

FSU devours St. Leo 16-2

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Another day, another blowout. Florida State continued to run amok through its home baseball schedule on Thursday, beating St. Leo 16-2 before 652 at Seminole Stadium. The win was the Seminoles' 14th straight this season at home; everyone knows about the 1-2 road (Miami) mark.

Thursday's game was an encore of most of its home games this season: Build up a token one or two run deficit, then lay waste to the opponent in the middle innings. By the late innings, it's just a matter of fine-tuning the stats and wondering if a 2-1 game will ever make another appearance in Tallahassee.

"I guess that's what we all live for — the pressure, all the marbles on the table, that type of thing," said center fielder Eric Mangham. "But you can't have too many of those or you'll get ulcers."

Ulcers haven't been a problem so far this year. Mass indigestion may become one, however.

The Seminoles scored eight times in the fourth inning, which

also happened to be the "Wendy's Swinging Singles" inning. If a batter reached first base, a selected fan got a single hamburger from the Wendy's hamburgers; if they reached second, that fan received a double. So on it goes until a Seminole hits a home run. That's worth a single, fries and a soft drink.

Warm up the grill, Wendy's. By the time FSU was finished on Wednesday, it had given away five singles, one double, one triple and two full meals.

"I don't know if it has any effect or not," said Mangham, whose running catch in deep center field saved two St. Leo runs while it was still a game in the top of the fourth. "I never think about it. I've got enough to think about with the mechanics of hitting."

The mechanics worked well enough to win some lucky fan a meal as Mangham hit a two-run home run to center field. His blast was followed immediately by another home run by Luis Alicea, which made the score 6-1. By the time the Seminoles had finished

feeding the crowd, the score was 10-1 and the game was essentially over.

The only sore spot for FSU was pitcher Mike Lloyd. He threw well enough, allowing four hits and striking out eight to run his record to 4-1. The soreness is in his lower back, a problem that forced Coach Mike Martin to lift him in the fifth inning.

"Lloyd's an integral part of this team and I'm concerned about his back," said Martin. "He's got to get rid of that. If it means missing a turn, then we'll hold him out. But he's got to get

well."

Relievers Steve Gelmine, Kevin Smith and Pete Brown kept drama at a minimum by holding the 4-5 Monarchs hitless over the final four innings. Mangham added a triple in the fifth and finished the day 2 for 3 with three RBIs. Left fielder Frank Fazzini was 2 for 4 with three RBIs, while right fielder Paul Sorrento was 2 for 3 with a homerun and three RBIs.

The next designated victim for FSU is Ball State, which begins a four-game series with FSU today at 3:30. But then again, maybe not. The Seminoles have to run into some tight games sooner or later.

"All I long for is that we play good baseball. I don't care what the score is,"

said Martin. "The thing about big leads is that you get lackadaisical. We can't allow that to happen. This ballclub hasn't played lackadaisically all year."

St. Leo					Florida State				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Johnson,2b	5	0	0	0	Alicea,2b	4	1	1	1
Norman,rf	3	1	1	0	Fazzini,lf	4	2	2	3
Ross,1b	2	0	1	1	Jones,1b	2	1	0	0
Henriquez,lf	2	1	0	0	Sorrento,rf	3	1	2	3
Champion,dh	4	0	0	0	Calandra,3b	4	1	2	1
Spagnudo,cf	3	0	1	1	Kosco,dh	3	3	1	1
Lorusso,c	4	0	0	0	Figueroa,ss	5	2	3	2
Farina,3b	3	0	1	0	Fulton,c	3	0	0	0
White,ss	3	0	0	0	Mangham,cf	3	2	2	3
Sims,rf	1	0	0	0	Pacetti,2b	1	0	0	0
Gaeta,lf	1	0	0	0	Zoeller,1b	1	0	1	2
Alston,cf	1	0	0	0	Eppley,rf	2	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	4	2	Blackwell,3b	1	0	0	0
					Abshire,ss	0	0	0	0
					Saxner,c	1	2	0	0
					Kidd,cf	1	1	1	0
					Totals	38	16	15	16

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E—Calandra, Zoeller, Farina. DP—FSU 1.
 LOB—St. Leo 8, FSU 9. 2B—Kosco, Norman,
 Ross, Kidd, Zoeller. 3B—Figueroa, Mangham.
 HR—Sorrento (3), Mangham (3), Alicea (5). SB—
 Alicea, Sorrento, Fazzini. SF—Fazzini.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Leo						
Corsi, L(0-2)	4	10	10	10	5	2
Honeywell	1	1	1	1	0	0
Paternoster	1	2	3	3	2	0
Frazier	1	0	0	0	0	0
Link	1	2	2	0	0	3
Florida State						
Loynd, W(4-1)	5	4	2	1	4	8
Gelmine	2	0	0	0	1	1
Smith	1	0	0	0	0	1
Brown	1	0	0	0	0	0

WP—Corsi 2, Loynd, Link. PB—Fulton.
 HBP—Zoeller (by Honeywell), Mangham (by
 Paternoster). T—3:20. A—852.