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GAINESVILLE—Florida State shelved its potent bats in favor of alert base-running 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 2-1, 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 hesitation 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 standoff 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.

