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MIAMI—Sixth inning home runs by shortstop Dick Howser and third baseman Dale Koch powered Florida State to a 6-1 victory over Miami here yesterday and a sweep of the two-game series.

The victory was the eighth in a row for State and increased their chances for a bid to the NCAA District III playoffs.

The Seminoles now own a 16-5 record for the year, while Miami dropped to 15-10.

Senior righthander Frank Slusser went the route scattering four hits for State, chalking up his seventh straight win without a loss.

Slusser, believed to have the best pitching record in the South tied an all-time Seminole mound record by notching his seventh straight triumph yesterday. Max Long of Jacksonville compiled a perfect 7-0 mark in 1956.

Slusser was only in trouble twice, in the fifth when Miami scored its lone run and in the ninth when the Hurricanes loaded the bases with two out but failed to score.

The Seminoles drew first blood off losing pitcher Roger Newman in the fourth, scoring twice on doubles by Jerry Philp and Bill Westendick and a single by Koch.

Miami got one back in their half of the fifth. Pete Pergamo opened with the first hit of the game off Slusser, a single to center. Pergamo went to second on a bad throw by State first baseman Charlie Rodgers on an attempted double play ball and scored on Ed Harrison's single.

Howser opened the big Seminole sixth with an inside-the-park home run past Miami left-fielder Skippy Bertman, his first of the season.

Rightfielder Mike Copps and Westendick followed with singles, then Koch drilled his sec-

ond home run of the season 370 feet over the left-centerfield fence.

At this point, Newman was replaced by southpaw Maury Guttman, and Guttman retired the Seminoles the rest of the way with no further damage.

Miami threatened again in the ninth when singles by Sheldon Dunkel and Ed Contreras and a hit batsman loaded the bases, but Slusser got Harrison to hit into a force play to end the game.

Outside of those two innings, only two Miami batters reached against Slusser, both on walks. Slusser has given up just six earned runs in 58 innings this year, for an amazing 0.93 earned-run-average.

The Seminoles return home this week-end for a Friday and Saturday series with Rollins. Southpaw Jack Bristol (4-2) is scheduled to work the opener Friday, at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Field.

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	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
McCarrn, cf	4	0	0	Brewer, ss	3	0	0
Lanford, ss	1	0	0	Dunaker, 2b	4	0	1
Rodgers, lb	4	0	0	Bertina, lf	2	0	0
Pinkman, lb	0	0	0	Mandula, lf	1	0	0
Hewer, ss-2b	3	1	1	Contras, lb	4	0	1
Philip, lf	4	1	2	Pergano, cf	2	1	1
Coppe, rf	4	1	1	Moran, cf	2	0	0
Westendick, c	4	2	3	Zimmerman, c	3	0	0
Koch, 3b	4	1	2	Harrison, rf	4	0	1
Basil, 3b-of	4	0	1	Dangel, 3b	3	0	0
Slusser, p	4	0	1	Newman, p	3	0	0
				Guttman, p	1	0	0

Totals	36	6	11	Totals	31	1	4
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Miami	000	010	000	1	4	0	

E—Rodgers, RBI—Harrison, Hewer, Westendick, Koch & PO—Florida State 27-9, Miami 27-10. DP—Slusser, Hewer and Koch; Guttman and Contreras. LOB—Florida State 4, Miami 6. 2B—Philip, Westendick.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Slusser (W, 7-0)	9	4	1	0	2	5
Newman (L, 2-4)	5 1/3	3	0	0	1	2
Guttman	1 2/3	3	0	0	0	2

HBP—Slusser (Zimmerman). T—2:40.