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Tribe Rallies To Win

Plays G-Tech Again Today

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It took a while, but once Florida State's baseball Seminoles got rolling here Saturday, they struck hard and quick, downing Georgia Tech 4-2 for win No. 30.

Florida State, now 30-13, won't have too long to savor this key victory though as they again host the Yellow Jackets (14-9) today at Seminole field for a 1:30 p.m. game.

Looking like he didn't know it was time to get down to business, sophomore righthander Marty Rice overcame shakiness in the opening innings and chalked up his 11th win in 13 decisions.

Rice's first pitch was slammed to centerfield, as many were during the day, and he then walked one and let loose two wild pitches in the second inning to give the visiting Yellow Jackets their first run.

Rice was bombed for two doubles in the third, one of which was accompanied by leftfielder's Randy Gailey's error as Tech added its final run.

Scoreless the first five innings, Florida State put three of its runs on the scoreboard in the haphazard sixth.

Denny Williams pounded a liner to short left center. Tom Rosa blooped one near the same spot, and both runners advanced a base on a passed ball.

Then LiBrandi grounded in Williams, moving Rosa to third, and he scored seconds later on a wild pitch. Herb Sikes, up next, shot a double to left center, and crossed home plate later after a second baseman's error.

The Seminoles added their final run in the eighth as Sikes lashed his second hit, moved to third on Gailey's single, then scored on Tech's third error.

Seminole Coach Jack Stallings beamed a cautious smile following the game. He was thinking about the Jacksonville victory over South Alabama Friday night, and how it might effect the NCAA District III outlook.

"I'm not rooting for either one of them to beat the other," Stallings said. "I'm rooting for Florida State. We can't worry about those other teams. We have to play good ball ourselves."

Florida State turned in some fine defensive plays during the two-hour contest, three corning from centerfielder John Li-Brandi.

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| Steed 2b | 4 | 1 | 2 | Williams 3b | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Elliot ss | 5 | 0 | 1 | Rosa 2b-ss | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| Bonifay 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | LiBrandi cf | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Giuliani If | 4 | 0 | 1 | Sikes 1b | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Rogers 36 | 2 | | 0 | Bankston pr-If | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rhino cf | | | | Gailey If | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Brown rf | 4 | 0 | 1 | Snyder pr-rf | 0 | 0 | |
| Reagin c | | | | Doria rf-1b | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Schisler | 4 | 0 | 1 | Roatche c | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Smith ss | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Nichols 2b | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Rice p | 3 | 0 | 0 |
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E—Steed, Reagin, Rhino, Gailey. DP— FSU. 2B—Steed, Bonifay, Schisler, Sikes. LOB—Ga. Tech. 9, FSU 5. S— Rogers. HBP—Rice (Rogers). WP— Schisler 2, Rice 2. U—Wood, Mauck. PB Reagin.

Reagin. T—2 hours. A—250 est.

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