

FSU nine wins opener 9-2

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It was, for Florida State, a good day for a baseball game.

With an opening-day crowd of 2,008 basking in a 75-degree sun, the Seminoles methodically dismantled St. Leo College 9-2 Saturday afternoon at Seminole Field.

Junior righthander Larry Jones came on strong after a shaky start, the defense was strong and steady, and the Seminole bats were poppin'.

About the only disappointment of the afternoon was the performance of All-American slugger Terry Kennedy, who took the collar in four official trips to the plate.

"But," pointed out FSU coach Woody Woodward, "Terry went 0-for-4 and we still scored nine runs. That's a good sign."

The two squads meet again this afternoon at 1:30, with sophomore righthander Mike Bretz on the mound for Florida State.

Jones, now within one victory of becoming the winningest pitcher in FSU history, pitched six innings and was getting stronger as he went along before giving way to Oscar Negrón in the seventh.

"I'm very pleased with the way Larry looked today," said Woodward. "He was throwing much harder than we expected."

"We went to the bullpen because he had thrown a lot of pitches (93 in the six innings). Also, we want to get as much experience as possible among our relief pitchers."

Jones started slowly, giving up an infield single and a walk to the first two St. Leo batters. A double play got him out of that first-inning jam, and after that he really warmed to the task.

He gave up walks in the third and fourth innings, then settled down and retired the last 10 batters he faced.

The FSU bats, meanwhile, erupted for six first-inning runs against St. Leo's Oan Kruthardt. Leftfielder Jim McArdle drove in a pair with a one-out single.

Then in the fifth, Ben Curry hit a towering home run over the left field wall. After Bob Benda singled, Chip Bifano lined a shot off the wall in left.

St. Leo leftfielder Pete Agust went back for the ball and struck his head on the eight-foot high concrete structure. He collapsed at the base of the wall, and by the time centerfielder Brian Blauch retrieved the ball and relayed it home, Bifano had completed his dash around the bases.

Agust was only dazed by the blow, and after a five-minute delay, remained in the game.

The Monarchs broke up the shut-out in the seventh inning when Negrón had control problems. Agust walked, moved to second on a passed ball, went to third on a single by Mike Kiernan, and scored on a wild pitch.

In the eighth, Bryan Dayett tattooed a Mark Gilbert curve over the right field wall for the Monarchs' second run.

ST. LEO	ab r h bi	FSU	ab r h bi
D'aloid, 2b	4 0 1 0	Bifano, rf	3 2 1 3
Blauch, cf	3 0 0 0	L'cano, cf	5 1 1 0
B'field, 1b	3 0 0 0	Bonilla, 2b	5 1 2 1
Dalett, 3b	4 1 1 1	Kennedy, c	4 1 0 0
August, lf	3 1 0 0	McGlone, c	0 0 0 0
Farmer, dh-c	4 0 0 0	Hicks, dh	3 1 2 1
Heryla, rf	1 0 0 0	Mobley, 3b	3 0 0 0
Kiernan, rf	2 0 1 0	McArdle, lf	4 1 1 2
M'ganda, c	2 0 0 0	Huff, lf	0 0 0 0
Gieger, ph	1 0 0 0	Curry, 1b	2 1 1 1
Wright, ph	1 0 0 0	Coulter, 1b	1 0 0 0
P'linni, ss	2 0 0 0	Benda, ss	2 1 1 0
K'harpt, p	0 0 0 0	Turka, ss	0 0 0 0
McC'y, p	0 0 0 0	L. Jones, p	0 0 0 0
		Negron, p	0 0 0 0
		Gilbert, p	0 0 0 0

TOTALS	30 2 3 1	TOTALS	32 9 9 8
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E—Blauch, L. Jones, Picolinni. DP —

St. Leo 1, FSU 1. LOB — St. Leo 6, FSU

7. HR — Curry (1), Bifano (1), Dayett

(1). SB — Hicks 2, Benda. Sac—Mobley.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Krutharpt (L, 1-1)	3	6	6	6	4	2
McCarthy	5	3	3	3	2	3
L. Jones (W, 1-0)	6	1	0	0	3	8
Negron	1	1	1	1	2	2
Gilbert	2	1	1	1	0	1

WP — Krutharpt, Negron. PB —

Kennedy. U — Raven, Shaw. T — 2:21.

A — 2,008.