

Florida State's baseball team ran out of miracles and base hits at the same time and the Seminoles dropped their seventh one-run decision of the year to Clemson, 4-3, here yesterday afternoon.

Coach Fred Hatfield's crew was limited to five base hits in the game, while the Clemson sluggers got to starter Eddie Howell for four runs in the third inning.

Ed Lodgek, a seldom used Clemson pitcher, set the powerful Seminoles down on one hit during the last five innings.

Florida State finished its regular season with a 36-11 record and will go into the NCAA District III playoffs next week at Gastonia, N. C.

Gary Sprague opened the action with a home run for the second straight day. The Seminoles shortstop greeted Clemson starter Kenny Waldrop's first pitch with a high drive over the right field fence. Sprague also had a double in the third to account for all of FSU's extra base hits.

Jack McCall struck the big blow for Clemson with a three-run double in the third after the bases had been loaded with a single by Waldrop, a walk to Keith Waters and another single by Rusty Adkins.

McCall went to third when Spargue's relay throw got by Gary Lawrence at third and scored on a grounder by Tommy Pack.

Florida State lunged back in the fourth when Pete Saron opened with a screaming single to right. Dick Fernandez and Mike Martin both walked to load the bases, and

Bob Cauty brought one home on a grounder to first.

Marvin Strangfellow stepped in as a pinch hitter and scored Fernandez on a sacrifice fly to right.

Stringfellow was in control for the remaining five innings, giving up only three hits and striking out six, however, the Seminoles could not muster another run.

Howell absorbed the loss, his third against six victories. Marty Brooks pitched the fourth inning and set the Tigers down in order.

Sarren had two hits in four trips and Fernandez had a single in the second to go with Sprague's two. Superb fielding on the part of Clemson converted several would-be hits into outs.

CLEMSON				FLORIDA STATE			
	ab	r	h		ab	r	h
Waters	4	1	0	Sprague	5	1	2
Adkins	5	1	1	Lytle	3	0	0
McCall	3	1	1	Brown	4	0	0
Sutton	3	0	0	Thomas	4	0	0
Cowart	4	0	2	Sarren	2	1	2
Pack	4	0	2	Fernandez	3	1	1
Dantzler	3	0	1	Martin	3	0	0
Barbary	4	0	0	Lawrence	1	0	0
Wadrop	2	1	1	Canty	3	0	0
Lodgek	2	0	0	Cone	1	0	0
				Stringfellow	1	0	0
Total	34	4	8	Totals	30	3	5

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E — Sprague. EBI — McCall 3, Pack, Sprague, Canty, Stringfellow. DP — Clemson 1, FSU 1. LOB — Clemson 8, FSU 7. 2B—Pack, McCall, Sprague. HR — Sprague. SF—Stringfellow.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
*Wadrop	3	4	3	3	4	1
Lodgek (W, 1-1)	4	1	0	0	2	2
Howell (L, 6-3)	3	5	4	3	3	2
Brooks	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stringfellow	5	3	0	0	2	4

WP—Wadrop, Lodgek. U—Mauck and Macon. T—2:28. A—2000. *Faced three batters in 4th.