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Tribe rallies to stop UF in 10 innings

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GAINESVILLE — Plagued once again by shoddy defense, Florida State finally turned the tables on rival Florida here Sunday afternoon and came away with an 8-7, 10-inning victory.

The victory was Florida State's first in four tries against the fourthranked Gators this season. The Seminoles now stand 26-8, while Florida is now 27-9.

The Seminoles gave away Saturday night's game by allowing the Gators five unearned runs in a 7-3 loss, and appeared on the way to doing the same Sunday.

Trailing 4-0 going into the sixth, the Gators came up with five runs all unearned — and later built the lead to 7-4 going into the FSU eighth.

But the Seminoles scrapped back for two in the eighth, then took advantage of UF errors in the ninth to tie it and again in the 10th to win it.

FLORIDA State now faces Miami in single games Tuesday and Wednesday at Seminole Field. Both games against the 10th-ranked Hurricanes will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Seminoles took their 4-0 lead in the fifth inning. Mark Coulter walked, Joe Hicks singled, then Bob Benda singled to right to score Coulter with the Seminoles' first run.

Rick McGlone reached on an error by Gator third baseman Dean Emple to load the bases. Chip Bifano followed with a fielders' choice, and Hicks scored as Benda was forced at third.

Carlos Lezcano followed with a single to right to score McGlone, and when the ball got away from right fielder John Brantley, Bifano came home, too.

Benda's error in the sixth opened the floodgates for the Gators. With runners on first and second and two out, he threw the ball away to let one run in. J.B. Caldwell followed with a run-seoring double, then Frank Mc-Donald singled in two more. MCDONALD moved to second on the throw home, then scored on Empie's single to give the Gators a 5-4 lead.

FSU coach Mike Martin was ejected from the game in the seventh Benda was called out on a close play at first after a bunt, and Martin was tossed out after an argument.

McGlone then hit a bouncer back to the mound, and Mobley, who moved to second on the bunt, was caught between second and third. Pitcher Billy Abell chased him into third, and when Mobley dove for the bag the home plate umpire called him safe and the base umpire called him out.

After a discussion, the plate ump was over-ruled and Mobley was called out.

Florida then scored two in the bottom of the inning. Brantley tripled in Dave Adeimy, then scored on Jimmy Shulock's sacrifice fly.

In the FSU eigth, the Seminoles got a pair when Mobley singled with the bases loaded to score one, and Benda was then hit in the head to force in the second run.

In the ninth, Bifano walked and Empie then booted two straight balls at third to load the bases. Terry Kennedy followed with a sacrifice fly to left to tie the score.

Then in the 10th, the Seminoles loaded the bases on singles by Mobley and Jim McArdle and an error on UF catcher Adeimy. Lezcano then hit a ball to second, and Mobley scored when the Gators tried unsuccessfully to turn a double play.

The Gators threatened in the bottom of the inning, but reliever Brooks Carey picked Empie off first then got Joe Ward to pop to Guillermo Bonilla at second to end the game.

Carey worked the final two and one-third innings to pick up the win, his fifth of the year against two defeats.

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