FSU splits doubleheader at Southern Mississippi

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HATTIESBURG, Miss. -Chris Pollack pitched a three-hit shutout and Barry Blackwell hit a two-run homer to lead FSU to a 2-0 win over Southern Mississippi and a split of a Metro Conference doubleheader.

Southern Miss, behind the strong pitching of Darrell Lindsey, won the first game 5-1, ending FSU's 12-game winning streak.

"Judging from their pitchers, it's hard to believe that these guys were 10-13 coming in," said FSU coach Mike Martin. "We hurt ourselves in the first game with some errors, but Lindsey never let us in the game."

FSU ended the day 27-3, 4-1 in the Metro. Southern Miss is 11-15, 2-6 in the conference.

Lindsey, 3-3, had a shaky start.

ters in a row, eight on strikeouts. Just as damaging to the Seminoles on Saturday was the way Southern Miss shut down their running game. FSU had stolen 95 of 118 bases before the doubleheader. The Golden Eagles had thrown out only 18 of 60 runners coming into the game, but catchers Shawn Smith and Mack Duncan threw out seven of eight base-stealers on

Saturday Doug Little lost the opener to drop to 5-1.

In the second game, Pollack and Southern Mississippi's Kent Willis were locked in a scoreless pitching duel until the fifth. With one out, Greg Clayborne drew a walk and Blackwell followed with a homer run over the center-field wall. With one out in the first inning, Luis Alicea tripled down the firstbase line and Bien Figueroa singled to right to give FSU a 1-0 lead. Figueroa's hit kept alive a 23-game hitting streak which was snapped in the second game.

Southern Miss came right back in its half of the inning. Mike Jacobs reached first base on an error by Jose Marzan, then stole second. Scooter Love singled him home. Love scored on Darrin Nixon's homer to right field to make it 3-1.

With two outs in the third, Southern Miss went ahead 5-1 on Greg Conner's home run to center field.

Lindsay used an overpowering curve ball to strike out 12 batters in the seven-inning game. At one points Lindsey retired 10 FSU bat-

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"He got a fastball up and over the plate," Blackwell said. "I was guessing fastball."

Pollack cruised until the seventh inning. Then, with one out, Travis Bourgeoris drew a walk. Pinch-hitter Nixon slapped a twostrike single to send the potential winning run to the plate.

After a trip to the mound, Martin stayed with Pollack, who responded by getting Kenny Graves to bounce into a game-ending double play.

"Someone asked me if I'm happy with a split. You have to be happy when you lose the first game," Martin said. "Their pitchers did a great job, and they played errorless ball all afternoon."

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