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Florida State took the wraps off some latent power, and a parade of pitchers held off Michigan State.

The Seminoles defeated Danny Litwhiler's Spartans 11-8 in opening day action of the FSU Invitational tourney here yesterday.

In a morning game, Wake Forest got two runs in the first inning to defeat Atlantic Coast rival Duke 3-0.

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For the Seminoles, it was the end of a long dry spell. Fred McCall's cow jumped itself on 11 base hits. However, it was a game to the wire.

Michigan State starters matched for four runs in the first inning, putting FSU into a tight corner.

John Biedenbach and Bob Moore squared up on FSU starter Gary Lawrence, a double and a walk were all that was needed. A single by third baseman Gary Lawrence, a base on balls and a sacrifice fly by catcher Gary Lyle summed up the Spartan run.

The Seminoles were dormant until the third when pitcher Ken Creek, who had relieved Howell in the first, drew a base on balls. Secondbaseman Dick Fernandez lashed a double to right center. Then Moose Hopkins unloaded one which cleared the right field scoreboard.

Florida State went ahead in

the fourth when catcher Randy Brown led off with a base on balls and leftfielder Roy Newbourne litted one over the right center field fence.

MSU came back in the next inning on Biedenbach's homer to tie the score.

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After being shutout in the fifth, the Seminoles came up with four runs in the sixth to take the lead for keeps. A single by Brown, an error, a single by Fernandez, a walk and a big double by Bob Wilcox told the story.

Michigan State remained dangerous, however. Nick Cafaro relieved Creek in the seventh

and put out a big fire, striking out two men with the bases filled.

Cafaro gave way to Chuck Hawkins in the next inning, and John McCune came in to pitch to the last man in the ninth.

Speer and Biedenbach led the Spartan attack. Leftfielder Speer, cracked a double and triple in two official trips to drive in four runs. Biedenbach had a double and a bases-loaded triple and scored three runs. Rightfielder Richard Billings also had two hits for MSU, one a triple in the third.

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Fernandez, Brown and Mike Martin all collected two hits for the Seminoles, who had gone 28 innings without an extra base hit before Fernandez doubled in the third.

Croley got the win, his first of the year, bringing the FGCU record to 5-3-1. Fred Devereux, who came on in the fourth, was the loser.

Wake Forest was scheduled to play Duke again at 10 a.m. today, then Michigan State at 12:30. Florida State plays Duke at 3 p.m.