

GAINESVILLE — The University of Florida exploded for a six-run fifth inning to rip open a tight pitching duel and went on to defeat Florida State 8-0 Friday afternoon at Perry Field.

The Gators did the bulk of their damage against the Seminoles' top lefty, George Lott, and became the first team to knock the big senior out of the box.

Florida's big bats were like a ticking time bomb that finally exploded with one out in the fifth.

Jim Courier started the rally with a walk and moved to second when Tribe third baseman Mike Eason booted Guy McTheney's infield bouncer.

Second baseman Leon Bloodworth followed with a single to center loading the bases. Rod Wright and Will Harmon followed with base hits, each driving in a run.

Skip Lujack's single tallied two more as UF continued to rock Lott's pitching.

SEC catcher Mike Ovca collected the fifth straight Gator single of the inning driving in Harmon and sending Lujack to third.

Tony Dobies, the ninth man to bat in the inning, forced Ovca at second, but Lujack scored on the play.

That was all for Lott as Al Cleveland came on from the bullpen. He quickly walked

Tommy Blankenship, and Courier — batting for the second time in the stanza — singled sharply to left. Dobies attempted to score from second, but was cut down at the plate on Eason's relay of Dave Moates' throw home.

On the mound, Courier held a masterful hand over Seminole bats. The senior lefty allowed only four hits, did not

walk a man and struck out six.

Tribe second baseman Dick Gold was the only Seminole to have a productive day, picking up two hits in four trips.

Jeff Hogan and Jim Gurzynski got the other Seminole safeties.

The Gators used two hits, a pair of walks, one with the bases loaded and a bases-packed wild pitch to score two more runs in the seventh.

The two teams will close their regular seasons this afternoon with a 1:30 doubleheader.

FSU Coach Jack Stallings has named righthander Gene Ammann (11-1) and southpaw Craig Skok (5-2) as his starting pitchers for the two seven-inning games.

Florida is expected to counter with Mike Jacobs and Wayne Rogers.

The Seminole's record is now 37-12 while UF stands 27-15.

FLORIDA STATE		FLORIDA	
	ab r h		ab r h
Sumner cf	4 0 0	McInerney cf	5 1 0
Moates lf	4 0 0	Bloodworth 2b	4 1 1
Gibb 2b	4 0 2	Wright 3b	5 1 1
Hogan 1b	4 0 1	Harmon rf	3 1 2
Eason 3b	3 0 0	Lusack 1b	5 2 2
Nichols rf	3 0 0	Ovca c	3 1 1
English c	3 0 0	Dobies lf	4 0 2
Gurzynski 1b	3 0 1	Blankenship ss	2 0 0
Lott p	2 0 0	Courier p	2 1 1
Cleveland p	0 0 0		
Henson p	0 0 0		
Porter ph	1 0 0		
Hill p	0 0 0		
Totals	31 0 4	Totals	35 8 19

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UF 000 060 200-8

E - Sumner, Eason RBI - Bloodworth,

Wright, Lusack (2), Ovca, Courier LOB -

FSU 4, UF 9 SB Dobies

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lott (L, 4 2/3)	4 2/3	7	6	4	2	2
Cleveland	1 2/3	3	2	2	4	0
Henson	2 3/4	0	0	0	0	1
Hill	1	0	0	0	0	1
Courier (W, 1 2/3)	2	4	0	0	0	4
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