

# Pitchers spark Seminoles sweep

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According to the Bible, God created the firmament on the second day, to separate the waters above from the waters below, and he called that firmament heaven.

If one was to ask the Ripon College baseball team what God created on the second day, the Redmen would probably say that the deity created a hell of a Florida State pitching staff.

Facing FSU pitchers Ken Fischer, Jeff Ledbetter and Kevin Dodge, Ripon struck out 24 times in losing a doubleheader 7-1 and 12-1 Monday at Seminole Field.

With Fischer spinning a one-hitter and striking out nine in the first game, and Ledbetter and Dodge combining on a four-hitter in the second, the Redmen reached second base only six times in the evening. But Ripon (as in "ripping the ball, which we weren't doing tonight," said center fielder John Lombardo) can be forgiven. Playing outdoors for only the second time this year, the Redmen were terribly rusty. The Division III school, located in Ripon, Wis., (which calls itself the birthplace of the Republican Party), has only 900 students. None of the 22 players on the team is on scholarship, though all maintain academic averages above 3.0 at the liberal arts institution which emphasizes academics.

"I just wanted to give our players the experience of big-time college baseball," said Ripon coach Bob Gillespie, 31, whose team is 0-4. On a Florida swing that will see them play eight of their eventual 30 games, Ripon came for the memories.

"We did all right," said Gillespie.

"Their pitching overpowered us. I thought we made the plays defensively. We were a little nervous, but I'm very proud of our team."

Of course, FSU coach Mike Martin has reason to be rather proud of his team, too. Winning their fourth straight game, the Seminoles improved their mark to 13-8. Fischer and Ledbetter each picked up their first victory of the season, and Dodge struck out five of the six batters he faced in the second game.

In addition, freshman shortstop Mark Barineau clubbed his first collegiate home run and senior center fielder Mike Fuentes smacked his ninth and 10th home runs.

Barineau started his second game at shortstop in the opener, as Don DeLoach moved over to play third for the second time this season. Regular third baseman Rick Figuredo, who committed three errors against Florida Sunday, started at third in the second game.

"All of the Seminoles are coming together," said Martin. "The encouraging thing is the attitude of players like Figuredo and DeLoach. All the players are pulling for each other. We've been struggling. The players know we have to do something. We've got to get this thing going."

FSU certainly got it going Monday, even if Ripon did all it could to help. After two unearned runs in the second inning of the opener, FSU exploded for five runs in the fifth, three of them coming on Barineau's opposite-field, slightly wind-aided homer to right. Ripon added an unearned run in the second, committed three errors overall and watched as FSU stole six

bases in the contest. Fischer faced only three batters over the limit and walked none.

"I didn't expect nine strikeouts," said Fischer. "I was worrying about my control."

Just as unimpressed with his own performance was second game winner, Ledbetter. A terror on the mound as a high school pitcher, the junior from Clearwater had made only eight appearances on the mound at FSU for an 0-1 record. But Monday, he matched his career totals in strikeouts with 10 and walked only two.

"I pitched all right, though not like I used to," said Ledbetter. "My fastball was below par, but my control was OK."

And with FSU striking for five runs in each of the first two innings, led by Fuentes' blasts in both innings, Ledbetter didn't need to do much.

"We went out to have a good time," said Lombardo. Glancing back at the field, he added, "And I guess we did."

RIPON COLLEGE					FLORIDA STATE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Hitzman ss	3	0	0	0	Martinez 2b	1	1	0	0
Spaude cf	2	0	0	0	DeLoach 3b	4	1	1	0
Lombardo cf	1	0	0	0	Fuentes cf	4	0	1	0
Jajewski dh	3	0	0	0	Licata lf	3	0	0	0
Sprague c	3	0	0	0	Cawthon 1b	3	0	0	0
Krug rf	3	0	0	0	Yastrzmski rf2	2	1	0	0
Delisle 3b	3	0	0	0	Howser dh	2	1	1	0
Prinz 2b	2	0	0	0	Barineau ss	3	2	1	3
Repishak lf	2	1	1	0	Ramsey c	3	0	0	0
Hermesen 1b	2	0	0	0					
Totals	24	1	1	0	Totals	25	7	5	3

Ripon College 001 000 0 — 1  
 Florida State 020 500 x — 7  
 E — Wabben, Delisle, Sprague, Ramsey, Barineau. LOB — Ripon College 2, Florida State 5. 2B — Yastrzmski. HR — Barineau (1). SB — Martinez 2, Fuentes, DeLoach, Ramsey, Barineau.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ripon College						
Wabben (L,0-1)	6	5	7	4	5	3
Florida State						
Fischer (W,1-1)	7	1	1	0	0	9

WP — Wabben. Catcher's interference — Ramsey. T — 1:50.

RIPON COLLEGE					FLORIDA STATE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Klaus rf	3	0	2	1	Martinez 2b	0	1	0	0
Lombardo cf	2	0	1	0	Howser 2b	4	0	1	1
Jajewski 1b	3	0	0	0	DeLoach ss	1	0	1	0
Johannes 3b	3	0	0	0	Barineau ss	2	1	0	0
Templin 2b	3	0	0	0	Fuentes cf	4	2	3	3
Francolucci c	3	0	0	0	Ldbter p-dh	4	2	2	0
Hood lf	3	0	0	0	Cawthon 1b	4	1	1	1
Schemm dh	1	1	1	0	Huff rf-lf	3	2	1	1
White dh	1	0	0	0	Licata lf	2	1	2	2
Well ss	1	0	0	0	Ystrzmski rf	2	0	0	0
					Figueredo 3b	3	2	2	1
					Dowell c	3	0	1	1
					Craig c	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	1	4	1	Totals	32	12	14	10

Ripon College 001 000 0 — 1  
 Florida State 550 101 x — 12  
 E — Francolucci, Johannes, Templin, Lombardo. DP — Ripon. LOB — Ripon 4, Florida State 6. 2B — Ledbetter, Huff, Dowell. HR — Fuentes 2 (10). S — Lombardo. SB — Barineau.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ripon College						
Staddon (L,0-1)	6	14	12	10	4	1
Florida State						
Ledbetter (W,1-0)	5	4	1	1	2	4
Dodge	2	0	0	0	0	5

WP — Ledbetter. PB — Dowell 2. T — 1:55. A — 371.