

Florida State and Florida clashed here today in another chapter of their heated baseball rivalry with the winner expected to get a mid-season nod toward the mythical state college championship.

The teams squared off at Seminole Field at 1 p.m.

Coach Dave Fuller's Gators built up a 4-3 lead at Centennial Field last night and pushed across two runs in a stormy ninth inning to subdue Danny Litwhiler's Seminoles, 6-3.

EVEN-STEPHEN

The Florida triumph evened the schools' 1959 diamond warfare at one apiece. FSU trimmed the Gators, 8-7, earlier this season.

The usual dramatics in the FSU-Florida series came late last night. In the top of the ninth, Florida capitulated on the wildness of relief pitcher Jerry Hohne to move one run in and get runners on second and third, with one out.

Florida shortstop Lynn Howie pushed a bunt down the third base line. Fielding the ball, pitcher Hohne overthrew first base with the ball rolling into the dark recesses of the right field foul territory.

FSU rightfielder Neil Martin ran to retrieve the ball, but called for the umpires as three Gator runners—including Hunter Howie—crossed the plate. Martin claimed the ball rolled into an obstruction, making it difficult for him to play the ball.

ONE ALLOWED

The umpires upheld the claim and sent Florida runners back to second and third (one run DID score). That brought on a 10-minute delay as Gator Coach Fuller pleaded with the ump on the decision. Plate umpire Walt Schenck finally asked Fuller to retire to the bench.

Fuller told the official scorer that he was playing the game under protest, although Schenck never reported the game was being protested.

Hohne got the Gators out without further damage. And as it turned out, the ninth-inning rhubarb had no effect on the outcome.

FSU out-hit Florida, 9-8, but left 14 runners stranded. Gator southpaw Vennie Pent picked up his first victory, striking out nine before he tired and had to have help from Ricky Smith in the eighth.

FIRST SETBACK

Seminole sophomore Frank Davis suffered his first setback after four triumphs.

Second baseman Dale Landress led the Gators with a double and two third-base-line bunt singles. Outfielder Martin and third baseman Dale Koch had two hits each for the Tribe.

FLORIDA				FLORIDA STATE			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
McGriff, 1b	3	1	1	Martin, rf	3	2	2
Geisinger, cf	1	0	1	Clem, 3b	3	1	1
C. Smith, lf	3	1	1	King, lf	4	0	1
Milenburg, 3b	2	1	0	g-Walker, lf	0	0	0
Bocher, c	4	0	0	Dull, ss	1	0	1
Fleming, rf	3	0	1	Koch, 3b	3	0	x
g-Jackson	0	0	0	Westendick, c	3	0	0
Howie, ss	3	1	1	Ross, c	1	0	0
Landress, 2b	4	2	3	Rodgers, 1b	5	0	1
Pent, p	4	0	0	Mastell, cf	4	0	1
R. Smith, p	1	0	0	Davis, p	2	0	0
				a-Wanlicka	1	0	0
				Nelson, p	0	0	0
				b-Lanford	1	0	0
				Mohne, p	0	0	0

Totals 12 5 3 Totals 15 3 9

a-Grounded out for Davis in 4th.

b-Grounded out for Nelson in 5th.

c-Walked for King in 3th.

d-Walked for Fleming in 3th.

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R-Davis, Westendick, Mohne, RBI

McGriff, 3, Koch 1, Geisinger,

Howie, Dull. PO-A-Florida 27-5;

Florida 27-12; LOS-Florida 12; Flor-

ida State 14. 2H-Landress. SH-C.

Smith. S-Clem, Howie 1, Bocher. RF

McGriff.

IP H R HR BB SO

Pent (W-1-0) 7 1/2 0 0 0 0 0

R. Smith 1 1/2 0 0 0 0 0

Davis (L-1-1) 6 0 0 0 0 0

Nelson 2 0 0 0 0 0

Mohne 1 0 0 0 0 0

WHP-Nelson (Milenburg). Balk-

Nelson, PH-Westendick 3, Ross, U-

Schenck and Price, T-310, A-400.