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GAINESVILLE — Some unreal things happened at Perry Field on the University of Florida campus Wednesday afternoon much to Florida State's disfavor.

Mac Scarce, FSU's lanky reliefer, was shoved into a late innings walk-a-thon. He tried to take it in stride, but it became a little hectic when he was credited with six base on balls in just over two innings.

The strangeness concerning the free rides was the fact that Scarce had walked only three batters over 18 prior innings this season.

Another unreal item was UF's Rod Wright's two-run single with two outs in the bottom of the ninth that lifted the Gators to a 5-4 victory over the nationally ranked No. 1 Seminoles.

Florida's rally all but stunned the Seminoles who had things under control for most of seven innings, and gave the Gators a sweep of the two-game series here. Florida had won Tuesday 3-1.

The late surge hardly amused FSU Coach Jack Stallings whose Seminoles are hopefully awaiting a bid to the NCAA district tournament in Gastonia next week.

"We played well until the ninth and then couldn't get a strike over," said Stallings. "I understand that's what happens at Florida in the ninth."

"Walks will kill you," he continued, "and when you walk in the ninth you're not going to win."

Scarce took over from starter Gene Ammann in the middle of the seventh with the Seminoles ahead 4-2. Ammann had allowed six hits and one unearned run before his departure.

In the eighth Scarce got in and out of trouble as the Gators loaded the bases on a single and two walks. He issued walks to the first two batters in the ninth and then got Will Harmon to fly out before Tony Dobies' fielder's choice forced one runner at third.

Another base on balls loaded the bases and a fourth walked in a run to make it 4-3 FSU.

Wright, a senior playing his last home game at Perry Field, bowed out in style.

With two out and two strikes on Wright, Scarce was replaced by Carl Gromek who served the Gator rightfielder a fastball which he promptly banged down the third base line pushing in the winning runs.

Stallings thought the Seminoles were in good position with a two-run lead and Scarce hurling. He had no regrets about staying with Scarce as long as he did. "Mac

did the job today," Stallings said, "only the umpire didn't think so."

The Gators went out front in the first inning on Dobies' rbi double to center.

But the Seminoles blasted into the lead with a three-run, four-hit uprising in the second.

Ron Cash got it started with a double down the right field line. Larry Cocks grounded to short before Harry Saferight got on via an error of the shortstop that plated Cash.

Greg Gromek followed with a single to short rightfield. First baseman Doug Kasimier rapped a single to right scoring Saferight and Gromek tallied on an error on UF catcher Harmon. Ammann's single pushed Kasimier to third before Dick Nichols hit into a

double play to end the farm.

The Seminoles ripped UF starter Glen Pickren for eight hits before he retired in the sixth. Lefty Tom Seybold went two innings before winner Larry Sheffield finished it in the ninth.

It was the second straight victory over FSU for Sheffield. He had saved it in the ninth the day before.

In the fourth Ammann got into a jam as the Gators loaded the bases with two singles and a walk. He then walked Tommy Blankenship on four pitches to push in a run.

Leading 3-2, FSU increased its advantage in the sixth when Cocks singled to left and Saferight got via a sacrifice and an error of the Gator first sacker.

Kasimier then lined a single to centerfielder Dobies who bobbled the ball permitting Cocks to score. With two outs, a squeeze bunt attempt by Ammann turned into a double play instead.

FSU had another opportunity in the seventh when Nichols led off with a single, but Tommy Porter's fielder's choice forced Nichols. Porter then stole second and went to third on John Grubb's grounder to second, but got no closer.

The Seminoles record slipped to 37-5-1. Stallings, however, felt the pair of losses should have no ill effects on the post-season tourney bid.

"We've still got a real good record," he said. "Winning these two would have helped though. I think the selection committee will have to consider us highly."

Stallings admitted the pressure is on the Seminoles. "Certainly we've been under a lot of pressure," he said. "Maybe it will help us in the long run. We were too tight in these two games. We have to relax and play like we have most of the season."

The coach said this weekend's series at Georgia Southern is one to watch. "It'll be interesting to see how the players react up there," he said. "They've got too much pride to let that ninth inning letdown get to them."

FSU has a pair of games with Auburn next Monday and Tuesday before getting a chance for revenge when the Gators come to Tallahassee for a three-game series May 22-23.

FLA. STATE			FLORIDA		
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Nichols 2b	5	0 1	Bloodworth 2b	4	0 1
Porter cf	5	0 1	Divirgillis lf	4	0 0
Grubb	4	0 1	Fied ph	0	1 0
Cash 3b	4	1 1	Harmon c	5	2 2
Cocks lf	3	1 1	Dobles cf	4	1 2
Saferight c	3	1 1	S'borough 3b	3	1 0
Gromek, G. ss	4	1 1	Vidal 1b	3	0 1
Kasimier 1b	4	0 2	Bretz ph-1b	1	0 0
Ammann p	3	0 1	Gruber rf	0	0 0
Scarce p	1	0 0	Wright rf	3	0 1
Gromek, C. p	0	0 0	B'kenship ss	3	0 0
			Pickren p	1	0 0
			Seybold p	1	0 1
			Seagrave ph	1	0 0
			Sheffield p	0	0 0
TOTALS	36	4 10	TOTALS	33	5 8

FSU 930 901 906—4
FLA. 100 100 903—5
E — G. Gromek (2), Blankenship, Harmon, Nichols, Vidal, Dobles. PO-A — FSU — 26-7; UF — 27-14, DP — FSU — 2; UF-2. LOB — FSU — 7; UF-11.
2B — Dobles, Cash. RBI — Kasimier (2), Dobles, Bretz, Blankenship, Wright (2). SB — Porter (2), Grubb. S — Saferight.
IP — H R ER BB SO
Ammann 6 1-3 6 2 1 4 5
Scarce (L, 1-1) 2 1-3 1 3 3 6 2
C. Gromek 0 1 0 0 0 0 0
Pickren 6 8 4 2 1 3
Seybold 2 2 0 0 0 1
Sheffield (W, 3-2) 1 0 0 0 0 0
PB — Harmon (2), Saferight. T — 2:20. A — 1,500.