

Florida State slams Samford once more 15-3

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Don't worry. There was no letdown this time around.

Learning a painful lesson from earlier in the season, Florida State went out and slammed Samford 15-3 Tuesday afternoon before a crowd of 1,031 at Seminole Stadium.

The victory gave FSU (18-2), ranked second in the latest Collegiate Baseball-ESPN poll, a two-game sweep of Samford, which dropped to 1-13-1.

Going into the game, FSU coach Mike Martin wanted to make sure there wouldn't be a repeat of the Grambling

series, where the Seminoles won the first two and then allowed the Tigers to pull off a 3-1 upset in the final game of the season-opening series.

Martin had nothing to worry about, as the Seminole hitters once again teed off on three different Bulldog pitchers, amassing 16 hits.

"The key was our guys remembered what happened against Grambling," Martin said. "They won a ball game big and didn't just go through the motions this time. We had no errors today, and when you make no errors, you feel like you should win."

As for Samford coach J.T. Haywood, a pleasant fellow who had no illusions

coming here for a second time this season, the loss wasn't all too hard to figure out.

"Same old story," he said with a smile. "Weak hitting, weak pitching and poor fielding will do it to you every time. We're rebuilding this year. We lost a lot of players from last year's team. We're building a new stadium at the school, and we're going to full scholarships next season. We're hoping to compete with teams like this in a couple of years."

"I can't say enough about this club," Haywood said of the Seminoles. "They're a class act. They'll rap you one time, then pat you on the back and be on their way."

Rap is a polite way to put it. Body slam would be more appropriate. Similar to Monday's 19-2 whipping, the Seminoles used a big first inning to set the pace. Late runs in the sixth, seventh and ninth kept things going.

FSU starter Chris Pollack was a little shaky in the first, walking the first batter then allowing a single to Hootie Vaughn. After striking out the next two batters, Pollack gave up an RBI single to Jim Rice to spot Samford its first lead of the series.

It didn't last long. Jose Marzan led off the first with a walk, followed by a

See FSU, 6B

double by Luis Alicea that hit the fence in right field. Bien Figueroa then scored Marzan with a single. After Ed Fulton loaded the bases with a walk, Paul Sorrento came up and blasted a grand slam over the right-field fence, his fifth homer of the season that gave FSU a 5-1 lead. It was the second grand slam of the year, with Fulton hitting the other earlier in the year.

FSU scored two runs in the fourth and sixth and then three more in the seventh to build a 12-1 lead before Samford could do anything. In the eighth, the Bulldogs started rattling reliever Chris Dunn, who was put in to mop up after Pollack. With one out, Ed Banks drew a walk and Les McPherson singled, as did Rice,

who batted 4 for 4 against FSU.

Pollack then walked in two runs before striking out Brian Raley and forcing Cotton Vaughan to ground out to end the inning.

The Seminoles answered in the bottom of the inning with three runs. Doug Little, playing his second game in a row at third, led off with a walk. Marzan reached first on a fielding error, paving the way for another double by Alicea that thumped against the fence in right, scoring Little. Fulton scored Marzan on a ground out to short, then Figueroa scored Alicea on a sacrifice fly to center to give FSU its final run of the game.

The Seminoles open a three-game series against Richmond at Seminole Stadium today starting at 7 p.m. in the first night game at home. Ed Porcelli (0-0) will start for FSU.

SAMFORD					FLORIDA STATE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Vaughan,rf	4	1	0	0	Marzan,1b	3	3	1	0
Vaughn,2b	4	0	2	0	Alicea,2b	4	4	3	1
Payne,ph	1	0	0	0	Figueroa,ss	5	3	4	2
Cowart,cf	4	0	0	0	Fulton,c	5	2	1	3
Corcoran,ph	1	0	0	0	Sorrento,rf	4	2	3	5
Banks,1b	3	1	1	0	Saxner,dh	4	0	0	1
McPherson,c	4	1	2	0	Mangham,cf	3	0	0	0
Dunn,ph	1	0	0	0	Clayborne,cf	2	0	2	1
Rice,3b	4	0	4	1	Kidd,lf	3	0	1	0
Lyons,lf	2	0	0	1	Taddeo,lf	2	0	0	0
Moore,dh	3	0	0	0	Little,3b	4	1	1	0
Scott,ph	0	0	0	1					
Hamilton,pr	0	0	0	0					
Raley,ss	4	0	1	0					
Totals	35	3	10	3	Totals	39	15	16	13

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E—Rice, McPherson, Banks, Raley.
DP—Samford 1, FSU 2. LOB—Samford 11,
FSU 12. 2B—Alicea 2, Kidd, Rice, Banks,
Fulton. HR—Sorrento. SB—Alicea,
Sorrento, Clayborne. SF—Saxner, Figueroa.

		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Samford							
Wood L,0-2		4 ² / ₃	8	7	5	7	0
Carroll		2 ² / ₃	6	5	4	1	1
Faucett		1 ² / ₃	2	3	1	1	1
Florida State							
Pollack W,2-1		7	8	1	1	2	7
Dunn		2	2	2	2	4	2
WP—Wood, Carroll. HBP—Alicea by Wood. T—3:10. A—1,031.							