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GAINESVILLE—Florida State shelved its potent bats in favor of alert baserunning and defensive heroics to defeat Florida, 3-2 here Saturday.

It was a squeaker which ended with the bases loaded. The game just missed going into extra innings by virtue of Roy Mewbourne's accurate left arm.

Mewbourne, who had gone into centerfield as a defensive move in place of Bob Wilcox in the eighth, scooped up Bob Hawkins' Texas leaguer on one hop and fired home to Randy Brown, nailing Gator second baseman Bruce Moore who attempted to score from second with the tying run.

During the FSU half of a frantic ninth inning, Mewbourne scored what turned out to be the winning run. With the score 21, Seminoles, and two away, Mewbourne went down swinging, but dashed to first when Gator catcher Bud Williams dropped the ball. Maury Hopkins slammed a double to left, and Mewbourne took advantage of a slight head took advantage of a slight head litation on the part of fielder Alan Trammell to dash home with what appeared to be an insurance run at the time.

Unlike the Friday game—and unlike most of Florida State's games this season — this one started as a pitcher's standout and-remained that way through most of the afternoon.

Sophomore lefthander Marvin
Stringfellow pitched brilliantly
for eight innings and picked up
his sixth victory against two
losses. He received help from
Chuck Hawkins and Eddie Howell in the ninth.

Florida scored first, picking up a run in the third on singles by Williams and Danny Eggart, the Gator pitcher, and a bunt single by Randy Morcroft.

The Seminoles came back with one in the fifth when first baseman gary Nichols — the offensive here of the series — tripled to right center and came home on a sacrifice fly by Wilcox.

the seventh. Brown walked, then stole his 12th base of the season, Nichols lofted a fly to right. Brown tagged up and legged into third ahead of Bill Blomgren's throw, then came home on a fly by Hopkins.

Stringfellow handled the Gators effectively throughout most of the game. Eggart pitched well for Florida but was lifted for a pinch hitter in the seventh. Kelly Pryor, who did an outstanding relief job Friday, pitched the last two innings.

Florida fought back in the ninth. Center fielder Brownie Johnson led off with a blooper on which Tom Thomas attempted a diving catch. The ball rolled to the fence and Johnson went into third standing up. He scored moments later on Moore's single.

The victory brought the Gastonia - bound Seminoles to a 25-7-1 record for the year. Florida State will play a single game with Pensacola Navy at Seminole field Monday at 3 p.m.

FSU and Florida will have a chance to break the deadlock when the Gators come to Tallahassee for two or three games the first week in June. If Florida State wins at Gastonia, a two game series will be played on Wednesday and Thursday, June 2-3. If the Seminoles are eliminated from the playoffs a three series will be played Friday and Saturday of that week.

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