

FSU pitching turns off Georgia Tech's power

Coach Mike Martin gets a look at the future of his pitching staff.

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Florida State hitters don't pretend to be the equal of Georgia Tech's power crew which leads the

nation in scoring.

Jonathan Johnson does not claim to be as good Paul Wilson, at least not yet.

But against No. 3 Georgia Tech Friday night, second-ranked FSU flexed some offensive might and Johnson looked like the Seminoles' ace pitcher long enough for FSU to defeat the Yellow Jackets 6-4.

TODAY'S GAME

■ Georgia Tech (Al Gogolin 8-2)
at Florida State (Paul Wilson, 10-2), 7 p.m., Dick Howser Stadium.

Johnson, working at the No. 1 spot in the rotation, breezed

through Georgia Tech's usually explosive lineup. Then he and his teammates put a scare into the 4,053 people at Dick Howser Stadium by finding trouble in the sixth inning.

But Johnson picked up splendid support from reliever Steve Butler (4 saves) and enough runs from his teammates to cherish the effort.

"This gives me a look for next year (when he replaces Wilson as the ace)," said Johnson. "A lot of times I'm going against the team's No. 2 pitcher. Going against their big dog adds to it and tonight was a great experience.

"My curve ball was really work-

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	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Georgia Tech						
Rigby L, 9-4	6 1/3	6	6	6	6	7
Barr	1 1/2	0	0	0	0	1
Florida St.						
Johnson W, 8-1	6 1/3	8	4	4	4	11
Butler S, 4	2 1/2	0	0	0	2	1

WP—Johnson 2. BK—Johnson 2. U—Sebastian (HP), Waller (1B), Hodgkin (3B). T—2:26. A—4,053.