

Seminoles clobber Samford pitchers for 19-2 win

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It was so bad that even Doug Little got a hit.

The Florida State pitcher, playing at third base for the first time in his college baseball career, was just one of many Seminole batters to tee off on Samford on Monday afternoon. FSU pounded the Bulldogs 19-2 at Seminole Stadium.

It was a small consolation for the Seminoles, 17-2, who found out after the

FSU falls to No. 2 in poll, 2D

game that they slipped to second in the latest Collegiate Baseball-ESPN poll released Monday afternoon. Texas moved to No. 1.

But the game did give Little a chance to play a position he hasn't played since his high-school days. With third basemen Barry Blackwell and Chad McClellan both out of action with injuries, FSU

coach Mike Martin allowed Little to fill in.

Little proceeded to delight the 913 fans with a single in his first at-bat in the bottom of a seven-run first inning that put the Bulldogs away early. In his three other trips to the plate, Little flew out, reached first on a fielder's choice and later scored, then grounded out twice. Not much, but still fun enough for the all-American.

"I really enjoyed myself out there today," Little said after throwing a few

post-game warmup pitches to stay fresh. "That was the first time I ever played a position here other than pitcher. I always said I wanted to do anything to contribute to the team's success. You can't do it too much when you're sitting on the bench and playing every four games. So it was a thrill for me."

But not necessarily for the Bulldogs, 1-12-1, who went through four pitchers

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trying to find someone to stop the Seminoles. The first two, starter Mitchell Silas and Howard Wood, combined for 13 runs, and that did the major damage.

"Ain't nothing to say about it. Just got our butts kicked," said Samford coach J.T. Haywood. "We knew FSU had a lot of players injured, but they're still the best ball club we've faced this season. They got everything going for them. Our pitching's weak, we're not hitting the ball well. We can play better. We just got to go out there (today) and try and do better."

It was a different game from the two previous meetings of the two teams. FSU took two from Samford here earlier in the season by scores of 9-6 and 9-1. This time, it was a blowout.

The Seminoles opened the game with seven quick runs behind singles by Paul Sorrento and Craig Saxner sandwiched by doubles from Bien Figueroa and Keith Kidd. Samford came right back in the top of the second when Ed Banks hit a lead-off home run off starter Mike Loynd, who otherwise held the Bulldogs hitless and scoreless in six innings of work to get the win.

FSU kept quiet for an inning before scoring three in third, and then three more in the fourth off a homer by Jose Marzan to increase

the lead to 14-1. Ed Fulton got a two-run homer to right field and Greg Clayborne had an RBI single in the sixth to keep things hopping.

The Seminoles pushed two more runs across in the eighth, but then reliever Chip Drobnie had to struggle through the ninth before the game was over. The freshman gave up a run off three hits before FSU could get away with the victory.

The two teams will meet again today at 1 p.m. FSU will start righthander Chris Pollack (1-1), while Samford will go with righthander Chip Wood (0-2).

Samford					Florida State				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Parker, cf	4	1	1	0	Marzan, lb	3	2	1	3
Vaughan, ss	4	0	0	0	Freeman, dh	1	0	0	0
Cowart, rf	3	0	0	0	Alicea, 2b	4	3	2	2
Banks, lb	3	1	1	1	Figueroa, ss	5	2	2	2
Moore, ph	1	0	1	0	Fulton, c	3	3	1	2
Scott, dh	3	0	1	0	Sorrento, rf	3	1	2	2
McPherson, p	1	0	1	1	Taddeo, rf	2	2	2	0
Lyon, lf	2	0	0	0	Saxner, dh-lb	6	1	1	1
Wingard, lf	2	0	0	0	Mangham, cf	3	3	1	1
Rice, 3b	3	0	0	0	Kidd, lf	3	1	2	3
Payne, c	1	0	0	0	Clayborne, lf	2	0	1	1
Dunn, ph	1	0	0	0	Little, 3b	5	1	1	1
Vaughn, 2b	3	0	0	0					
Totals	31	2	5	2	Totals	40	19	16	18

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E—Kidd, Rice. DP—FSU 2. LOB—Samford 10, FSU 4. 2B—Figueroa (2), Kidd, Alicea, Mangham, Taddeo. HR—Banks, Marzan (2), Fulton (5). SB—Marzan, Mangham. CS—Vaughan.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Samford						
Silas (L 0-3)	1/3	3	6	6	2	0
Wood	3 2/3	7	7	7	5	0
Kynerd	1 1/3	4	4	4	1	0
Reid	2 2/3	2	2	1	3	2
Florida State						
Loynd (W 4-1)	6	1	1	1	1	9
Porcelli	1	1	0	0	0	1
Drobnie	2	3	1	1	1	2

T—2:40. A—913.