

Florida State's spunky Seminoles — five runs behind with opportunities running out — exploded for six runs in the eighth inning here yesterday to turn back a disheartened Rollins nine, 7-6.

The sudden, winning uprising, coming after Rollins had kayoed Florida State ace Frank Slusser and stacked up a 6-1 advantage, hiked the Seminoles' current winning streak to 10 games and their overall record to 18-5.

HOWSER SINGLES

More than 500 fans were on hand to see All-America short-stop Dick Howser's two-out, two-run single climax State's most fruitful inning of the year.

Danny Litwhiler's Seminoles paraded 12 batters to the plate, and seven of 'em came through with hits off a steady procession of Rollins pitchers.

Howser started it all with a leadoff triple to deep center. Rightfielder Mike Copps singled Howser home and when catcher Bill Westendick doubled Copps home, Harry Bennett replaced Rollins starter Chuck Allen.

Bennett got Dale Koch on a fly ball to center, but leftfielder Jerry Philp singled through the box and pinch-hitter Gene McCormick banged a hit to left. That was all for Bennett and brought on Bunky Davis.

Litwhiler called for another pinch batter and sophomore Neil Martin responded with a sacrifice fly.

Then, with two outs, Owen McCarron singled to right for his third hit and first baseman Charlie Rodgers was hit by a pitched ball. Up for his second turn, Howser then chased across the tying and winning runs with a Texas League single to right.

Litwhiler used 16 players in an effort to pull out the game, and every one of them played a part. Three pinch-hitters came through with two singles and a run-scoring fly.

Righthander Tommy Garcia, third of four FSU hurlers, fanned the Rollins side in the eighth to pick up his fourth victory against one setback. Left-hander Jack Bristol, who tossed a one-hitter in a 7-1 Friday night Seminole triumph over Rollins, retired three Tars in order in the ninth to preserve the victory.

SLUSSER YANKED

Slusser, bidding for his eighth straight success, ran into trouble. Rollins reached him for four runs—two of them earned—in the fourth inning and added their final two runs in the seventh. Fred Kenney relieved Slusser and gave up a double before getting the final two outs.

The Seminoles tagged Allen, Bennett (the loser, 4-5), and Davis for 16 hits. McCarron and Westendick had three each while Howser, Copps, and Philp bagged two hits apiece.

After yesterday's dramatic victory, the Seminoles are only one game short of tying the school record for the longest winning streak (11 in 1956). They'll have a chance to break the record in a season-ending two-game series with Georgia Teachers College here next Friday and Saturday.

Defending District 3 NCAA champs, the Seminoles are expecting their third straight invitation to the regional playoffs at Gastonia, N. C., next month.

ROLLINS				FLA. STATE			
AB	R	H		AB	R	H	
Beets, 2b	4	0	1	McCarra, cf	5	1	3
Willis, lf	5	1	1	Rodgers, lb	4	0	1
Coffey, c	4	0	1	Howser, ss, 2b	5	1	2
Gaudette, 3b	5	1	1	Copps, rf	4	1	2
Richmond, rf	4	0	4	Westdick, c	5	2	3
DeVints, cf	3	1	0	Koch, 3b	4	0	1
Manderson, cf	0	0	0	Phillip, lf	3	1	2
Brown, ss	3	1	0	Bazzell, 2b	3	0	0
Johnston, lb	3	1	1	McCormick	1	1	1
Allen, p	4	1	1	Slusser, p	2	0	0
Bennett, p	0	0	0	Kenney, p	0	0	0
Davis, p	0	0	0	aCouch	1	0	1
				Garcia, p	0	0	0
				cMartin	0	0	0
				Bristol, p	0	0	0
				Lanford, ss	0	0	0

Totals 33 6 10 Totals 37 7 16

a—Singled for Kenney in 7th.

b—Singled for Bazzell in 8th.

c—Hit Sacrifice Fly for Garcia in 8th.

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Florida State 010 000 000—7

RBI—Bazzell, Johnston 2, Willis,

Manderson, Gaudette, Copps, Phillip,

Martin, Howser 2, Westdick 2, H.

Beets, Copps, Slusser, McCarron,

Brown. PO—A—Rollins 34-11, Florida

State, 27-5. DP—Beets and Johnston.

LOB—Rollins 7, Florida State 10, 20.

Copps, Willis, Richmond, Westdick,

3B—Howser, 2B—Willis, 1F—Mander-

son, Martin.

Slusser 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Kenney 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Allen 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Bennett (L 4-5) 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Garcia (W 4-1) 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Davis 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Bristol 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

HRF—Davis (2-0-0)

U—Schaeck and [unclear]

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