

Ninth Inning Rally Gives FSU Loop Title

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MACON, Ga.—The Florida State University Seminoles scored 9 runs in the top of the ninth inning here Saturday afternoon to defeat the Mercer University Bears 11-6. The victory unofficially gives the Indians the Dixie Conference baseball title.

Lamar Brown started things off with a single to left. Augie Pompelia and John Witt also tapped one basers and the sacks were loaded. Ronald Nettles walked forcing Brown in with the initial run of the inning. Pitcher Ed Lockard and Bob Trowbridge both singled and two more runs were in, the bases were still loaded, there was nobody out and FSU was only one run behind.

Glen Gresham walked, forcing Nettles across with the tying run, and Lockard scored as Lefty McKelvy grounded out to second. Trowbridge came home on a passed ball. Ronald Melton flied out to center, but Brown kept the

rally alive by walking. Pompella got his second single of the inning, driving in Gresham and Brown with Augle going to second on the throw home. He scored a moment later when Mercer Shortstop Sonny Bivins threw over first on Witt's easy roller. Nettles walked, but Witt was thrown out trying

to steal third to end the biggest and most important inning in Florida State University's baseball history.

Freshman Ed Lockard of Jacksonville went all the way on the mound for Florida State, allowing only 7 hits and striking out 7, but keeping himself constantly in hot water by issuing 8 bases on balls.

Fla State	ab	r	h	Mercer U	ab	r	h
Trwbrdg,3b	5	1	1	Bivins,ss	4	1	1
Gresham,lf	3	1	0	Colquitt,2b	3	1	0
McKelvy,rf	5	0	0	Reeder,1b	4	1	1
Melton,1b	5	1	1	Hopkins,3b	5	2	1
Brown,cf	4	2	1	Hill,rf	4	1	2
Pompelia,as	5	3	3	Cassell,cf	4	0	0
Teel,2b	2	0	0	Hall,c	5	0	2
Nettles,c	3	1	0	Lewis,lf	2	0	0
Lockard,p	4	1	1	Brigman,1b	4	0	0
Witt,lf	2	1	1	McKinny	1	0	0
Mullen,2b	0	0	0	Cowan,p	0	0	0
				Hoard,lf	3	0	0
Totals	38	11	8	Totals	39	6	7
Score by innings:				R	H	E	
Florida State	0	10	100	009	11	8	3
Mercer Univ	300	110	010	010	6	7	4
RBI: Trowbridge, Gresham, McKelvy, Brown, Pompelia 3, Witt 2, Lockard, Hopkins 2, Hill 2, Hall 2. 2b: Hill. HR: Pompelia. SB: Melton. DP: Pompelia to Teel to Melton. Left: FSU 6 Mercer 14. BB: off Lockard 8, Reeder 4, Cowan 2. SO: by Lockard 7, Reeder 3. H: off Reeder 7 for 8 runs in 8 innings: Cowan 1 for 3 runs in 1. HBP: by Lockard (Colquitt, Hall). WP: Reeder. PB: Hall. Loser: Reeder. Time: 2:25.							