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MIAMI — Senior righthander Tom Garcia pitched a four-hitter and struck out 14 as Florida State's baseballers rallied to down Miami, 9-2, for their seventh straight victory here yesterday.

State Coach Danny Lowmiller will send ace Frank Shuster (4-0) to the mound in the concluding game of the series at 2 p. m. today. Either Roger Newman (1-3) or Murrey Gutman (3-1) will hurl for Miami.

SCHOOL RECORD

Garcia's 14 strikeouts gave him a career total of 146 and a career school strikeout record. The old record of 127 was held by Howard Lockard (1951-52).

The Fort Myers senior also established a school mark for most wins in a career, 16, with the victory. The old mark was held by Ed Sammons, who won 14 from 1950-52.

Blanked by Miami ace Vic Stenson for five innings, the Seminoles exploded for six runs in the sixth and added single tallies in each of the last three innings.

Miami got its runs one each in the first two frames when coach got hit one man on base against Garcia in the first seven. That was shortstop Bub Brewer who strayed to open the sixth and was stranded on second. Garcia fanned five of the last seven men to lose him.

The big Seminoles attack included five singles, a no-hitman, a wild pitch and a throwing error by Miami first baseman Ed Conner. The big home runs were broken singles by catcher Jerry Pugh and third baseman Dale Beck.

PAID TO PLAY

Stenson pitched the seventh after walking the first three men in the inning but Roger Newman retired State which lost one from only a sacrifice fly by catcher Ed West.

Two singles sandwiched around a sacrifice added a run in the eighth and Stenson's single

brought in the final tally in the ninth after Mike Capps had walked and gone to second on a wild pitch.

Second secker Ray Bennett had three hits to lead the Seminoles while centerfielder Owen McCarron had two. The victory was a long stride toward the NCAA District III playoffs for Florida State which now owns a 12-3 mark. The loss broke a five-game Miami winning streak and left the Maroons 15-9 for the season.

