

FSU bats pummel St. Louis

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Florida State clubbed four home runs and Don DeLoach stroked four hits as the Seminoles downed St. Louis 15-3 Thursday night in the opening round of the Metro Conference baseball tournament at Seminole Field.

The victory sends Florida State, 50-20, into a second-round game against Memphis State today at 3 p.m. on Seminole Field.

St. Louis drops to the loser's bracket and plays Cincinnati today at noon at Florida High.

Florida State smacked 16 hits and battered four St. Louis pitchers in the game. PSU got all the runs it needed in the first inning.

Lionel Martinez opened the inning with a double, and DeLoach tripled him home.

Mike Fuentes followed with a run-scoring single and Jeff Ledbetter drove his 19th home run of the season over the right-field wall.

After Mike Yastrzemski flew out for the first out of the inning, Joe Licata followed with his 11th home run.

The Seminoles added runs in every inning except for the third and fourth.

Fuentes smacked a two-run homer in the second inning, his 25th of the season, and Ken Huff hit a solo shot in the eighth.

St. Louis, 20-30, picked up its only run in the fourth inning.

Florida State starter and winning Clem Freeman allowed a one-out single by Steve Goldschmidt before two-out singles by Dave Hagenbrock and Eldon Warfield produced the run.

Freeman went six innings, striking out eight and running his record to 7-2. He walked only one and allowed four hits.

Ed Schneider came on to pitch the final three innings. He allowed two runs in the top of the ninth.

John Duncan tripled into the right-field corner with two out, scoring both runs.

DeLoach added two doubles and a single to his first-inning triple. The Seminole shortstop just missed hitting for the cycle when his seventh-inning double hit the top of the left-field wall.

DeLoach scored three times and drove in one run.

Fuentes, in a bit of a slump recently, had three hits, drove in three runs and scored three times.

Of St. Louis' four pitchers, only Tom Fleming, who worked the seventh inning, didn't allow a Florida State run.

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Starter Rick Paul absorbed the loss, allowing seven runs in the first two innings. He fell to 2-7.

The win left Florida State one short of the school record for victories in a single season. Last year's Seminole squad, which won the Metro and South Regional tournaments before advancing to the College World Series, compiled a 51-12 record.

The winner of this week's Metro tournament advances to the South Regional later this month in Miami.

ST. LOUIS					FLORIDA STATE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Duncan ss	4	0	1	2	Martinez 2b	2	1	1	0
Webb 2b	3	0	0	0	DeLoach ss	6	3	4	2
Wood 1b	4	0	0	0	Fuentes cf	6	3	3	3
Gldschr'dt rf	3	1	1	0	Ledbetter 1b	4	2	3	4
O'Connell cf	4	0	1	0	Yastrzmski rf	4	1	1	0
Hgnbrck c	3	0	1	0	Licata 3b	3	1	2	2
Warfield 3b	2	1	2	1	Lacy dh	2	0	0	0
Carlson lf	3	1	0	0	Cawthon lf	3	0	0	0
Wright dh	4	0	0	0	Ramsey c	3	1	1	0
					Cullen pr-dh	1	0	0	0
					Huff lf	1	1	1	1
					Figueredo 3b	1	0	1	2
					Barineau 2b	1	1	0	0
					Dowell c	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	3	6	3	Totals	37	15	16	14

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E—Ledbetter, O'Connell. DP—Florida State 2. LOB—St. Louis 8, Florida State 9. 2B—Martinez, DeLoach 2, Ramsey. 3B—DeLoach, Duncan. HR—Ledbetter (19), Licata (11), Fuentes (25), Huff (4). S—Lacy. SB—DeLoach 2, Cawthon.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
Paul L., 2-7	2	7	7	7	1	2
Ismial	4	7	7	6	7	4
Fleming	1	1	0	0	0	0
Pierran	1	1	1	1	1	1

Florida State						
Freeman W, 7-2	6	4	1	1	1	8
Schneider	3	2	2	2	5	3

WP—Ismial 2. PB—Hagenbrock. HBP—
by Freeman (Warfield), by Ismial (Ramsey).
T—3:12. A—1,471.