

Seminoles win road series vs. Hurricanes

*Florida State beats No.
1 Miami 5-4 to take two
out of three games in
the series.*

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Mike Martin isn't sure what this does for his team's future. He knows exactly what winning Sunday's 5-4 victory over Miami at Mark Light Stadium does for his Florida State baseball team right now.

"Undoubtedly a tremendous lift for this ballclub," Martin said. "We just beat the No. 1 team on the road."

Florida State took two of three from Miami this weekend, handing the Hurricanes their first series loss at home since 1995.

The Seminoles (42-15) stunned Miami by taking a 5-1 lead despite a shaky performance from starter Nick Stocks. When Miami (42-7) cut the lead to one on Mark Walker's three-run homer in the sixth inning, FSU turned to reliever Mike DiBlasi.

DiBlasi pitched three no-hit innings to earn his third save. He struck out five of the nine batters he faced. Stocks (6-1) picked up the win.

"Pitching and defense undoubtedly won this series for us," Martin said. "DiBlasi was really impressive. He took control of the ballgame, was really cool. He had his best ballgame."

"The last two games were as good as you can experience as a coach."

On Saturday, Florida State had snapped Miami's 23-game home winning streak with an 11-5 victory. It also ended FSU's four-game losing streak this season to Miami.

During the series, the Seminoles handed two Miami starters their first losses of the season. On Saturday, it was Darryl Roque (11-1); on Sunday, it was Todd Ozias (5-1).

Ozias gave up five runs — three earned — while striking out a career-best seven over 5½ innings pitched. It was his fourth career start.

Martin is not sure what winning the series will do for FSU's chances to host an NCAA Regional. This could help, as would FSU winning the regular-season ACC championship. A 7-6 loss by Clemson to Georgia Tech on Sunday helped FSU's cause.

"I think we put ourselves in the picture but I don't think we solidified something," Martin said.

Miami took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when German Alvarez walked, advanced to second on a wild pitch and scored on a throwing error by Florida State catcher

Jeremy Salazar.

The Seminoles then scored three runs in the third, highlighted by Brian Cox's double. An error by Miami catcher Russ Jacobson allowed two runs to score.

Florida State scored two more runs in the sixth inning on back-to-back home runs by Terry Henderson and Kevin Cash.

In the ninth, the Hurricanes put the tying run on first when Walker walked with one out. But Brian Seever lined out to second baseman Brooks Badeux, who doubled up Walker at first to end the game.

— The Associated Press contributed to this report.

FSU (42-15)					Miami (42-7)				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Badeaux 2b	4	1	2	0	Hill ss	3	0	1	0
Zabala 3b	4	0	1	0	Alvarez lf	1	1	0	0
Cox rf	5	1	2	1	Crespo 2b	3	0	0	0
Salazar c	4	0	0	0	Huff 3b	3	1	0	0
Henderson dh	2	2	1	1	Michaels dh	2	0	0	0
Cash lb	4	1	2	1	Brown rf/1b	4	0	0	0
Groves ss	3	0	0	0	Jacobson c	3	1	1	0
Diaz rf	3	0	0	0	Sagene lb	2	0	1	0
Jernigan lf	4	0	1	0	Walker ph/rf	1	1	1	3
Seever cf	4	0	0	0					
Totals	33	5	9	3					
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FSU	003	002	008	—5
Miami	100	003	000	—4

E—Salazar (8), Jacobson (4). DP—FSU 4, Miami 1. LOB—FSU 8, Miami 5. 2B—Badeux 2(9), Cox 2(19), Cash (13), HR—Henderson (3), Cash (7), Walker (1), SH—Groves (5), SB—Cox 2(7), CS—Hill (8).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
FSU						
Stocks W, 6-1	5½	3	3	2	8	1
Ginn	½	1	1	1	0	0
DiBiasi S, 3	3	0	0	0	2	5
Miami						
Ozias L, 5-1	5½	6	5	3	4	7
Howell	2½	2	0	0	1	3
Morrison	1	1	0	0	0	1

WP—Stocks (5), HBP—by Ozias (Diaz), U—Yellen, McComb, Harvey, T—2:43, A—2167.