Special To The Democrat GAINESVILLE Bernie Parrish, a fellow already respected in this community for his football prowess, is the town's newest baseball hero after his leadoff home run in the last of the ninth gave Florida a disputed 8-7 triumph over Florida State yesterday.

Parrish's dramatic 360-foot wallop over the left-center wall brought Florida's third baseball triumph in four starts against the Seminoles.

It was Parrish himself who put Florida in a position to win. The senior second baseman from Gainesville drove in two runs in a contested six-run Florida third inning and his two-out sixth-inning single earned Florida a 7-7 Tie.

QUITE A DAY

For his day's work, Parrish had four hits in five trips, scored twice, and batted home four runs. The Florida victory broke FSU's six-game winning streak and pushed the Gator record to 9-2. Danny Litwhiler's Seminoles are 6-3.

The teams were at it again today with FSU's Tommy Garcia (1-9) facing Florida sophomore Ray Oestricher (2-0).

The Seminoles came up with their biggest hit production of the season yesterday. Florida sophomore Donnie McCreary of Talla-

hassee was the victim of 14 of those hits and all seven Seminole runs. But Parrish's one-man attack on FSU starter Jack Bristol and reliafor Fred Kenney kept Florida in the game and it was 7-7 when McCreary was lifted for a pinch batter in the eighth.

Righthander Sid Smith came on to blank the Seminoles in the ninth and post his second victory against one setback. Kenney had set Florida down on one run over 51/3 innings before Parrish ended it all with none out and a 1-1 count in the-ninth. It was Kenney's second loss after one win. Two walks, singles by Charlie Rodgers and Jerry Philip, and Dale Koch's sacrifice fly brought FSU a 2-0 lead in the first. Singles by Johnny Sheppard, Bristol and Rodgers made it 3-0 in the second. Philp's single, an infield out, and Ray Bazzell's shot to center pushed it to 4-0 in the third.

Then came a nightmarish Florida third inning that produced six runs after a disputed unpire's decision on what appeared to be a perfect Florida State double play.

Florida catcher Bobby Barnes, who had four hits for the day, opened the inning with a single to left. Outfielder Bob Geissinger bounced one right back at Bristol, who whirled and threw to shortstop Dick Howser covering at second. Howser took the throw and whipped it to first base, apparently, ahead of Geisinger's arrival.

DIDN'T SEE IT

The Seminoles were sure of a double play, but the base umpire said Howser's foot missed the bag at second. Litwhiler mildly disputed the call at second, then learned from the base umpire that he (the umpire) hadn't seen the play at first. Litwhiler questioned the plate umpire, who yerlfied that the base ump hadn't seen the play so the ruling was that all hands were safe.

Subsequently, with two on and no outs (the Seminoles figured it should have been two outs, none on) six Florida runs crossed the plate to give Florida a 6-4 edge. Owen McCarron's triple, a walk, Philp's double, and an error produced three FSU runs and a second Seminole lead in the sixth. But Parrish tied it again with a two-out single in Florida's half.

There were no more fireworks until Parrish lofted the ball out of the park.

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