Seminoles Beaten 3-1 At Florida

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GAINESVILLE — Florida State's baseball team was frustrated to no end here Friday — partly by its only doings and partly by the opposition — as the Seminoles dropped a 3-1 decision to arch-rival Florida.

The victory made sure Florida would avoid a losing season, pushing the Gators record to 22-18. It also made sure the Seminoles would not take over the all-time series lead, which now stands 33-28 in favor of the Gators.

The Seminoles, now 41-20, had needed a sweep of the season five-game set to go ahead. The two teams square off a g a i n today to wind up the two-game series here before the action shifts to Tallahassee next weekend for three games.

FSU left a dozen base runners stranded here Friday after Florida scored twice in the first inning for the margin of victory on two infield hits, two walks, a passed ball and an error.

It was enough to standup as lefty Bob Lundquist scattered eight hits around and allowed two of them to score the Seminoles' only run in the eighth inning. FLORIDA'S first inning got its first big boost when Bob Carpenter singled off starting and losing pitcher Marty Rice's knee with one out and a runner on first via a walk.

Another walk loaded the bases before Rice picked Tom Dulaney off third. However, a passed ball moved two runners into scoring position and set the stage for the next bit of frustration.

Rick Scarborough's smash down the line carned off third baseman Denny Williams' glove, was recovered by shortstop Roger Smith and thrown into the dirt past first baseman Tim Sherrill. It was scored as a hit and an error while two unearned runs scored.

Florida added its third run in the fifth on Ray Hull's walk, stolen base and Dulaney's single.

The FSU run came in the eighth when Tim Sherrill doubled and came home on Ken Doria's single.

Otherwise it was a complete day of frustration.

The biggest missed chance came in the fifth when John LiBrandi's shot to centerfield was caught 435 feet from home plate with a runner on base.

But, the frustration had

started earlier. In the third, Rice, Tom Rosa and LiBrandi r a p p e d singles to load the bases with one out. LiBrandi's smash hit the third base bag and rolled into the dugout. All three runners were left.

Then, later, in the eighth after scoring the one run with one out, the Seminoles drew two walks to load the bases, but pinchhitter Herb Sikes popped up in foul ground behind first and Doria was thrown out at the plate after tagging up.

Rick Colzie (4-3) was to toe the pitching rubber for the Seminoles this afternoon and face the Gators' Ted Ledbetter (2-0) in hopes of gaining a split

in the two games here.

Colzie hurled a no-hitter for five and third innings in his last outing at South Alabama last week when the Seminoles I o c k e d up a bid to the post-season NCAA tournament at Gastonia, N.C.

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