

# FSU survives errors to beat Gators

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Save this one for the Florida State baseball archives. It was a game in which the Seminoles tried to field for the cycle while winning a baseball game.

Despite a school-record eight errors, FSU beat the Florida Gators 7-6 Tuesday night behind the composed pitching of Doug Little and the continued slugging exploits of Paul Sorrento. Another big crowd, this one a week-night-record 4,530, packed Seminole Stadium.

The victory was the third straight over the Gators for FSU, now 42-8. Florida, struggling through a difficult season, is 20-21. The teams wrap up the season series today at 3:30.

But let us savor this one before wandering. Hitting for the cycle is one of the most coveted feats for any hitter. It means hitting a single, double, triple and home run in the same game. But fielding for the cycle?

The Seminoles had one error from every defensive player on the field with the exception of second baseman Luis Alicea, who had two plays that could have gone either way.

"We made eight errors and won.

That's hard to believe," said Alicea, who over the weekend was the only Seminole to make an error in three brilliant defensive games against Miami. "It was a weird game."

"When we can have a night like that and still beat Florida, I've got to be happy," said FSU coach Mike Martin. "The key to the ballgame was the three errors we made in the first inning and then came back to score four runs in the bottom of the inning."

With two singles and a walk, the Gators loaded the bases in the top of the first against Little. By the time Little was able to pitch out of it, Florida was up 3-0 and all three Seminole outfielders had errors. Balls bounced past Sorrento and Greg Clayborne on tough plays, and Eric Mangham unleashed a wild throw to home plate. It was a circus out there.

But the Seminoles, a team of many dimensions, were able to come back using their bats instead of their gloves. Jose Marzan doubled, and Sorrento singled him home. By the time Clayborne capped the inning with a clutch two-out, two-run single, FSU was back on top 4-3.

Little, who has struggled this

season to find his 16-victory rhythm of last year, battled all night. He pitched out of a jam in the second inning caused by a walk, a hit batsman and errors by third baseman Chad McClellan and first baseman Jose Marzan, both nailed with do-or-die in-between hops. He got Scott Clemo to bounce into a double play to escape with just one run.

"I was glad I kept my composure," said Little, who was still stinging a bit at being passed over for his regular turn Sunday against Miami. "In the past I've let it show when things were going wrong. But I'm playing on a great team and I knew that they'd score the runs I needed."

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But Sorrento, on an almost-scary tear with the bat, jumped on a Tyson Johnson fastball and drove it well over the screen in right for a 7-6 lead. FSU added an insurance run in the eighth that proved to be the game-winner, using walks and bunts and a sacrifice fly by Alicea to bring it home.

"After tomorrow, nobody is going to think anything about how we won this game," said Martin, "except that it's another 'W' on our side."

E—Sorrento, Mangham, Clayborne, McClellan, Marzan, Figueroa, Fulton, Little, Johnson, Sebree. DP—FSU 2. LOB—Florida 7, FSU 10. 2B—Marzan, Shea, Brigham. HR—Sorrento (13). SB—Sorrento, Mangham 3, Woodward. CS—Clemon, Alicea. S—McClellan, Marzan. SF—Taddeo, Alou, Alicea.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
<b>Florida</b>						
Boyd	2 2/3	4	4	4	1	0
Johnson L, 2-1	5 2/3	4	2	2	4	4
Sebree	1 2/3	0	1	0	4	0
<b>Florida State</b>						
Little W, 7-3	8	7	6	3	4	4
Kovensky S, 3	1	1	0	0	0	1

WP—Johnson 2. HBP—Fernandez by Little. T—2-35. A—4,530.