

FLORIDA STATE SPORTS INFORMATION

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NO. 20 SEMINOLES DROP AN 8-2 DECISION TO NO. 18 HAWAII

HONOLULU, HI -- Freshman righthander Patrick McNair struck out eight Seminoles as he led No. 20 Hawaii (13-3) to an 8-2 win over No. 20 Florida State (6-5). McNair (1-0) held the Seminoles to two runs on four hits in eight innings pitched in his first career start for the Rainbows.

Florida State pitchers walked eight batters and hit three in the game while the Seminoles made six fielding errors. Six of the Rainbows' eight runs were unearned as the Seminoles used six pitchers in the game.

Hawaii capitalized on three walks, two errors, a wild pitch and a hit batter in the first inning as the Rainbows jumped out to a 4-0 lead. Rightfielder Matt Wheeler contributed an RBI-basehit to Hawaii's cause to extend his hitting streak to 13 games. Florida State freshman righthander Chris Ginn (1-0) faced six batters in his third start of the season before he was relieved by righthander Nick Stocks. Ginn was charged with four runs, two of which were earned. He gave up two hits and a walk and hit a batter in one-third of an inning.

The Seminoles cut the Rainbows lead in half with two manufactured runs in the third inning. Rightfielder Matt Diaz reached base on walk and scored a wild pitch. Shortstop Brett Groves doubled, advanced to third base on a wild pitch and scored on a double steal attempt.

Stocks surrendered a run to Hawaii in the fifth inning as he walked catcher Lars Hansen with the bases loaded scoring centerfielder Darren Blakey to give the Rainbows a 5-2 advantage. Hawaii put three more unearned runs on the board in the seventh inning before the Seminoles could get an out.

Matt Diaz extended his hitting streak to seven games with a single to centerfield in the seventh inning.

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E-Zabala 2, Cash 2, Ginn, Z. Diaz.

DP-FSU 1, Hawaii 2. LOB-FSU 7, Hawaii 15.

2B-Groves.

WP-McNair 1-0. LP-Ginn 1-1. Save-None.

WP—Stocks, McHair. HSP—by Ginn (Hansen), by McHair (Salazar), by Stocks (Whitsett), by Stocks (Nakano), by McHair (Groves) U—Tomaszewski, Torres. T—2:58. A—2:39.4.