

FSU whaps Miami 13-5

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If you tried to describe an ideal Seminole Saturday night from a baseball point of view, this would be it. Big crowd. Big homers. Big victory.

Even the victim, the Miami Hurricanes, was ideal for Florida State in this 13-5 drubbing with 3,375 watching. To top off all this, the Seminoles didn't just beat the Hurricanes, they lit them up like a glitzy Miami nightclub, with four doubles and three homers.

As he has been so often this season, the master of ceremonies for FSU was Frank Fazzini. He boomed a two-run homer in the fifth inning that put the Seminoles ahead to stay.

There was none of the discord that marked the 3-2 Miami victory Friday night. The crowd ignored the nasty drizzle that fell all game and gave unanimous support to FSU. Coach Mike Martin had been booed by an angry crowd the night before.

Victories have a way of defusing awkward situations. The Seminoles are 40-16. Second-ranked Miami is 43-9. The teams conclude their season series today at 1. The Hurricanes lead it three games to two.

"It really was a big win," said Martin, thinking ahead to NCAA tournament time. "Now we've got a chance to split the season series."

The home crowd had a good time on this night giving the business to Miami Coach Ron Fraser, who was ejected in the first inning after a very brief argument with home plate umpire Al Davis. Fraser watched the rest of the game from a front-row seat in the stands, where he was pestered by FSU fans.

"If we don't have the pitching and tight defense, we can't win," said Fraser, who claimed his words were misunderstood by Davis. "We can't match them power for power."

The Seminoles had plenty of that, and they needed it. Miami led 4-2 after scoring three times off Mike Loynd in the fifth inning. A two-run double by ever-pesky Jon Leake was the big hit.

Designated hitter Dru Kosco had hit a solo homer for FSU in the second inning, and Luis Alicea doubled in the other run in the third.

The 4-2 deficit looked like a lot against Miami starter Kevin Sheary, who beat FSU three times last year. But in the bottom of the fifth, the Seminoles stormed the fort using most of their weapons. Sheary didn't survive.

Mangham walked. One out later, Bien Figueroa doubled him home. Then came the battle of the night — Sheary and Fazzini, two New Jersey natives who have gone at each other over the past four years, dating back to a New Jersey high-school tournament.

Fazzini, who struck out and bounced into a double play his first two tries, crushed a long homer to

right that gave FSU a lead it never lost.

"We had a lot of big hits tonight, but the homer by Fazzini lit the place up," said Martin. "That was a great piece of hitting."

"He got me the first two times, and I got him back," said Fazzini of his 22nd homer. "It was 3-2. He challenged me 3-1 on the hands, and I fouled it off. He challenged me again. It was down. I couldn't take it."

Yes, he did. He took it very deep. That was the ballgame, because the charged-up Seminoles added three more runs on a homer by Ed Fulton against reliever Alain Patenaude.

Loynd, 8-3, struggled throughout with his control. But he hung in for seven innings to get the victory. He struck out nine, many of them in key situations.

Jimmy Jones later added a three-run double to complete the night of FSU fun.

Miami					Florida State				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
James,rf	4	2	2	0	Alicea,2b	5	2	3	2
Flore,lf	2	1	0	0	Figueroa,ss	3	1	2	1
Malizia,ph	1	0	0	0	Fazzini,lf	3	2	1	2
Leake,3b	4	1	3	3	Jones,1b	5	1	2	3
Magno,dh	5	0	2	1	Pacetti,pr	0	0	0	0
Rowland,2b	4	0	0	0	Zoeller,1b	0	0	0	0
Richardi,cf	4	0	0	0	Sorrento,rf	3	0	1	1
Hart,1b	4	1	1	1	Kosco,dh	3	2	1	1
Nelson,ss	3	0	0	0	Eppley,dh	1	0	0	0
DeBold,ss	1	0	1	0	Fulton,c	3	2	2	3
Solis,c	3	0	1	0	Blackwell,3b	2	0	0	0
Dominguez,c	1	0	0	0	Calandra,3b	2	1	0	0
					Mangham,cf	2	2	1	0
Totals	36	5	10	5	Totals	32	13	13	13

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E—Blackwell, Leake, Loynd. DP—Miami 3. LOB—Miami 8, FSU 7. 2B—Leake 2, Mangham, Alicea, Figueroa, Jones. HR—Kosco (5), Fazzini (22), Fulton (6), Hart (3). SB—Alicea. S—Mangham.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Miami						
Sheary, L,1-2	4 1/3	8	5	5	3	6
Patenaude	1	2	4	4	3	0
Ryan	1	2	3	3	1	1
Sarmiento	1 2/3	1	1	1	1	3
Florida State						
Loynd, W,8-3	7	8	5	5	4	9
Revak	2	2	0	0	0	1

PB—Fulton. HBP—Sorrento (by Patenaude), Calandra (by Ryan), Fulton (by Sarmiento). T—3:35. A—3,375.