

## Homers power Seminoles to easy sweep of Auburn

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Florida State closed its regular-season home schedule Thursday with an impressive doubleheader sweep of Auburn 7-5 and 11-3.

A two-run homer by Mark Lacy and a three-run shot by Jeff Ledbetter highlighted the first game as left-hander Clem Freeman recorded his sixth victory against two defeats.

Ledbetter added three RBI in the second game as pitchers Ken Fischer and Ed Schneider combined to shut down Auburn. Fischer got the victory to improve his record to 6-1.

It was a relaxed night of baseball at Seminole Field as a small gathering of about 500 watched the Seminoles improve their record to 46-20. FSU is just five victories short of matching last season's record 51 victories.

"We have not had many like that this year," said Florida State coach Mike Martin, referring to the relaxed attitude through the second game. "We have been under a tremendous amount of pressure this season with that schedule. Tonight was one of the few games where we could relax."

Florida State, which has won 18 of its last 23 games, closes its regular season with single games at Georgia Southern tonight and Saturday and a game at Valdosta State Sunday.

In the opener, Auburn jumped on Freeman for three runs on five hits in the first inning.

Dana Becton singled sharply to right to score one run, and Doug Gilcrease dribbled a weak single up the middle to score two.

The Seminoles weren't down for long, striking for four runs in the bottom of the inning.

Lionel Martinez led off the rally with the first of his four walks in the game. Martinez moved to third on Don DeLoach's single to center.

Mike Fuentes knocked in Martinez with a single to center. After Joe Licata grounded into a double play that moved DeLoach to third, Ledbetter delivered a single to right to score DeLoach.

Lacy sent FSU further ahead with a two-run homer to right off starter Bill Latham.

Auburn tied the score in the fifth, but the Seminoles put it away in the same inning on Ledbetter's three-run homer to right off reliever and loser Gary Smith. Ledbetter's shot scored Fuentes and Licata, who preceded him with singles.

Auburn added a run in the seventh on a homer by John Metasavage off FSU reliever David Smalley. Metasavage was the first batter Smalley faced.

Jay Keeler earned his sixth save of the season, relieving Smalley in the ninth.

Game No. 2 was never in doubt as Florida State pushed across four runs in the first inning

and never looked back.

The key hits in the first-inning spurt included a run-scoring double by DeLoach and a two-run double by Ledbetter. DeLoach's double broke the FSU career mark set by Guillermo Bonilla from 1974-77.

Fischer held Auburn hitless through three innings before finally allowing three hits and two runs in the fourth.

The Seminoles put an end to any suspense by scoring three runs in the bottom of the fourth. Catcher Craig Ramsey slammed a run-scoring double and Martinez added a run-scoring triple to help the Seminoles increase their lead to 7-2.

Florida State added four runs in the sixth inning. Ramsey drilled a home run down the right-field line to ignite the outburst. Ledbetter added a run-scoring single in the sixth to bring his season RBI total to 79. That tied Ledbetter for the school record set by Fuentes a year ago. Fuentes has 72 RBI this season.

Schneider was effective over the last four innings, allowing four hits and striking out seven.

### First game

AUBURN					FLORIDA STATE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Sorrell cf	2	1	0	0	Martinez 2b	0	1	0	0
Roney 1b	2	0	1	0	DeLoach ss	3	1	1	0
Panther rf-ss	5	1	2	0	Fuentes cf	4	1	2	0
Mtsvage ss	4	2	2	1	Licata lf	4	1	1	0
Becton dh	4	1	1	1	Ledbetter 1b	4	2	2	4
Mogentale lf	5	0	3	0	Lacy dh	4	1	2	2
Gilcrease 2b	5	0	2	2	Barineau pr	0	0	0	0
Berry 3b	5	0	2	0	Ystrzmski rf	3	0	0	0
Dollar 1b	3	0	0	0	Figueredo 3b	4	0	1	0
Hudson c	3	0	1	0	Dowell c	4	0	0	0
Swain ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	39	5	14	4	Totals	30	7	9	6

Auburn	300 010 100-5
Florida State	400 030 00x-7

DP—Auburn 2, FSU 2. LOB—Auburn 11, FSU 5. 2B—Figueredo, Hudson. HR—Ledbetter (17), Lacy (8), Metasavage (4). SB—Barineau, Panther.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
<b>Auburn</b>						
Latham	1	4	4	4	2	0
Childers	2	0	0	0	2	0
Smith (L, 4-5)	3	4	3	3	2	1
Deriso	2	1	0	0	0	2
<b>Florida State</b>						
Freeman (W, 6-2)	6	11	4	4	1	3
Smalley	2	2	1	1	1	1
Keeler (S, 6)	1	1	0	0	1	1

HBP—by Freeman (Metasavage). T—  
2:47.

## Second game

AUBURN					FLORIDA STATE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Panter cf	4	1	1	1	Martinez 2b	2	3	1	1
Gilcrease 2b	5	0	2	0	Huff lf	0	0	0	0
Mtsvage ss	5	0	1	0	DeLoach ss	3	1	2	2
Becton p-dh	5	0	1	0	Barineau ss	2	1	1	0
Mogentale lf	4	1	1	0	Fuentes cf	4	1	2	2
Berry 3b	3	1	1	0	Cullen cf	1	1	0	0
Roney 1b	3	0	1	1	Ledbetter 1b	4	1	2	3
Dollar rf	3	0	0	0	Howser 2b	1	0	0	0
Swain c	3	0	0	0	Ystrzmski rf	4	0	1	0
					Shouppe rf	0	0	0	0
					Licata 3b	3	0	1	1
					Figueredo 3b	1	0	0	0
					Lacy dh	5	1	2	0
					Cawthon lf	5	0	0	0
					Ramsey c	4	2	3	2
Totals	35	3	8	2	Totals	39	11	15	10

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Florida State 400 304 00x—11

E—Mogentale, Metasavage, Roney, DeLoach 2, Barineau. DP—FSU 2. LOB—Auburn 10, FSU 8. 2B—Berry, DeLoach, Ledbetter, Lacy, Ramsey. 3B—Gilcrease, Martinez. HR—Panter (2), Ramsey (2). SB—Martinez. SF—Licata.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
<b>Auburn</b>						
Becton (L, 2-1)	1 <sup>3</sup>	4	4	4	1	0
Childers	3 <sup>2</sup>	4	3	2	0	1
Clements	2	5	4	4	1	1
Sauceda	2	2	0	0	2	2
<b>Florida State</b>						
Fischer (W, 6-1)	5	4	2	2	4	0
Schneider	4	4	1	1	1	7

WP—Schneider. PB—Swain. T—3:21. A—773.