

Seminoles push around Spiders to the tune of 16-1

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As one witnesses these terrible beatings, there is always a pertinent question that comes to mind: Why do Snowbelt schools voluntarily come South to get destroyed?

The latest such victims, the Richmond Spiders, were wiped out for the third straight game by Florida State on Friday night. This time it was 16-1 with 1,685 watching at Seminole Stadium.

The Spiders, 2-8, play again here today at 1 before returning to the relative safety of Virginia. The Seminoles, who relaxed and enjoyed their Friday night by hitting four home runs among 17 hits, are 21-2.

"We've got seven freshmen on the field," said Richmond coach Ronnie Atkins. "Our top two catchers are hurt. Our right fielder is now our catcher.

"We're going up against the No. 2 team in the

country with a right fielder for a catcher."

For the third straight night, it was a mighty mismatch. Leading the way for FSU was the top third of its batting order, the three Latin gentlemen named Marzan, Alicea and Figueroa.

Jose Marzan was 3 for 4, stole three bases and hit his third home run of the season. He now leads the team with 17 steals. Luis Alicea was 4 for 6, stole two bases, doubled twice and drove in two runs. Figueroa, who entered the game hitting .470, was 2 for 4 and drove in two runs.

Typical was the first inning. Marzan walked, stole second and scored on a single by Alicea. He scored on a hit-and-run double by Figueroa to the right-field corner. Paul Sorrento, the other hitting star of the evening with a homer and three RBIs, got Figueroa home with an infield out.

The Seminoles got two more in the third inning on Sorrento's long blast to center. It was, however, an

important inning. At 7:47 p.m., Richmond catcher Chris Blanton caught a Seminole stealing. The Spiders had been embarrassed with 18 straight steals previous to that historic moment in this series.

Adding runs was no problem for the Seminoles. With the score 10-1 in the bottom of the eighth, they decided batting practice was not over. Greg Clayborne capped it all with FSU's fourth homer of the game and his first as a collegian. Craig Saxner had hit his second of the season in the fourth.

Just as mismatched were Richmond hitters, who generally looked hopeless against tough right-hander Richie Lewis, 5-0. With fans posting "K's" for each strikeout, Lewis didn't disappoint. He fanned 12 in seven innings and was touched for just four hits and an unearned run.

"We knew what we were getting into when we came

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down here," said Atkins, whose team was beaten 27-1 in its opener by Columbus College (Ga.). "This is the only way to get better. We could have stayed home and played some Division II and III schools and made our record look better, but then you don't get any better."

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	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Parris, 2b	4	0	0	0	Marzan, 1b	4	3	3	1
Zanbo, ss	4	0	1	0	Alicea, 2b	6	3	4	2
Sickinger, dh	3	0	2	0	Figueroa, ss	4	1	2	2
Malloy, 1b	3	0	0	0	Fulton, c	3	2	1	0
Jordan, cf	4	1	2	0	Sorrento, rf	4	2	1	3
Harding, lf	3	0	0	0	Taddeo, lf	5	1	0	0
Blanton, c	3	0	0	0	Blackwell, 3b	5	1	2	2
Reid, rf	3	0	1	1	Saxner, dh	5	2	1	1
Vossler, 3b	2	0	0	0	Clayborne, cf	4	1	2	2
Rogers, pr	0	0	0	0					
Merritt, ph	1	0	1	0					
Engels, ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	31	1	7	1	Totals	40	16	16	13
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E—Blanton 2, Lewis, Zanbo, Vossler.
DP—Richmond 1, FSU 1. LOB—Richmond 6, FSU 8. 2B—Figueroa, Alicea 2. HR—Sorrento, Saxner, Marzan, Clayborne. SB—Marzan 3, Alicea 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Richmond						
Lowe L, 0-2	3 1/3	9	7	7	3	1
Sickinger	1 2/3	1	1	1	1	0
Mittenberger	2 1/3	3	5	5	3	0
Guttermuth	3/3	3	3	0	1	0
Florida State						
Lewis W, 5-0	7	4	1	0	3	12
Dunn	2	3	0	0	0	2

WP—Lowe, Lewis 2, Mittenberger.
PB—Blanton 2. T—2:47. A—1,685.