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FSU tops Samford

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You could say that not much of the action Wednesday at Seminole Stadium advanced the sport of baseball. You would be right.

Note that Florida State's 9-1 victory over hapless Samford was tainted by a revolting Samford fielding display in the seven-run FSU third inning that left fans sarcastically chanting: "Dee-fense."

Note the six errors that the visitors committed. The 991 fans who enjoyed the sunshine, 11 Seminole hits and six stolen bases could also point out that Samford made just as many errors that do not appear in the box score. Routine fly halls falling in the outfield for doubles, bases left uncovered, a foul pop dropping untouched in the third-base coaching box.

But after running their record to 7-1 through a soft early schedule, the Seminoles had some reasons to be grateful. Wednesday's victory was important because ace pitcher Doug Little showed signs of snapping out of his flu-ridden malaise. Little was hit hard early but bounced back to finish six innings with the sort of polished pitching he's known for.

His first pitch was hit for a home run by Robbie Parker. David Vaughan followed with a sharp single but was caught stealing by catcher Ed Fulton. Dick Cowart followed with a double, but was picked off second by Little.

Little, 1-0, had similar help in the second when he got out of a jam when Ty Payne lined into a double play. From that point on he breezed before turning it over to Ed Porcelli and Chris Dunn for the last three innings.

The seven-run third inning featured five Seminole hits, three of which could have been outs with respectable defensive play. Paul Sorrento walked after his foul pop was caught in the strong breeze and fell foul in the coaching box at third without a play. By one man's count, FSU was given eight outs in the inning. Seminole coach Mike Martin sympathetically called it a "defensive fiasco."

After the third, there was one notable reason to pay attention. Mr. Excitement, Deion Sanders, was still in the game. In the fifth, the freshman singled, stole second easily and stole third (his 10th of the season). And what the heck, he tried to steal home, too. Sanders was called out, but umpire Al Davis heard it from the crowd, which thought Sanders was safe.

"That's the first time in his life that Deion has tried to steal home," said Martin, whose team hosts considerably tougher Georgia Tech on

Saturday (moved back to 3 p.m. to avoid a conflict with basketball) and Sunday. "I think it surprised him how close he came to making it."

SAMFORD					FLORIDA STATE
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Parker,cf	4	1	1	1	Sanders,cf 5 1 2 0
Vaughan,ss	4	0	2	0	Marzan, 1b 5 2 2 0
Cowart,rf	4	0	2	0	Alicea,ss 5 1 2 1
Scott, 1b	3	0	0	0	Fulton,c 4 1 2 1
McPherson,	c2	0	0	0	Sorrento,rf 1 1 0 0
Lyons,If	4	0	1	0	Zoeller,dh 4 1 0 0
Payne,dh	3	0	0	0	Mangham, If 2 1 1 2
Vaughn,2b	3	0	1	0	Blackwell,3b 3 0 0 0
Hamilton,3b	3	0	0	0	McClellan,2b 3 0 0 1
Rice,3b	0	0	0	0	Saxner,c 1010
Wingard, ph	1	0	0	0	Taddeo,rf 1100
Powell,ph	0	0	0	0	Clayborne,cf 1 0 0 0 Kidd, 1 0 1 1
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E-Vaughn, Wood, Payne, Lyons, Vaughan, Scott, McClellan. DP-Samford 1, FSU 2. 2B-Cowart, Marzan (2), Mangham, Fulton. HR-Parker. SB-Sanders (3), Marzan, Alicea, Taddeo. CS-Vaughan, Sanders. SH-Blackwell, McClellan.

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2	0	0	0	0	2
1	0	0	0	0	1
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