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 9-4 triumph over Florida State at Seminole Field.

Last year at this time, Florida State had carried a 21game 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 be scored on Mike Ovca's single to center.

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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

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to ground out and end the attack.

Florida State began its comedy errors in the ninth when shortstop Jeff Hogan nuffed a grounder by Oyea. Jim Courier knocked a bouncer to third baseman Mike Easom who threw wild to second.

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Pickren then sacrificed runners to second and third before McTheny drew an intentional walk. Bloodworth lashed a grounder to third, but Easom's throw to Gold glanced off the second baseman's glove leaving all hands safe and scoring Ovca.

Tony Dobies singled to left scoring Courier, and another run tallied when Moates let the ball get by him. Ron Williams socked an RBI single past third before Easom booted Lujack's infield chopper leaving runners at first and second. Rod Wright then tapped a base hit scoring Dobies.

"Our defense just fell apart in the ninth," said Coach Jack

Stallings, "We made enough errors in that one inning to last us a couple of weeks,"

Ammann gave up four runs on six hits before going to the bench in the seventh when Dave Hill took over and was tagged for the Gators' five runs and the loss. John Ferguson finished it for the Tribe replacing Hill in the ninth.

The loss left Florida Statewith a 30-6 record while Florida is 21-12.

The Seminoles meet Georgia Southern at 7:30 tonight, then again Thursday night before facing Georgia Tech under the lights on Friday and again Saturday afternoon.

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