Fuentes' slam sparks sweep

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No. 56 — and the bear jumped off his back. Mike Fuentes, homerless for the past eight games, finally clubbed his 19th home run of the season Tuesday night. It came on a 1-0 pitch with the bases loaded and two out in the seventh inning of Florida State's 7-0 nightcap victory over

Earlier, FSU claimed an 11-inning, 8-7 victo-

over the Dolphins

More important than No. 19, however, the low, curving blast over the right-field wall was Fuentes' 56th career home run, tying him with former Arizona State star Bob Horner for the collegiate record. Fittingly, Horner, now a member of the Atlanta Braves, visits Seminole Field today for a 2:30 p.m. exhibition game.

"In all the time he's been here, Mike has

never been one to smile when he hits (a home run)," said FSU coach Mike Martin. "But to-night, as he rounded third, it was like the bear jumped off his back. He was fighting back a grin."

"I'm relieved I hit the ball hard," said Fuentes. "It seems like the last four or five games I haven't hit it hard.

"It was a fastball, out over the plate. It was twisting (foul) pretty fast, but I figured it was far

enough out to carry."

Though Fuentes added the flourish to the party, the doubleheader sweep was full of momentous goings-on for FSU.

In hurling FSU to the 7-0 win in the second game, right-hander Tim Phillips (2-0) fashioned FSU's first shutout of the season (and first since FSU's first shutout of the season (and first since Dick Wiggins turned the trick 17-0 against South Florida last season - 62 games ago). It was Phillips' first start of the season, and only the fifth nine-inning complete game turned in by FSU this season.

On the other side of the ledger, however, two streaks came to an end Tuesday night. Mark Lacy's 19-game hitting streak was stopped, as he went hitless in eight trips to the plate. And dura-ble Don DeLoach, who chipped his right thumb last weekend fielding a grounder against Tulane, failed to play in the second game, ending a streak of 167 games in which the senior shortstop had

Not starting either contest, DeLoach served as a pinch-runner in the first game, but turned

down that opportunity in the second

"That would be kind of cheap," DeLoach said of the decision he made not to be a pinch-runner in the nightcap. "And it wouldn't be fair to the other players. If I can't start and play the whole game, it wouldn't be right."

But on this night, as the Seminoles raised their record to 29-14, it was a night for celebrat-

ing what went right, not wrong.
"Tm excited; we needed it," said Phillips, a
junior from Tallahassee. "But it was the defense that did it - they were outstanding."

Point well made. For only the third time this season, FSU put together consecutive errorless games. The Seminoles, who have committed 92 bobbles and errant throws, have had only 12 errorless games, counting Tuesday's pair.

Part of that might be attributed to a four hour practice Martin held Monday night after his team had dropped two of three games against Tulane over the weekend.

"Our guys wanted to practice," claimed Martin. "It's not like they've been loafing or shucking responsibility, but they know they ha-ven't been playing as well as they're capable of.

'The things is that we haven't been putting pressure on ourselves; we've been saying 'let Mike or Jeff or Mark do it' We've been waiting for the other guy.

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'I'm most encouraged by the fact that tonight, we didn't wait. Everyone wanted to help.

In claiming the first game victory, FSU got a little help from everyone. Most prominently, Mike Yastrzemski doubled in two runs in the first, and then stroked a triple over center field-er Joe Martin's head to open the 11th. Intentional walks to Fuentes and Joe Licata preceded a strike out by pinchhitter Rick Figueredo, before Danny Dowell, batting for the second time, singled off the right field wall to win the game.

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