

Fuentes powers FSU to 16-8 win

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ATLANTA — Mike Fuentes, closing in on the NCAA career home run record, belted a grand slam in a seven-run ninth inning Saturday to lead Florida State to a 16-8 baseball victory over Georgia State.

The homer was Fuentes' 18th of the season and 55th of his career, one short of the NCAA mark set by Arizona State's Bob Horner.

Fuentes finished with eight runs batted in. He had a run-scoring double in the third inning, a sacrifice fly in the fourth and a two-run single in the sixth.

The victory was the Seminoles' 15th in 17 games and boosted their record to 25-10. Georgia State is 9-15. The teams conclude their three-game series today at 2 p.m.

Florida State held a 9-7 lead entering the ninth. Ken Huff started the outburst with a walk, advanced to second on a walk to Craig Ramsey and scored when pitcher Bob Francis threw wildly on an attempted pickoff play.

Ramsey raced to third on the error, Ed Howser and Mark Barineau walked to load the bases, and Fuentes hit a towering shot over the 400-foot sign in center field.

A single by Mark Lacy and walks to Jay Keeler and Mike Cullen reloaded the bases. Don DeLoach walked to force in the eighth run of

the inning, and Huff's sacrifice fly completed the scoring.

Ken Fischer struggled through 5½ innings to gain the victory.

FLORIDA STATE					GEORGIA STATE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Martinez 2b	3	1	1	0	Smith cf	3	0	2	1
Howser 2b	2	1	0	0	Melson 1b	4	2	1	1
Barineau ss	2	4	0	0	Giles dh	5	3	1	1
Fuentes cf	3	4	3	8	Jones 3b	4	0	0	1
Lacy dh	6	1	4	2	McGuire 2b	6	0	2	1
Ledbetter 1b	3	0	1	1	Diffin c	4	0	1	0
Fischer dh	1	0	0	0	Hutchison c	2	0	0	0
Keeler dh	1	1	0	1	Ingram lf	1	0	1	0
Yastrzmski rf	4	0	0	0	Fowlkes lf	4	1	3	0
Cullen rf	1	0	0	0	Duncan rf	5	0	2	0
Licata 3b	4	0	1	0	Brooks ss	4	2	0	0
DeLoach 2b	1	0	0	1	Murray ph	1	0	0	0
Cawthon lf	1	0	0	0					
Huff lf	1	2	1	1					
Ramsey c	3	2	0	0					
Totals	36	16	11	14	Totals	45	8	13	5
Florida State					002	104	117	—16	
Georgia State					202	100	201	—8	

E—Duncan, McGuire, Ledbetter, Martinez 3, Yastrzmski. DP—Florida State 1. LOB—Florida State 12, Georgia State 16. 2B—Fuentes, Huff, Melson. 3B—Giles, Ingram. HR—Fuentes (18). SB—Huff 2, Duncan, Brooks. SF—Fuentes, Huff.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fischer (W, 3-1)	5½	6	5	3	3	2
Gray	1	3	2	2	1	0
Keeler	1½	3	1	1	2	1
Shouppe	1	1	0	0	0	1
Georgia State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pfeffer (L, 1-3)	8½	9	12	10	11	5
Peterson	0	2	3	3	1	0
Gaugh	0	0	1	1	3	0
Francis	½	0	0	0	0	0
Maivors	½	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Pfeffer 4, Gaugh, Fischer. Balk—Pfeffer. HBP—by Pfeffer (Cawthon), by Francis (Ramsey), by Keeler (Melson), by Shouppe (Jones). T—3:50. A—240.