

Two hometown boys had their innings—good and bad—as Florida State's baseball team pulled past blood rival University of Florida, 8-7, here last night.

Bill Westendick, reared here but schooled at St. Francis Academy in Cincinnati, whacked a fourth-inning home run with the bases loaded.

It gave FSU an 8-3 lead that the rallying Gators couldn't overcome.

WAY IT WAS

Donnie McCreary, a Tallahassee Leon High grad, delivered the 1-1 pitch — a fast ball — that Westendick powered into the left-field stands.

More ways than one McCreary had only himself to blame.

He walked eight Seminoles, uncorked two wild pitches, allowed five of FSU's 6-hit total in the four innings he worked. All FSU runs were charged to him.

It was only small consolation that the four Westendick brought in with his homer were unearned, coming after two outs and an error that loaded the sacks.

And, moreover:

"Donnie helped convince me I ought to wear contact lenses," said Westendick after the game.

McCreary's been wearing contact lenses 3½ years. Likes 'em fine. Last year Westendick heard him hold forth on their merits. He went and got fitted.

HELPED HIM

Time was called the inning after the homer when one of Westendick's contact lenses slipped out of his eye as he flicked his head suddenly backing up a play at first base.

Westendick strolled over to the Florida dugout. Victim McCreary obligingly helped him get the lens back on.

Westendick drove in one other run with a single.

The victory brought FSU's record in its own invitational tourney to 2-1, its season record to 10-2. And FSU remained unbeaten in sports activity against Florida since losing the big one—football (21-7)—against the Gators last November. The Seminoles have since conquered UF in basketball, swimming twice, golf, tennis and—now—baseball.

Florida is now 0-3 for the tourney, 2-4 for the season.

FSU soph righthander Frank Davis, a Miamian, boosted his personal pitching record to 3-0, spacing 10 hits and striking out a whopping 14. He fanned three in the ninth.

Vennie Pent hurled 1-hit ball over the last four innings in relief of McCreary. He walked three, fanned seven in the shutout stint.

FSU errored four times, the Gators five. A light-to-middling rain fell from the second inning on.

The Seminoles jumped ahead, 1-0, in the second. Florida bounced back with three in the third on two bobbles, singles by McGreary and Mickey Ellenburg plus a balk by Davis.

Walks cost McGreary dearly in the third. Bob Clem and Jack Dull strolled and Westendick singled Clem home. Ray Bazzell's

single scored Dull and it was tied 3-3.

PSU leadoff man Neil Martin walked in the fourth, stole second, took third on an infield out, scooted home on Doug Walker's single. Dull walked and Dale Koch lived on an error, setting the stage for Westendick's dramatics.

Florida got two in the fifth on Perry McGriff's single, Ellenburg's double and Charley Smith's single. Two more Gator tallies came in the seventh on a walk and singles by Dale Landress, McGriff and Bobby Geissinger.

UP had two runners nipped at the plate — one on a relay from the outfield after a hit, one when a double-steal backfired.

TAR HEELS FALL

Earlier in the day, North Carolina lost its first game of the season after winning four, including two in the tourney. Illinois dealt the blow, 11-3, as sophomore Ernie Kumerow pitched 7-hit ball without yielding a walk.

Illinois rapped four Tar Heels hurlers for 13 safeties, including a 2-run homer by Russ Martin. Perry Norton poked one out for UNC with the bases empty. Casey Barczek and Jim Cvik rapped three hits apiece in the Illini cause.

In the second game of the afternoon, Michigan opened its season with a 6-2 victory over perennially tough Duke, which was also making its tourney debut. The losing Blue Devils had an edge in hits, 9 to 8, but two Wolverine double plays helped check them.

The teams take an Easter Sunday rest. Entries in the tourney swell to eight by Monday and there'll be four games: Florida vs. Michigan, 12 p.m., Seminole Field; Western Michigan vs. Illinois, 2:30 p.m., Seminole Field; PSU vs. Michigan State, 5 p.m., Centennial Field; PSU vs. Michigan, 7:30 p.m., Centennial Field.

FLA.	AB	R	E	FLA.	ST.	AB	R	E
McGriff, 1b	4	3	2	Martin, rf	2	1	0	0
Ganger, cf	5	1	1	Rodgers, 1b	4	0	0	0
Ellenburg, c	4	1	3	Clem, 2b	4	0	0	0
C. Smith, lf	5	0	2	Walker, 1b	5	2	1	1
Tilman, 3b	4	0	0	Buss, lf	0	0	0	0
b-Jkson	1	0	0	Dull, ss	2	3	1	1
Fleming, rf	2	0	0	Koch, 3b	4	1	1	1
a-Dist, rf	2	0	0	Westendick, c	3	1	1	1
Frohook, ss	1	0	0	Bazzell, cf	4	0	1	1
Landress, 2b	4	1	1	Davis, p	4	0	0	0
McGriff, p	2	1	1					
Pent, p	2	0	0					
TOTALS	38	7	10	TOTALS	32	8	0	0

a—Grounded out for Fleming in 5th.
b—Fanned for Tillman in 9th.

Florida: 0 0 3 0 2 2 0 0 0—7
Florida State: 0 1 2 3 0 0 0 0 0—8

	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO
McGriff (L-1-1)	4	5	0	0	3	6
Pent	4	1	0	0	3	7
Davis (W-3-0)	9	10	7	5	2	10

E—Davis, Dull, Geissinger, Frohook, Koch 2, Dorsett, Tillman, McGriff, RBI—Koch, C. Smith 3, Ellenburg 2, Westendick 5, Bazzell, Walker, Geissinger. PO—A—Florida 24-5; Florida State 27-6. LOB—Florida 7; Florida State 12. 2B—Koch, Ellenburg. HR—Westendick. SB—Martin 2, C. Smith 2. S—McGriff, Bazzell, WF—McGreary 2. Pent. T—2:54. Balk—Davis. U—Pace, W. Schenck and Kennedy. A—500.

Duke: 000 000 002—2 2 2
Michigan: 100 221 00x—6 3 0
Jenkins, Kast (6) and Browning;
McGinn, Koch (6) and Dickey.
North Carolina: 000 100 002—3 7 4
Illinois: 122 003 21x—11 13 0
Harding, Johnson (2), Stott (3),
Floyd (5) and Bolick; Kumerow and
Cvik.