

# Seminoles bounce back

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The Florida State baseball team has arrived. So have the Seminoles' bats.

So what if it was a day late. Better one than two.

Recovering rather stylishly from a miserable opening day doubleheader loss, Florida State used an awesome display of power Sunday to thump Georgia Southern 14-6 and salvage one victory from the three-game series with the Eagles.

The Seminoles showed few traces of a team that could only muster seven hits and four runs in the first two games against the Eagles.

Sunday, before 1,252 fans, FSU retaliated against Georgia Southern pitching, buzzing through five Eagle pitchers for 13 hits, four of them home runs.

The game's hero was Jeff Ledbetter, who gave Seminole fans a reason to start chanting "Treetops" once again. Ledbetter was four-for-five with four runs batted in and two towering home runs that topped the trees beyond the right field wall.

It was a far-cry from Ledbetter's performance on Saturday when he was hitless in five at-bats, struck out twice and couldn't hit a ball out of the infield.

"I couldn't sleep at all last night," said Ledbetter as he celebrated his heroics with a postgame snack of pizza and a chocolate eclair. "But I guarantee you I'll sleep tonight."

The difference in Ledbetter's performance may have been the tips he received from Carl Yastrzemski Saturday evening after the doubleheader loss.

"When someone like that tells you what you're doing wrong, you listen," Ledbetter said. "I was pulling away from the ball yesterday. The pitches were all outside and I wasn't striding into the ball. That's why I was fouling everything off. Today I strided into the ball."

It seemed as if all of the Seminoles were striding into the ball.

After falling behind 2-0 on a second inning, two-run homer by Georgia Southern's Steve Peruso, the Seminoles bats were brought out of the moth balls.

Mike Yastrzemski began the derby with a one-out double in the fourth inning. Following a Joe Licata pop-up, Chris Cawthon laced into a Paul Kilimonis fast ball and drilled it far beyond the right field wall to tie the score.

FSU scored what proved to be the winning runs in the fifth, scoring five times on four hits and an Eagle error to

go ahead 7-2. The big blow of the inning came off the bat of Licata, who slammed a two-run homer over the left field wall, sending Kilimonis to the showers.

After allowing two runs in the sixth inning on a two-run homer by Roger Godwin, the Seminoles put the game away in the seventh with a six-run barrage.

Ledbetter contributed a two-run homer, Rick Figueredo a two-run single and Don DeLoach a two-run double to all but decide the contest.

Ledbetter led off the eighth inning with a homer that did nothing but establish the fact that the Seminoles who lost two games Saturday were not the same Seminoles that played Sunday.

"It just goes to show what kind of players we've got," said FSU coach Mike Martin. "They came right back out today and showed what they're made of."

The Seminoles showed a marked improvement in the field as well as at the plate. After committing six errors in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader, the Seminole defense played flawlessly on Sunday.

Junior Clem Freeman, a transfer from Manatee Community College, got his first win for the Seminoles. Freeman scattered eight hits, allowed three runs and struck out six Eagles before leaving with no outs in the sixth inning.

Freeman was lifted after being struck in the back of the head by a vicious shot off the bat of Georgia Southern's Darrell Baker.

The ball glanced off Freeman's head and rolled all the way to the right field wall, as Baker advanced to third for a triple.

Freeman was all right, but was lifted as a precautionary measure.

David Smalley relived Freeman, but lasted just 1½ innings before being lifted in favor of Rick Hatcher.

Making his third appearance in three games, Hatcher pitched flawlessly, retiring seven straight Georgia Southern hitters to earn the save.

"That's what I'm in the bullpen for," said Hatcher, who last year was in the starting rotation and led the Seminole staff with 10 victories. "Coach said he wanted someone to go to in the bullpen who could throw strikes."

"I like being a relief pitcher, especially if I'm going to have a chance to pitch as much as I have the first three games," added Hatcher, who pitched three innings Saturday and allowed just one hit.

"There's a lot of glamour involved in being the starting pitcher, but you can be just as helpful coming out of the bullpen."

GA. SOUTHERN					FLORIDA STATE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Balcomb ss	5	1	1	0	Martinez 2b	3	2	1	0
Petzholdt 2b	3	0	2	1	DeLoach ss	4	0	2	2
Pevey c	4	1	2	1	Fuentes cf	4	2	0	1
Baker 3b	4	1	2	0	Ledbetter 1b	5	2	4	4
Lloyd 1b	4	0	0	0	Yastzmski rf	5	3	2	1
Godwin cf	4	1	1	2	Licata lf	5	1	1	2
Nieporte dh	4	1	1	0	Cullen lf	0	0	0	0
Peruso rf	4	1	1	2	Cawthon dh	1	2	1	2
Dennis lf	3	0	1	0	Ramsey c	5	0	1	0
Jordan ph	1	0	0	0	Dowell	0	0	0	0
					Figueredo 3b	5	2	1	2
Totals	36	6	11	6	Totals	37	14	13	14

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 Florida State 000 250 61x — 14

E — Balcomb. DP — Georgia Southern 1.  
 LOB — Georgia Southern 4, Florida State 7.  
 2B — Balcomb, Yastrezemski 2, DeLoach.  
 3B — Baker. HR — Peruso (1), Godwin (1),  
 Pevey (1), Cawthon (1), Licata (1), Ledbet-  
 ter 2 (2). SF — Petzholdt. SB — Ledbetter,  
 Cawthon, Baker, Dennis.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
<b>Georgia Southern</b>						
Kilmonis (L, 0-1)	4 $\frac{2}{3}$	7	7	4	3	1
Schafer	1 $\frac{2}{3}$	2	3	3	2	0
Parham	$\frac{1}{3}$	2	3	3	2	0
Kliment	1	1	1	1	0	0
Susce	$\frac{1}{3}$	1	0	0	1	0
<b>Florida State</b>						
Freeman (W, 1-0)	5	8	3	3	0	6
Smalley	1 $\frac{2}{3}$	3	3	3	0	0
Hatcher	2 $\frac{1}{3}$	0	0	0	0	0

Save — Hatcher. WP — Smalley. T —  
 3:01. A — 1,252.