

# Florida State homers snare Jaguars 13-8

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MOBILE, Ala. — Jose Marzan and Luis Alicea each drove in three runs to lead top-ranked Florida State to a 13-8 baseball win over South Alabama on Tuesday afternoon.

It was designated as a Metro Conference game, and the win made FSU 29-4 overall and 6-2 in Metro play. South Alabama dropped to 18-8 on the year after beating Florida State on Monday night.

FSU led from start to finish in the game, scoring two runs in the top of the first on a throwing error and Paul Sorrento's RBI single. FSU increased the margin to 4-0 in the second when Eric Mangham singled and came home on Marzan's home run — his ninth of the season.

Mike Loynd, 7-1, was the winning pitcher. He struggled, though, giving up 11 hits and five earned runs in seven innings.

South Alabama scored in the second inning on Wes Ward's RBI single, then made it 4-3 on two runs in the third. With one out, Tim Becker drew a walk. Luis Gonzalez then struck out on a pitch that FSU catcher Ed Fulton failed to hang on to. As Gonzalez was leaving the batter's box for first, he kicked

the ball away from Fulton. Trying to make the play, Fulton threw the ball away, allowing Becker to score. Turner Ward then lined a single to left to score Gonzalez.

FSU took advantage of some clutch hitting and four South Alabama walks, however, to score five runs over the next three innings.

Bien Figueroa put the game out of reach in the seventh inning when he lined a three-run homer off Jaguar relief pitcher Kevin Raley. Marzan added his second home run of the game and his 10th of the year in the ninth inning to finish FSU's scoring.

Jaguar pitcher Jerry Rub, who came into the game with a 1.09 ERA, lasted just three innings and was the loser, dropping to 4-2.

"Mike really didn't have his great stuff today (Tuesday)," FSU head coach Mike Martin said of Loynd. "But at the same time South Alabama is one of the best teams at hitting the slider I have ever seen."

For the two-game series, South Alabama had 30 hits and 20 runs. FSU scored 18 runs on 22 hits. The two teams will begin a two-game series today in Tallahassee at 7 p.m. at

See FSU, 5B

Seminole Stadium. Doug Little is expected to be FSU's starting pitcher.

| FLORIDA STATE  |           |           |           |           | SOUTH ALABAMA |           |          |           |          |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
|                | ab        | r         | h         | bi        |               | ab        | r        | h         | bi       |
| Marzan,1b      | 4         | 5         | 3         | 3         | Becker,ss     | 4         | 1        | 1         | 0        |
| Alicea,2b      | 5         | 2         | 3         | 1         | Gonzales,1b   | 4         | 2        | 1         | 0        |
| Figueroa,ss    | 5         | 1         | 2         | 3         | T.Ward,lf     | 5         | 2        | 3         | 1        |
| Fulton,c       | 4         | 0         | 0         | 0         | Dull,3b       | 5         | 0        | 1         | 0        |
| Sorrento,rf    | 5         | 0         | 1         | 1         | Cote,dh       | 4         | 1        | 2         | 1        |
| Saxner,dh      | 3         | 2         | 1         | 1         | Griffin,2b    | 4         | 1        | 0         | 0        |
| Blackwell,3b-c | 3         | 1         | 1         | 0         | W.Ward,rf     | 5         | 0        | 3         | 2        |
| Clayborne,lf   | 4         | 1         | 2         | 1         | Franklin,cf   | 3         | 0        | 0         | 1        |
| Mangham,cf     | 4         | 1         | 1         | 0         | Farmer,c      | 2         | 0        | 1         | 0        |
| Taddeo,dh      | 0         | 0         | 0         | 0         | Oldham,ph     | 1         | 1        | 1         | 1        |
| McClellan,3b   | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0         | Neveau,c      | 1         | 0        | 0         | 0        |
| <b>Totals</b>  | <b>38</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>Totals</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>6</b> |

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| Florida State | 220 | 221 | 301-13 |
| South Alabama | 012 | 100 | 202-8  |

E—Gonzales 2, Fulton 2, Griffin, Becker, Figueroa. DP—FSU 1, South Ala. 2. LOB—FSU 9, South Ala. 9. 2B—Cote 2, Clayborne, W. Ward. HR—Marzan 2 (10), Saxner (4), Figueroa (2), Oldham (1). SB—Mangham, Blackwell, Becker, T. Ward, Griffin, Taddeo, Marzan. S—Mangham. SF—Franklin, Clayborne.

|                      | IP    | H  | R | ER | BB | SO |
|----------------------|-------|----|---|----|----|----|
| <b>Florida State</b> |       |    |   |    |    |    |
| Loynd W, 7-1         | 7     | 11 | 6 | 5  | 2  | 4  |
| Lee                  | 2     | 2  | 2 | 0  | 2  | 0  |
| <b>South Alabama</b> |       |    |   |    |    |    |
| Rub L, 4-2           | 3     | 4  | 4 | 3  | 4  | 1  |
| Stratton             | 2 1/3 | 2  | 2 | 2  | 2  | 0  |
| Raley                | 5 1/3 | 8  | 7 | 3  | 3  | 3  |

WP—Stratton. PB—Fulton. BK—Rub. HBP—Gonzalez by Lee. T—3:16. A—912.