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Memphis State rally downs Seminoles 3-2

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Dave Moss delivered a two-out, run-scoring single in the bottom of the seventh inning Saturday to give Memphis State a 3-2 college-baseball win over Florida State in the first game of a scheduled doubleheader.

The second game was postponed because of rain. The two teams are scheduled to play two seven-inning games today beginning at 11 a.m.

Now 18-4, Memphis State came up with the winning rally when Jack Peel led off the seventh with a double down the left field line. Bubba Burr sacrificed Peel to third. With the infield drawn in, FSU starting pitcher Richie Lewis got pinch-hitter Bethel Fuller to bounce out to short, while Peel held at third base.

Florida State head coach Mike Martin went to his bullpen to get lefthander Ray Revak to face Moss. Moss, although jammed on the first pitch, was able to lift the ball over Bien Figueroa's head for the game-winning hit.

"I feel really bad for Richie," Martin said. "He pitched a great game only to lose it on a bloop single. He pitched well enough to win, and these are the toughest type of losses to take."

Florida State and Lewis appeared well in control of the scheduled seven-inning game, taking a 2-0 lead into the bottom of the sixth inning. FSU scored its two runs in the third inning, taking advantage of three consecutive errors by Memphis State infielders and Figueroa's sacrifice fly.

But in the sixth inning, after two men were out, Mike Covington lined a sharp single up the middle for the Tigers' second hit of the night against Lewis. Wayne Thompson then walked before Lewis worked the count to 0-2 on Memphis State pitcher Bubba Cummings. On the next pitch, Cummings hit a three-hopper that deflected off the first-base bag for an infield hit. It scored Covington, who was running on the play, from second. Lewis, who was covering first on the play, tried to get Covington at the plate, only to throw the ball away allowing Thompson to score.

Cummings, now 4-0 on the season, allowed just six hits and no earned runs.

FSU drops to 32-12 on the season and 5-2 in Metro Conference play.

Kevin Smith and Mike Loynd are scheduled to pitch in the doubleheader today.

Florida State					Memphis State				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Alicea, 2b	3	0	0	0	Hammitt, cf	2	0	0	0
Figueroa, ss	2	0	1	1	Fuller, ph	1	0	0	0
Fazzini, lf	3	0	2	0	Moss, ss	3	0	1	1
Zoeller, lb	3	0	0	0	Dulin, 2b	2	0	0	0

Calandra, dh	3	0	0	0	Covington, 3b	3	1	1	0
Marzan, 3b	3	0	2	0	Thompson, c	1	1	0	0
Kidd, rf	3	0	1	0	Cummings, p	3	0	1	1
Blackwell, c	3	1	0	0	Dowdy, lf	3	0	0	0
Mangham, cf	2	1	0	0	Peel, rf	3	1	2	0
Totals	25	2	6	1	Burr, lb	2	0	0	0
					Totals	23	3	5	2

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Memphis State	000 002 1 — 3 5 3

E—Covington, Moss, Burr, Lewis. DP—FSU 1, MS 1. LOB—5, 5. 2B—Figueroa, Marzan, Peel. S—Alicea, Burr.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida State						
Lewis, L(6-3)	6 ² / ₃	4	3	2	5	3
Revak	0	1	0	0	0	0
Memphis State						
Cummings, W(4-0)	7	6	2	0	1	2

T—1:56. A—100.