

Martin plays everybody in FSU's 14-7 victory

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If this keeps up, Florida State Coach Mike Martin is going to be a real popular guy.

Not only does his baseball team keep winning, as it did 14-7 over Samford on Thursday. But it's also doing it in a way that allows him to keep everybody happy. Eight-run leads afford coaches plenty of luxuries.

"We played everybody on the team today except (Ed) Fulton and a couple of pitchers," said Martin.

Fulton would probably have played

if he weren't injured, while Martin needed to save a couple of pitchers for today's game. Besides that, he could probably have put the batgirls in and they would have contributed on Thursday.

While the score looks like FSU beat Samford by a touchdown and an extra point, it actually was a baseball game, at least for the first five



Zoeller

innings or so. By then the Seminoles had accumulated 10 runs to Samford's two. It turned into foregone conclusion time and the benches emptied.

"I looked out at the scoreboard and it looked like a zip code," said Martin. That it did as the Seminoles scored in six separate innings while running their record to 7-0. Samford dropped to 0-1, and in the process found out its major weakness is pitching.

The guys signing the autographs after the game on Wednesday were the FSU hitters. Frank Fazzini, Paul Sorrento, Eric Mangham and Tommy Zoeller all hit home runs as the Semi-

noles pounded four Samford pitchers for 14 hits.

That's not to say that FSU's pitching staff had Samford under any kind of trance. It surrendered seven walks and nine hits, including two homers to Samford first baseman Ed Banks. FSU starter Ray Revak continued his early-season slump, allowing four hits, two runs and three walks before being lifted in the fifth inning.

It was then that Samford was making its last serious threat at making a game of it. Down 5-1, the Bulldogs load-

See FSU, 3C

ed the bases with one out. Martin called on Kevin Smith, who promptly got leftfielder Ed Scott to bounce into a double play to end the inning.

FSU killed any suspense in the bottom of the fifth, scoring four times on Sorrento's first home run of the year, a triple by shortstop Bien Figueroa, and singles by Luis Alicea, Fazzini and Vince Callandra.

Fazzini finished the day with five RBIs, three of which came on his fourth home run of the year in the third inning. It was another one of those right-field specials for Fazzini, a fly ball he somehow coaxed out of the shallowest part of park.

hasn't looked much like the guy who went 12-5 as a freshman last year, and neither Smith, Jeff Ledbetter nor Pete Brown had a great outing in relief.

"The hitting is coming around great," said Fazzini. "We're trying to get to the point where the hitting, pitching and fielding are all at 100 percent. Right now, the pitching is about 87 percent."

Freshman Paul Thomas will get his chance to improve that mark when the teams meet today at 3:30 at Seminole Stadium.

"Any other park and it's a pop-up," said Fazzini. "I feel good up there, but I'm really not swinging the way I'm capable of."

There was nothing cheap about the rest of FSU's home runs. Sorrento and Mangham hit theirs to centerfield — "one of my better bolts," said Mangham — while Zoeller's three-run shot to right gave the Seminoles a 14-5 lead in the seventh inning.

By then, FSU's problem was keeping sharp when faced with a comfortable lead. It didn't handle it too well.

"You can't make four errors and be successful day-in and day-out," said Martin. "We have a tendency to relax when we get a big lead. That's natural, but we hate to see it."

FSU's only real worry at the moment is its pitching. Revak

Samford					Florida State				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Parker,cf	5	0	1	0	Alicea,2b	6	2	2	0
Garrison,2b	4	1	1	0	Marzan,3b	4	4	3	0
Cooper,ss	4	0	0	1	Fazzini,lf	2	2	2	5
Banks,1b	4	3	3	4	Calandra,dh	3	0	1	2
Scott,lf	4	0	1	1	Jones,1b	2	0	0	0
Phillips,3b	5	0	1	0	Sorrento,rf	3	1	2	1
Wood,dh	2	0	0	0	Figueroa,ss	4	1	1	0
C.Vaughn,rf	4	0	0	0	Blackwell,c	4	1	0	1

Payne,c	3	1	1	0	Mangham,cf	3	1	1	1
H.Vaughn,2b	0	0	0	0	Abshier,pr	0	0	0	0
Riley,ss	1	1	1	0	Eppley,rf	1	0	0	0
Hamilton,ph	1	1	0	0	Saxner,dh	1	1	1	1
Totals	37	7	9	6	Zoeller,1b	1	1	1	3
					Kosco,rf-lf	1	0	0	0
					Pacetti,2b	0	0	0	0
					Kidd,cf	1	0	0	0
					Totals	36	14	14	14

Samford	010	010	312	—	7	9	1
Florida State	103	141	40x	—	14	14	4

E—Revak, Figueroa, Kosco, Brown, Garrison. DP—Samford 2, FSU 2. LOB—Samford 10, FSU 10. 2B—Garrison, Scott. 3B—Figueroa. HR—Banks 2 (2), Fazzini (4), Sorrento (1), Mangham (1), Zoeller (1). SB—Fazzini, Marzan 2, Jones, Alicea. SF—Fazzini.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Samford						
Rice, L(0-1)	4	7	7	7	7	0
Burnett	2 ² / ₃	3	2	2	1	1
Carroll	1 ² / ₃	4	5	5	2	0
Baker	2	0	0	0	1	0
Florida State						
Revak	4 ² / ₃	4	2	2	3	2
Smith, W(1-0)	2 ² / ₃	3	2	1	1	2
Brown	1	0	1	0	2	0
Ledbetter	1	2	2	2	1	0

WP—Revak, Burnett 2. T—3:00. A—468.