

Fazzini, FSU rip Ball State

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Frank Fazzini showed up early at the ballpark. After going two games without a hit, he and assistant coach Rod Delmonico went to work.

There was no messing with Fazzini's compact right-handed batting stroke that looks like an impression of Bob Horner. Just a minor adjustment.

And how it worked. Fazzini smashed a home run, triple and single, driving in five runs in a 12-2 romp Saturday afternoon over Ball State. A Seminole Stadium crowd of 1,143 watched a power show that also included a mammoth blast by freshman Paul Sorrento.

FSU's sixth straight victory pushed the team's record to 17-5. Ball State, which will close out the four-game series today at 2 p.m., is 4-6.

"Coach Delmonico worked with me before the game. We didn't do anything with my swing, but we fine-tuned my feet," said Fazzini, who leads the team with eight homers. "It proved out today."

FAMU falls twice, 3F

Fazzini's power stroking broke open an interesting game. The Seminoles didn't even get their first hit until the fourth inning. By that time, Ball State had three great chances to seize control.

In the first inning against FSU starter Doug Little, the Cardinals had two on and two out after two walks. But Little picked Chuck Laumann off second to end that threat.

To open the second, Little walked his third and last batter of the game and Tom Howard singled. But Little came back to strike out the next two hitters and Jimmy Jones, looking spiffy defensively at first base, flagged down a hot smash to end the inning.

In the fourth, Ball State loaded the bases with none out on two misplayed balls by third baseman David Garrison and a single by Howard. Little fanned Mark Davis. Then Cardinals' Coach Paul Quinn went with the dubious strategy of trying a squeeze play with the bases loaded.

The worst happened for Ball State. Randy Dudeck popped the bunt to FSU catcher Jose Marzan, who easily completed a double play.

"That was the key to the game," Martin said. "The real key was Doug striking out that first guy. Then everybody knew we could get out of it with a double play."

With the last serious Ball State threat out of the way, the Seminoles went to work with the bats in the fourth. Luis Alicea singled with one out, and Fazzini followed with a 10-foot high missile over the short right field fence to make it 2-0.

The Cardinals, with their opportunities spent, were threats no more. Little was backed up with fine defen-

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sive work of infielders Jody Reed, Alicea and Jones.

Little, coming back slowly from a horrible start to the season, lost his shutout bid on a two-run homer just over the right-field fence by Greg Campbell in the ninth.

"The shutout is what I was working for. I was tired, but I wanted it," said Little, who allowed eight hits, struck out seven and raised his record to 3-2.

"In this park, in this day and age... and the (right field) wall's too short," said Little.

Fazzini tripled to the 400-foot sign in center to highlight a three-run sixth, and singled in another in a seven-run seventh. Hot-hitting freshman Paul Sorrento hit a Jeff S. Ledbetter-type blast in the inning.

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| | ab | r | h | b | i | | ab | r | h | b | i |
| McCrack, 2b | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | Reed, ss | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| Laumann, rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | Alicea, 2b | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| Lee, rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | Fazzini, lf | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | |
| Brown, lf | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | Mitchell, lf | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Nebbett, lf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | Sorrento, rf | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| Goss, lb | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | | Marzan, c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Lehrman, dh | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | Insogna, c | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| Howard, cf | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | | Garrison, 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Davis, 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | Ddds, 3b-lb | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Titus, ph | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | Jones, lb | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| Campbell, 3b | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | Dennis, 3b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Dudeck, ss | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | Kosco, dh | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Fozo, ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | Calandra, cf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Hartnagel, ss | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | Gentry, cf | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Bleh, c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Kilgore, c | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| Totals | 35 | 2 | 9 | 2 | | Totals | 28 | 12 | 10 | 11 | |

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E—Garrison, McCormick, Bleh. DP—Ball State 2. Florida State 1. LOB—Florida State 2, Ball State 9. 2B—Goss. 3B—Fazzini. HR—Fazzini (8), Sorrento (6), Campbell (1). SB—Laumann, Titus. SH—Alicea, Gentry.

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| Sigler, L (1-1) | 5.1 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Whitesell | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Schrock | 1.2 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| FLORIDA STATE | | | | | | |
| Little, W (3-2) | 8 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| Levy | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

WP—Little. T—2:47. A—1,143.