

Seminoles pound on Ball State

Considered to be nothing but sparring partners when they came to town, the Ball State Cardinals got in many punches Saturday — so Florida State broke out the heavy weapons to score a baseball TKO on Sunday.

With a 15-hit, four-homer barrage, the Seminoles clubbed Ball State 15-6 on a sparkling, bright Sunday at Seminole Stadium with 2,647 watching.

That means the two teams have combined for 66 runs in three games. They will go at it once more today at 3:30. FSU is 17-3; Ball State is 6-4.

The unheralded Cardinals startled the fifth-ranked Seminoles 12-11 in the opener of a doubleheader Saturday and blew an 8-2 lead to lose 12-10 in the nightcap.

"We didn't have to shake off (Saturday). We showed we had a lot of fight, and today was Round Two," said freshman catcher Barry Blackwell, who knocked in four runs with a homer, double and two singles. "Round Two went to the 'Noles."

Just as it did Saturday, Ball State jumped on top early with two runs in the first inning and one in the third. All three were unearned after errors by Bien Figueroa and Vince Calandra. FSU starter Ray Revak was the victim.

Blackwell got FSU going with a long homer to center in the third. But the fourth proved rough for Ball State, and the fifth fatal. Two-run homers by Vince Calandra (2 for 3 with three RBIs) and rapidly-improving Eric Mangham (2 for 4 with four RBIs) in the fourth gave the Seminoles a 5-3 lead.

"The loss yesterday really psyched me up," said Mangham. "I felt great today. They caught us off guard yesterday, and I didn't like the feeling of trying to come back. Everybody brought their bats today."

The Cardinals had one more gasp, a scary one for FSU fans. They pushed across two runs in the fifth to tie it and knock out Revak. Two singles and a walk loaded the bases. One out later, Revak wild-pitched one run home.

Tom Howard, the Cardinals' sophomore left-fielder who looks like a pro in waiting, bounced to first. Tommy Zoeller smothered the ball, but Revak neglected to cover the bag.

One walk and the second out later, Martin replaced Revak with freshman Richie Lewis, a native of Muncie, Ind. — the home of Ball State. Lewis got shelled and knocked out of the opener Saturday. He got out of a bases-loaded two-out jam Sunday, but only by getting Jim Dunham to fly out at the base of the right-field wall.

"Ray was relieved more or less because he didn't cover first base," said FSU Coach Mike Martin. "We're trying to be the best team in the country, and we can't do that by doing things like not covering first base."

Lewis, who has pitched a lot lately, said his arm was sore. But not too sore to get back at the boys from home.

"I was hurting, but it wasn't so bad after I got the blood vessels going," said Lewis, 4-1. "I wanted a little revenge. (Saturday) they ripped me all over the field."

Lewis held the fort into the eighth, and by then it was long over. With seven singles — including perfect hit-and-run hits by Figueroa and Blackwell — one double by Jimmy Jones, a sacrifice fly

and two walks, the Seminoles put eight big ones on the board in the fifth.

After that, really the only thing to watch was Howard, one of the finest pro prospects to roll through Seminole Stadium in years. Even slowed with a bad ankle, he showed the kind of talent that could make him a high draft choice after his junior year.

He made one catch at the left-field wall to prevent a fifth FSU home run. And in the seventh, in an extraordinary piece of hitting, Howard blasted an opposite-field home run (his fourth in three games here) to left off Lewis.

"He's phenomenal," said Lewis. "I had a 3-0 count on him and still

wasn't going to give him anything down the gut. The pitch was probably five or six inches from the dirt and on the black (outside corner) and he golfed it out to left."

That was the final punch for Ball State. Fans laughed and chanted to Howard: "Transfer, transfer, transfer" before he comes back to town next year.

Ball St.					Florida St.				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Laumann,cf	4	2	1	0	Alicea,ss	5	1	1	0
McCrack,2b	4	2	1	0	Fazzini,lf	5	1	1	1
Howard,lf	3	1	1	3	Sorrento,rf	4	1	2	1
Davis,3b	3	0	0	0	Zoeller,1b	1	2	0	0
Lehrman,dh	3	0	1	1	Calandra,3b	3	2	2	3
Dunham,1b	3	0	1	0	Kosco,dh	3	0	0	1
Harris,rf	3	0	1	0	Figueroa,ss	2	3	1	0
Dudeck,ss	4	1	2	0	Blackwell,c	5	2	4	2
Kilgore,c	1	0	0	0	Mangham,cf	4	2	2	4
Uyeda,2b	1	0	0	0	Eppley,rf	0	0	0	0
Baker,lf	1	0	0	0	J.Jones,1b	2	0	1	2

Hartnagel,3b	2	0	0	0	Saxner,ph	1	0	0	0
Blomer,1b	1	0	0	0	Fulton,c	1	0	0	0
Setser,rf	1	0	0	0	Pacetti,2b	0	0	0	0
Siegrist,c	2	0	1	0	Kidd,cf	1	1	1	1
Totals	36	6	9	4	Totals	37	15	15	15

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Florida St.	001	481	01x	—	15	15	4

E—Calandra, figueroa, Davis,
Dunham, Zoeller, Alicea, DP—Ball St. 1,
Florida St. 1. 2B—Lehrman, Jones,
Blackwell. HR—Blackwell (2), Calandra (4),
Mangham (4), Howard (6), Kidd (3). SB—
Alicea, Fazzini, Howard. SF—Howard,
Kosco, Sorrento.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ball St.						
Whitesell, L(1-1)	4½	8	10	10	5	3
Sigler	1½	5	4	4	2	0
Childers	2	2	1	1	0	0
Florida St.						
Revak	4½	6	5	2	2	3
Lewis, W(4-1)	2½	2	1	1	1	3
Brown	2	1	0	0	0	3

WP—Revak. T—2:42. A—2647.