

FSU downs Miami 14-10 in slugfest

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Florida State couldn't beat Miami with the long ball Tuesday night, so the Seminoles tried a bunch of singles and came away the winner in an action-packed free-for-all at Seminole Field.

When the dust cleared, the Seminoles were on top 14-10, but not before the Hurricanes made a gallant comeback in a game that featured 33 hits and a Seminole Field record six home runs.

FSU jumped out to an 8-0 lead on the strength of four home runs, but the Hurricanes scrapped back to a 9-9 tie in the sixth inning. Then in the Florida State half of the sixth, the Seminoles put together seven singles to score five times and put the game away for good.

The two independent rivals square off again tonight at 7:30, with senior righthander Larry Jones (6-2 record and 2.57 earned run average) on the mound for the Seminoles. Miami will counter with Randy Guerra, a sophomore lefthander with a 4-0 record and 2.74 ERA.

FLORIDA State now leads the all-important series between the schools 1-0, with tonight's game and three games next week in Miami left to go. FSU is 27-8 on the season; Miami is now 33-10.

FSU Coach Woody Woodward had to pull out all the stops to get Tuesday's win, going to the bullpen twice and using a starting pitcher each time. Brooks Carey came on in the fourth to relieve starter Mike Bretz, then Mike McLeod came on in the seventh and finished up.

"It's that time of year," laughed Woodward, when asked about those two moves. "I did what I thought it would take to win. Under the circumstances, I thought those were the two best pitchers I could go to.

"I used Carey because it was still early in the game and I thought he could last longer than one of our relievers. Then I went with McLeod because he's a righthander, and they had a lot of righthanded batters in the lineup."

McLeod came out the winner,

working the final three innings and allowing the Hurricanes one run in the ninth. He's now 5-1 on the season.

THE HURRICANES used four pitchers, with Steve Lerner being tagged for the loss, dropping his record to 5-3. Miami Coach Ron Fraser followed Woodward's thinking, bringing in ace righthander Mike Batten after Lerner had let things get out of control in the sixth.

"I'm just happy to win this one," said Woodward. "It's a big one — anytime we play Miami it's a big one.

"I expected a close game — but nothing like this. I wasn't really surprised at the number of runs scored. You've got to rely on good pitching

