Pitt gives Seminoles more help than they need

By David Whitley

Just another night at the old ballyard. That's what Florida State's 10-2 win over Pittsburgh was on Tuesday. There was nothing really exciting about it. But there was nothing for FSU fans to feel too cheated over either.

It was just the usual Seminole Stadium routine: take a seat, prop up the feet and watch FSU's designated victim succumb to either the No. 1 or No. 2 team in the country, depending on which poll you believe.

The 1,811 witnesses at the stadium no doubt follow the ESPN poll, which has the Seminoles on top, over the Baseball America poll, which has them No. 2. After losing the first two games by a combined score of 17-2, Pittsburgh probably is leaning toward the ESPN poll as well.

The Panthers helped do themselves in on Tuesday, giving up nine walks and three errors. That was more help than FSU needed, as a flu-weakened Doug Little pitched seven decent innings to improve his record to 5-0. Luis Alicea aided the cause with a double, a triple and two stolen bases, and Ed Fulton hit his eighth home run of the season.

Fulton's shot in the eighth wasn't crucial; it gave FSU its ninth and 10th runs. But it did underscore a never-relax attitude that the Seminoles are trying to develop.

"Our attitude is loose, but we're not cocky. We're not looking ahead to playing Miami or anybody. We're just taking it one day at a time," said Fulton. "We looked

back at last year and saw some of the disappointments we had when we got complacent. We're just making damn sure we don't do that again this year."

So far it seems to be working. The win improved FSU's record to 24-2. Pittsburgh

dropped to 1-4.

"This was only our fourth time on the field," said Coach Bobby Lewis, whose team has been practicing indoors while FSU has been piling up victories. "You don't get to work on a lot of things indoors. We haven't looked at any pitching, and then we come in here and look at some very good pitching."

Little wasn't overpowering, just effective, limiting Pittsburgh to six hits and four walks. The key was his control — he walked just one. Pittsburgh starter Rich Gavran pitched well enough but was killed by the six batters he walked, four of whom eventually scored.

The game was fairly tight, if you call 5-1 tight, through six innings. Then FSU

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roughed up freshman reliever Eric Sandberg for five runs in two innings to make things academic.

"I liked the way we kept plugging for runs," said FSU coach Mike Martin. "We looked a little bit out of it tonight. Spring break has a way of doing that. The players sleep late and have a different meal schedule. We need to get back into it a little bit."

To help that process along, Martin had his players doing extra sprints, pushups and situps after the game. No room here for complacency, you understand.

"You can see Pittsburgh is getting better and better," said Martin. "We have to do the same thing. We can't afford to stay where we are."

Of course, there are worse places to be.

"Yeah, I can't really complain,"

said Martin, who said his biggest concern is getting his injured players back. "You wouldn't believe me if I did."

The same two teams do it again tonight at 7 p.m.

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Hackett,dh	4	0	1	0	Fulton,c	3	3	2	2
Fausnght,2b	4	0	0	0	Sorrento,rf	2	1	1	0
Osborne,3b	4	0	1	0	Saxner,dh	2	0	0	0
Lamanti,ss	3	0	0	0	Clayborne, If	3	0		0
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Florida State						
Little (W 5-0)	7	6	1	1	0	4
Kovensky	2	3	1	1	0	0
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