercer (8-5) scored three runs, knocking out starter Ken Smith. Ledbetter's first homer, a solo shot in the bottom of the inning, made it 7-2, but the Bears still were having a grand time verbally assaulting the Seminoles from their dugout.

"Those guys ragging us made us try harder," the 6-foot-2, 210-pound Ledbetter said. "That was the worst thing they could have done, jumping on our players."

With one out in the seventh, FSU began jumping back, loading the bases on two singles and a walk. Mercer starter Fred Heatherington was lifted and Scott Barnhouse came in to face Ledbetter. With the count 2-2, the angry desig-

nated hitter rocketed a fastball over the wall in right-center.

"When I had two strikes on me, I just wanted to make contact," said Ledbetter, who now has 10 homers for the year. "He happened to throw a fastball and I hit it hard."

Though Florida State still trailed, 7-6, the outcome was clear. This was the Seminoles' and Ledbetter's game.

In the eighth, Roy Alvarez singled and Craig Ramsey pinch-hit a double to set runners on second and third with none out. Martinez singled home Alvarez with the tying run, Jim Weaver singled in Ramsey with the winning run, and FSU added another tally for good measure off Barnhouse (3-1).

The extra run wasn't needed, because winner Rick Hatcher was silencing the Bears and

their bats. The junior right-hander relieved Smith (5½ innings, 10 hits, seven runs) in the sixth and pitched 3½ scoreless innings, striking out six and allowing just one hit.

"This is a big confidence builder for me," said Hatcher, who was 2-1 with a 5.08 earned run average last year. This season, he already is 3-1 with a 2.85 ERA.

"I know that in any situation, they can put me in and do the job," Hatcher said.

Florida State Coach Mike Martin praised Hatcher ("He's the kind of kid who pitches best under pressure") but was practically dumbstruck over Ledbetter.

Martin acted as if he had seen a ghost — that of Terry Kennedy, the legendary Seminole (Please see FSU, page 7B)



"What can I say about Ledbetter?" Martin said. "I did not think that in the next 10 years I would see another Kennedy. But I'll tell you what, Ledbetter (who hit 13 homers as a freshman last season) is right up there with Terry Kennedy as a hitter. He's matured tremendously and he's only a sophomore."

"There was no reason for him (Sommers) to throw the dirt," Martin said. "That woke up our club. We are a very close-knit club and there's no excuse for what the guy did. Even though they got three more runs, it pumped us up. It woke us up."

"I wanted the tag to be a little forceful," he said. "But I didn't want it to be anything dirty. He came at me like he wanted to fight. Once he saw the whole team coming out, he didn't want to fight nobody."

Seminoles' catcher Jack Emerick, fighting a slump but celebrating his 22nd birthday, had three hits, including two doubles.

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	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
<b>Mercer</b>						
Heatherington	6 1/3	8	5	5	4	1
Barnhouse (L, 3-1)	3 2/3	5	3	3	1	0
Ryan	1	0	0	0	0	0

HBP — Shouse (by Smith). U — Ravan, Anderson. A — 393.