

# FSU splits to stay alive

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Florida State stayed alive in the Metro Conference baseball tournament Friday night, defeating Louisville 13-1 at Seminole Field.

Mike Fuentes slugged two home runs for the Seminoles, now 42-9. Second baseman Lionel Martinez added five hits.

FSU left-hander Ken Fischer threw five shutout innings to pick up the victory, raising his record to 8-2. Tim Phillips came on to pitch the final four innings.

Earlier, the Seminoles dropped a 12-4 decision to Virginia Tech to send them to the loser's bracket.

Today at noon, Virginia Tech meets Memphis State. FSU plays Tulane this afternoon at 3. The winner of that game plays again at 7:30 p.m. and meets the loser of the noon game between Memphis State and Virginia Tech.

Third-seeded Memphis State (30-13) stayed in the winner's bracket with a 7-2 victory over No. 2 seed Tulane Friday afternoon.

Cincinnati and St. Louis are eliminated from further action. The Bearcats lost 10-3 to Tulane and Louisville beat the Billikens 8-3.

All games Friday were delayed two to four hours by rain in the morning and early afternoon.

The Seminoles began the evening with Ed Schneider on the mound. The junior lefthander was 8-1 with a 1.91 earned run average. But the Hokies (29-16) were hardly impressed.

Virginia Tech starter Mike Rhodes, on the other hand, settled down after early shakiness. He allowed two meaningless singles in the ninth

inning after holding FSU hitless since the fourth.

Rhodes went all the way to get his eighth victory of the season.

Schneider left the game in the fourth and was followed to the mound by John Gagnon, John Wolfer and Phillips.

Only Phillips could solve the Hokies, pitching the final 3½ innings and giving up two hits and no runs.

Tech second baseman Mike Preisser set the mood with a solo homer in the first inning for a 1-0 Tech lead. It was the first homer of the season for Preisser.

Schneider hurt himself, making the first of two errors that led to another Hokies' run.

The Seminoles (41-9) scored once in the bottom of the inning on Mike Fuentes' run-scoring double to cut the Tech lead to 2-1.

Preisser doubled home Tech's third run in the second inning, but FSU tied the game in the bottom of the second on a run-scoring double by Rick Figueredo and an infield out.

The Hokies blew the game open in the third with four runs. Schneider threw a double-play grounder into centerfield and Jimmy Foit, the next hitter, hit a three-run homer. Two outs later, Chip Smith homered for a 7-3 Tech lead.

The rest of the game was batting practice. Brian Rupe added a homer in the sixth for the Hokies, who had 13 hits. Foit later doubled and finished with three hits.

Memphis State pulled a minor upset, knocking off Tulane as Mark Schuler won his second game in as many days.

Schuler came in to relieve starter Jeff Williams in the fifth and pitched the final 4½ innings. He allowed no runs on five hits to nail down his sixth victory against eight losses.

The Tigers grabbed a 3-0 lead after three innings off loser Frank Wills. They held on as the Green Wave scored two in the fifth, then put the game away with three runs in the seventh inning.

Wills lasted into the eighth inning before being relieved by John Perrett.

Dale Logan, who had hit a double and triple Thursday, had three hits for the Tigers — all singles — against the Wave. Ralph Garrett and Gary Williams each drove in a pair of runs.

Billy Vogt had three hits for Tulane, which out-hit the Tigers, 10-9, but also committed three errors to one for MSU.

Louisville sent St. Louis packing by overcoming a 3-0 Billikens' lead and scoring all its runs in the final three innings.

Rick Siriano, the nation's home run leader, belted his 24th of the season for Louisville. The centerfielder also doubled and singled.

Steve Kerrick, the Cards' shortstop, added his second homer of the tournament and also had three hits.

Mark Webb hit a solo homer for the Bills' and drove in two of their three runs.

Steve Carbone got the pitching victory in relief of Tom Miller. Carbone pitched the final four innings, allowing no runs and two hits.

Starter John Tiernan lost for St. Louis. He was relieved by Nick Jans in the Cards' five-run seventh.

Tulane rebounded from its defeat to Memphis State with a sound whipping of Cincinnati.

Centerfielder Johnny Olsen hit two homers and drove in four runs and third baseman David Stokes homered and drove in three runs for the Green Wave.

Tulane's Billy Kampen won his eighth against one defeat. Bob O'Brien took the loss for the Bearcats.

The game was suspended because of darkness after eight innings at Florida High, and completed at Seminole Field before the Florida State-Louisville contest.

| VIRGINIA TECH |    |    |    |    | FLORIDA STATE |    |   |   |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|---------------|----|---|---|----|
|               | ab | r  | h  | bi |               | ab | r | h | bi |
| Rupe lf       | 5  | 1  | 1  | 2  | Martinez 2b   | 3  | 0 | 0 | 1  |
| Preisser 2b   | 5  | 1  | 2  | 2  | DeLoach ss    | 4  | 1 | 1 | 0  |
| Phillips 3b   | 2  | 3  | 0  | 0  | Fuentes cf    | 4  | 0 | 1 | 1  |
| Stubbs 1b     | 5  | 2  | 2  | 1  | Ledbetter 1b  | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Stewart rf    | 5  | 1  | 2  | 3  | Ramsey c      | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Foit ss       | 4  | 1  | 3  | 3  | Emerick dh    | 4  | 1 | 2 | 0  |
| Aldrich dh    | 5  | 0  | 0  | 0  | Yastrzmski rf | 3  | 1 | 2 | 1  |
| Mitchell cf   | 5  | 0  | 1  | 0  | Huff lf       | 4  | 1 | 1 | 0  |
| Smith c       | 3  | 3  | 2  | 1  | Figueredo 3b  | 4  | 0 | 2 | 1  |
| Totals        | 39 | 12 | 13 | 12 | Totals        | 34 | 4 | 8 | 4  |

Virginia Tech 214 104 000 — 12  
 Florida State 120 100 000 — 4

E — Schneider 2. DP — Virginia Tech 1.  
 LOB — Virginia Tech 5, Florida State 5. 2B —  
 Preisser, Foit, Fuentes, Yastrzmski, Fi-  
 guerdo. 3B — Stubbs. HR — Preiser, Foit,  
 Smith, Rupe. SB — Martinez.

|                    | IP                            | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|----|----|----|
| Virginia Tech      |                               |   |   |    |    |    |
| Rhodes (W, 8-3)    | 9                             | 8 | 4 | 4  | 3  | 2  |
| Florida State      |                               |   |   |    |    |    |
| Schneider (L, 8-2) | 3 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> | 7 | 8 | 5  | 2  | 0  |
| Gagnon             | 1 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> | 2 | 3 | 3  | 2  | 0  |
| Wolfer             | 0                             | 2 | 1 | 1  | 1  | 0  |
| Phillips           | 3 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> | 2 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 2  |

WP — Schneider. T — 2:23.

| FLORIDA STATE |    |    |    |    | LOUISVILLE  |    |   |   |    |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|-------------|----|---|---|----|
|               | ab | r  | h  | bi |             | ab | r | h | bi |
| Martinez 2b   | 6  | 1  | 5  | 4  | Malone 2b   | 5  | 0 | 2 | 1  |
| DeLoach ss    | 5  | 2  | 2  | 1  | DiTmaso 3b  | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Tebbetts ss   | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | Siriano cf  | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Fuentes cf    | 5  | 3  | 2  | 5  | Roberts c   | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Ledbetter 1b  | 5  | 0  | 0  | 0  | Langford c  | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Keck 1b       | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | Miles rf    | 3  | 0 | 1 | 0  |
| Ystrzmski rf  | 4  | 2  | 2  | 0  | Kerrick ss  | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Ramsey c      | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2  | Cashen 1b   | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Emerick c     | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | Davidson lf | 3  | 1 | 0 | 0  |
| Cullen dh     | 2  | 2  | 0  | 0  | Plesac dh   | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Huff lf       | 3  | 1  | 1  | 0  |             |    |   |   |    |
| Figueredo 3b  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 1  |             |    |   |   |    |
| Howser 3b     | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  |             |    |   |   |    |
| Totals        | 38 | 13 | 13 | 13 | Totals      | 35 | 1 | 5 | 1  |

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 Louisville 000 000 100 — 1

E — DeLoach, Keck, Tebbetts, Davidson  
 2, Kerrick, Malone. DP — Louisville 2. LOB  
 — Florida State 9, Louisville 6. 2B — Yas-  
 trzmski, Martinez, Plesac, Miles. HR —  
 Fuentes 2 (16). SB — Huff. SF — Figueredo,  
 Ramsey.

|                  | IP                            | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|----|----|----|
| Florida State    |                               |   |   |    |    |    |
| Fischer (W, 8-1) | 5                             | 2 | 0 | 0  | 2  | 3  |
| Phillips (S, 1)  | 4                             | 3 | 1 | 0  | 0  | 3  |
| Louisville       |                               |   |   |    |    |    |
| Sterchi (L, 5-5) | 2                             | 8 | 8 | 8  | 1  | 1  |
| Strong           | 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> | 2 | 4 | 4  | 5  | 1  |
| Safran           | 3 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> | 3 | 1 | 0  | 1  | 2  |
| Neichter         | 2                             | 0 | 0 | 0  | 2  | 1  |

T — 2:40.