Miami stings FSU 10-8

By MARK RODGERS

CORAL GABLES — It was a side of Mike Martin that he rarely displays. Martin wasn't even like this when Florida State dropped an opening-day doubleheader to Georgia Southern. But Saturday night, after a 10-8 loss to Miami before before 6,688 fans, Martin was fuming.

"I'm very disappointed," he said in a discouraged voice. "We set our goals very high this season, and ...

we're not playing up to those capabilities.

Martin's sentiments seemed appropriate, as Florida State dropped its second consecutive game to the No. 1ranked Hurricanes. It was the second straight night that the Seminoles and Hurricanes had played before a recordsetting crowd, and the second night the FSU squad had faltered as it moved within striking distance of victory.

We made a lot of mental mistakes," Martin said, pledging to move fresh players into the lineup for the finale of the three-game series. "There will be some changes made. Tomorrow."

Martin was sorely disappointed that the Seminoles allowed Miami to rally for five runs in the seventh inning after FSU had fought back to tie the score in the top of that inning.

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"That inning killed us," he said.

The loss dropped the Seminoles, who entered the series ranked No. 17 in the country, to 7-5.

Miami reliever Mike Browning earned the victory for the Hurricanes; he spelled starter Jeff Morrison with one out in the seventh and went the rest of the way. Jamie Shouppe took the loss for the Seminoles. Shouppe relieved Seminole starter Ken Fischer with two out in the fifth and, after pitching a perfect sixth, was shelled for three runs on five hits in the seventh before he was lifted.

The two teams will conclude the series today at 2 p.m. Florida State will go with left-hander Ed Schneider (2-0, 3.85 ERA), and Miami, 14-0, will counter with right-hander Mike Kasprzak (2-0, 3.60 ERA)

Right from the beginning Saturday night, things went wrong for Florida State, as Miami pushed across two runs in the bottom of the first inning on singles by Tony Barquin, Scott Parson, Alex DeJesus and Tom Gil.

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Joe Licata gave the Seminoles their first run when he belted Jeff Morrison's second pitch of the second inning far beyond the left-center fence to close the gap to 2-1.

Miami added a run in the third inning. Parsons led off with a groundrule double down the right-field line, moved to third on a ground-out to second by DeJesus, and dashed home on a wild pitch by Fischer when catcher Greg Ramsey's return throw to the plate sailed wide.

Miami flexed its offensive muscle again in the fifth, scoring two runs on Frank Castro's shot over the left field wall to knock Fischer out of the box.

Florida State mounted a rally off Morrison in the top of the sixth inning, when he gave up a leadoff single to Ramsey and a walk to Rick Figueredo. Lionel Martinez gave Florida State its second run of the game with a hard single to left that scored Ramsey and moved Figueredo to second. Still with none out, DeLoach hit a hot smash down the third base line that got by Pagliarulo to score Figueredo and move Martinez to second.

But a potentally great Seminole rally soured quickly, as Mike Fuentes followed DeLoach with a hard line drive that was speared by shortstop Bill Wrona, who fired to second to nail Martinez and complete the double play.

The Seminoles got the best of Morrison again in the top of the seventh.

Licata led off the inning by beating out an infield grounder to third, and Jeff Ledbetter followed with a grounder to DeJesus at first, who fired to second to force Licata for the out.

Chris Cawthon put the Seminoles back into the contest with an awesome display of power. Cawthon, the designated hitter, nailed a towering shot that cleared the right field fence with 50 feet to spare, to tie the score at 5.

Mike Yastrzemski handed Morrison his ticket to the bench when he followed Cawthon's shot with a line drive single to center. Miami's bullpen ace, Mike Browning, who quickly extinguished the FSU rally by striking out Ramsey and then, after walking him, picking Figueredo off first base.

Miami needed little time to get the lead back: Castro led off the bottom of the seventh with his second consecu-

tive homer for a 6-5 edge.

After striking out Gil, Shouppe gave up singles to Sam Sorce and Pagliarulo and was lifted in favor of Rick Hatcher. Hatcher, making his eighth appearence of the season, immediately allowed a double by the Hurricanes' No. 9 hitter, Seaone, to score Sorce.

Wrona followed with a grounder to third baseman Figueredo, who fired to Ramsey, apparently nailing Pagliarulo at the plate, but the ball popped Seaone scored the Hurricanes' ninth run from third on a ground-out to second by Barquin. DeLoach gave Miami its final run when he fielded a Parsons ground ball, but threw the ball low to first, allowing Wrona to score.

The Seminoles came back for three runs in the top of the eighth, on the strength of a three-run homer by Ledbetter with Fuentes and Lacotta aboard.

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