

It finally happened.

Florida State's streaking baseball express came to a jolting stop Tuesday afternoon, and once again it was the University of Florida that applied the brakes after 21 straight victories by the Seminoles.

A partisan crowd of over 2,500 fans watched in dismay as the Gators capitalized on five Seminole miscues in the ninth inning and pulled away from a 4-4 deadlock for a 9-1 triumph over Florida State at Seminole Field.

Last year at this time, Florida State had carried a 21-game streak into UF's park where the Gators put the "quietus" on the Tribe run with two wins in a row.

Yesterday Coach Dave Fuller's bunch did the same, enabling the Gators to salvage a split in the two-game series, FSU taking the first one 3-1 Monday. It also blew the Seminoles' chances of evening the series with UF, which now has a 24-22 advantage.

It started out as a long afternoon for the Seminoles in the second inning when Florida jumped ahead 1-0.

Skip Lujack, who had clobbered four hits the night before, led off with a sharp double to right. A wild pitch by FSU starter Gene Ammann moved Lujack to second where he scored on Mike Ovca's single to center.

Florida State quickly found the range in the bottom of the stanza, however, when Dick Nichols unloaded a triple down the rightfield line, and catcher Mike English followed with a single to left scoring Nichols.

After big Jim Gurzynski fanned, Ammann stroked a double to right. Dale Turlington's throw from right was wild allowing English to cross home with the second Tribe score.

The Seminoles' slim lead lasted until the seventh when Ovca walked, and consecutive singles by pinch-hitter Jim Courier and UF starter Mike Jacobs loaded the bases.

Guy McTheny then rapped a sacrifice fly to right sending Ovca home with the tying run. Second baseman Leon Bloodworth followed by punching a high one to right where FSU's Nichols lost it in the sun. Bloodworth skipped around to third while two more Gator runs scored and put UF out front 4-2.

The Seminoles wasted little time before staging their own uprising in the bottom of the frame again.

Pinch-hitter Larry Cocks rifled a triple to right-center before Walt Sumner tapped a double down the leftfield line scoring Cocks. Dave Moates then boomed a three-bagger to left-center to bring across Sumner.

Florida turned to relief ace Glen Pickren who got Dick Gold to fan and Jeff Hogan

