

# Pitchers take charge as FSU sweeps

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The pieces are starting to fall into place for Florida State baseball. It was the hitting which asserted itself first, and then Friday at Seminole Field the pitching turned from small disappointment to happy surprise.

Rich Bombard, a freshman, and senior Joe Nichols produced classy performances in their first starts of 1979 as the Seminoles beat Austin Peay 4-2 and 12-0.

FSU (14-4) has now won six in a row, three straight doubleheaders

and seven of its last eight games.

Nichols' work was particularly glittering. The righthander gave up just two hits over the seven innings, striking out eight hitters.

Nichols, with a career mark of 7-0 at FSU, has always been provided strong bat support, but he could have gotten by with little help against Austin Peay.

His previous outing was a disastrous relief stint against Florida (2½ innings, 4 hits, 4 runs). That can go by the boards now, as Seminole Coach Dick Howser finds his array of start-

ing pitchers beginning to look solid down the line.

"I've really only had a couple of bad outings with my pitchers," Howser said. "But it is true, it was dubious for awhile. Now, I think we're back on the track again."

Howser is looking for another surprise today when junior walk-on Ken Smith (0-0) starts against Western Kentucky at 2 at Seminole Field. Then at 7:30, Dick Wiggins (3-0) faces Jacksonville.

Bombard, victimized in a 14-12 loss to Valdosta State earlier, turned

in five innings of two-hit ball in the first game before tiring. The Texan from El Paso gave up three hits to start the sixth as the Governors sliced a 4-0 deficit to 4-2.

Ken Fischer came in, and the sophomore lefthander retired the next two hitters, then pitched a scoreless seventh to record his second save in two days.

Bombard, whose brother is an assistant minor league pitching instructor for the Cincinnati Reds, said he erased the thoughts of his one unfortunate pitching experience.

"The last time, it was the walks. I just didn't have the control," he said. "Today was a matter of self-confidence. I had a few rough spots, but the main thing is that I got the ball over."

Bombard's only real crisis before the sixth came in the inning before when Austin Peay loaded the bases with two out. But the youngster got Mike Riffe to ground into a force play that ended the threat.

Seminoles' second baseman Craig Patterson, who tripled, hit two singles and drove in a run, and shortstop

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Don DeLoach, with two hits including an RBI triple, handled most of the Seminoles' offense.

FSU scored twice in the first and once in the second to take an early 3-0 lead. The final run came in the fifth.

Freshman Keith Gilliam went the distance for Austin Peay, holding the Seminoles to seven hits.

The second game was decided immediately, as FSU scored three in the first off loser Tom Zmudovsky — one on Don Milner's sacrifice fly and two on Mike Fuentes' double.

In the third, five Seminoles crossed the plate. Three runs were provided by freshman Jeff Ledbetter's fourth homer of the season, a 400-footer to left-centerfield.

A pair in the fourth and another deuce in the sixth finished the Seminoles' scoring. The Governors (3-6), held in check by Nichols, never got started.

# First game

AUSTIN PEAY					Florida State				
AB	R	H	B	I	AB	R	H	B	I
Lamb 1b	2	0	0	0	Schimchak rf	3	1	0	0
Maneri ph	0	0	0	0	DeLoach ss	3	1	2	1
Cross 1b	1	0	0	0	Patterson 2b	3	1	3	1
Riffey ss	3	0	0	0	Fuentes cf	3	0	1	1
Janacone rf	4	0	0	0	Mobley 3bb	3	0	1	0
Vinyard cf	3	0	2	0	Ramsey c	3	0	0	0
Bradshaw pr	0	1	0	0	Milner 1b	1	0	0	0
Brewer lf	3	1	1	0	Emerick c	3	1	0	0
Merkel dh	3	0	1	2	Gagnon lf	3	0	0	0
Baker c	2	0	0	0	Totals	25	4	7	3
Newman 3b	3	0	0	0					
Harper 2b	2	0	1	0					
Everett pr-2b	0	0	0	0					
Baker ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	25	2	5	2					

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E — Riffey, Everett, DeLoach. 2B — Merkel. 3B — Patterson, DeLoach. SB — Emerick 2. LOB — Austin Peay 6, FSU 5. DP — FSU 1.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Gilliam (L, 1-2)	6	7	4	2	2	6
Bombard (W, 1-0)	5 1/3	5	2	2	3	3
Fischer	1 2/3	0	0	0	2	3

Save — Fischer.

# Second game

AUSTIN PEAY					FLORIDA STATE				
AB	R	H	B	I	AB	R	H	B	I
Riffey ss	3	0	0	0	B.Huff rf	4	1	2	1
Maneri rf	3	0	0	0	DeLoach ss	1	1	0	0
Brewer lf	2	0	0	0	Culpepper ss	1	0	0	0
Janacone ph	1	0	0	0	Patterson 3b	3	1	0	0
Vinyard cf	3	0	0	0	Milner 1b	0	2	0	1
Baker 1b	2	0	0	0	Mobley 1b	1	0	0	0
Lamb ph-1b	1	0	0	0	Fuentes cf	3	2	3	2
Merkel dh	2	0	1	0	Gagnon cf	1	0	0	0
Fleetwood ph	1	0	0	0	Casey 3b	2	1	1	1
Cross c	1	0	1	0	Traylor lf	2	1	1	1
Newman 3b	1	0	0	0	K.Huff lf	0	1	0	0
Bradshaw ph	1	0	0	0	Bartlett c	1	1	0	2
Harper 2b	2	0	0	0	Ledbetter dh	3	1	2	3
Totals	22	0	2	0	Johnson ph-c	1	0	0	0
					Totals	23	12	9	10

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E — Riffey. 2B — Fuentes, Traylor. HR — Ledbetter. SF — Milner, Bartlett 2. SB — Cross, B.Huff 3. LOB — Austin Peay 3, Florida State 7. DP — Austin Peay 1.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Zmudsky (L, 1-2)	2 1/3	6	6	6	4	1
Downey	2 2/3	2	4	4	4	1
Gay	3	1	2	1	3	2
Nichols (W, 1-0)	7	2	0	0	1	8

WP — Zmudsky, Gay, Nichols. PB — Cross. A — 473.