## FSU gets split with Carolina

## Yocum's pitching gives Seminoles lift in second game

By Michelle Jew

Florida State pitcher David Yocum couldn't have asked for a better time to get back in the groove.

After Florida State lost 3-2 to North Carolina in the first game of a doubleheader in eight innings, Yocum pitched pitched five innings in the Seminoles' 13-1 victory over the Tar Heels in the second game on Saturday at Dick Howser Stadium.

The victory secures second place for the Seminoles (43-12 overall, 16-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) in the conference behind Clemson.

FSU will finish its regular season today at 2 p.m against North Carolina (34-19, 13-10) at Howser Stadium. Charlie Cruz (7-0) will start for the Seminoles, who begin play in the ACC Tournament on Tuesday in Greenville, S.C.

FSU needed a lift after blowing a 2-0 lead in the sixth inning of the first game. Both games were scheduled for seven innings.

That lift came from Yocum.

"(Yocum) was huge," said FSU first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz, who went 4 for 7 the doublehead-

er. "We feel that we let (Jonathan Johnson) down in the first game. We felt that if we got a big lead, Yocum will pitch."

Yocum allowed one run on five hits and struck out three. "That's the Yocum we expect-

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The Seminoles were not the only ones who needed a boost. In Yocum's most recent start last Saturday against Georgia Tech, the sophomore left-hander had one of his worst games of the season. He gave up eight hits, eight runs (six earned) in only three innings.

"I thought about Georgia Tech a little bit," Yocum said. "I tried not to think about the past. It's kind of you have to go out there and put your last start out of your mind and go out there and get a little bit of confidence."

Yocum (10-2) felt that confidence when he was warming up in the bullpen before the game.

"I felt good," Yocum said. "My fastball was feeling really good. I had an adrenaline rush and I figured out that I would have a decent

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outing tonight. It was the first time my arm felt this good in a long time."

Yocum received lots of help from the Seminoles' offense.

PSU had two five-run innings and 14 hits. Randy Hodges had three RBIs and Mickey Lopez had two.

Jeremy Morris made it 2-0 in the second with his first home run since March 8.

"We were hitting really well in the second game," Yocum said. "When we have a big lead and we're scoring two or three runs, I know all I have to do is go out there and throw strikes."

The Seminoles had to win the second game without head coach Mike Martin, who left early because of a stomach virus. Third-base coach Chip Baker took over for Martin, who is expected to return for today's game.

"I think it was really important for David to get the win," Baker said. "Obviously, you don't want one of your pitchers to go into a conference tournament with a loss. He threw the ball very well. It was a quality start for David Yocum."

The first game of the doubleheader looked like it was going to be a good start for Johnson.

After the Seminoles took a 2-0 lead, with Scott Zech and Lopez scoring runs in the second inning, Johnson held the Tar Heels until the sixth inning.

North Carolina's Mitch Jones and Hanes Torbett scored runs in the sixth to tie the game at 2 and send it into extra innings. Torbett scored the game-winner in the eighth on a single by David Boone.

"Obviously, we did not play aggressive in the first game," Baker said. "We didn't play heads-up baseball. You just don't sit on a two-run lead in college baseball. I don't care who you've got on the mound."

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