

Seminoles saunter to 19-2 victory

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Almost always, the games might as well be over after the first couple of innings. Hits and runs abound on one side of the scorecard, errors and strikeouts on the other.

Certainly, Florida State's games against the no-names of college baseball have little drama, but they do have a purpose.

"It's better to play *anybody* than not play at all," said Seminole coach Mike Martin. "The kids need to play every day to stay sharp."

So it was that the Seminoles came to massacre Georgia State 19-2 Friday afternoon at Seminole Field.

Florida State collected 19 runs, 18 hits, 17 runs batted in, six walks, three doubles and a home run.

The biggest number on Georgia State's side of the scoreboard was in the error column. The Panthers committed eight mistakes in the field — not counting four wild pitches.

It all added up to FSU's third straight victory over the Panthers, pushing the Seminoles' record to 4-2. The visitors from Atlanta fell to 0-3.

In addition to his "play every day" theory, Martin says such games serve as confidence builders.

"With a schedule like ours, it helps to have a few of these games," he said. "We wanted to play a lot of games, and we wanted to play the best teams in the country. You can't get 70 games with the best teams, so sometimes we play teams like Georgia State. It helps."

Florida State got impressive performances from Jay Keeler and Jamie Shouppe, who combined for a seven-hitter. Keeler went six innings, allowing two runs on six hits. Shouppe came on and mowed 'em down in the final three innings, allowing one hit and striking out six of the nine batters he faced.

Mike Fuentes put the Seminoles on top early with a towering three-run homer that cleared the pine trees in right-center field. He finished with four runs and four RBI. Lionel Martinez had four hits and scored three times, and Mike Fuentes had three runs, three hits and three RBI.

The Seminoles can expect a lot tougher competition today when Clemson arrives for the first of two games. The Tigers are the defending Atlantic Coast Conference champions and, like Florida State, were one of the eight teams in the College World Series last year.

Ken Fisher will start today's game, set for 1 p.m. at Seminole Field.

GEORGIA STATE					FLORIDA STATE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Fowikes cf	4	1	2	1	Martinez 2b	6	3	4	0
Hutcheson 3b	4	0	1	1	DeLoach ss	3	2	2	2
Giles rf	3	0	0	0	Barineau ss	2	2	1	0
Allen rf	1	0	0	0	Fuentes cf	4	4	2	4
Eslinger c	4	0	1	0	Ledbetter 1b	5	3	3	3
Jones lf	4	0	1	0	Cawthon dh	3	2	0	1
McGuire 2b	4	0	1	0	Cullen dh	2	0	0	1
Melson ss	2	0	0	0	Licata lf	3	0	1	0
Brooks ss	1	0	0	0	Huff lf	1	1	0	0
Diffin 1b	1	1	1	0	Ystrzmski rf	5	1	1	1
Froug 1b	1	0	0	0	Figueredo 3b	3	0	1	1
Murray dh	2	0	0	0	Howser 3b	2	0	1	3
					Ramsey c	4	1	2	1
					Dowell c	1	0	0	0
Totals	31	2	7	2	Totals	44	19	18	17
Georgia State	002 000 000 — 2								
Florida State	532 026 10x — 19								

E — Giles 3, Cagle, McGuire, Hutcheson, Eslinger, Brooks, Dowell. DP — Florida State 2. LOB — Georgia Southern 4, Florida State 10. 2B — Diffin, Fowikes, McGuire, DeLoach, Martinez, Howser. HR — Fuentes (2). SF — Figueredo, DeLoach. SB — Martinez, Fuentes.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Georgia State						
Cagle (L, 0-1)	2	8	10	7	4	2
Peterson	3 2/3	8	7	5	1	2
Waits	1 1/3	2	2	1	1	1
Warnock	1	0	0	0	0	1
Florida State						
Keeler (W, 1-1)	6	6	2	2	1	2
Shouppe	3	1	0	0	0	6

Save — Shouppe. WP — Cagle 3, Patterson. PB — Ramsey. HBP — by Peterson (Huff). T — 3:51. A — 800.