

It was like this.

At 5:43, four hours and 13 minutes after Florida and FSU had started a baseball game here Saturday, Randy Brown came to bat.

It was the 15th inning and the score was 3-3. There was this runner on second base, and this runner on first base. One out.

Florida had intentionally walked this runner on first base to get to Brown.

It figured.

A substitute outfielder, a sophomore, Brown was playing

catcher on this day. And, any way, you slice it, this day hadn't been too good a day for Brown as he sought to fill the role normally handled in a big way by Ken Suarez, who has a .4000 hitting average and an even higher catching average. Suarez was on the bench with an arm injury.

Mr. Brown came up to that plate with a .111 batting average, four hits in 36 times up. For the day he was 0-for-6.

Well, he is now hitting .135.

They got two strikes on him, and the boys in the stands hooted, at him and at Coach Fred Hatfield for serving up duck

soup with ducks on the pond.

What happened was that Brown bashed a clean single to right field, and Monty McBryde raced home with the run that won it, 4-3.

Rarely will victory come harder for any team. FSU had its earlier opportunities, but the Gators had many more. Florida got eight of its leadoff batters on base in the first 11 innings, and nine over the stretch of 15.

It was the last home game for the Seminoles, now 22 - 11. Florida, with a 20 - 10 record, will be host to FSU next weekend in a season-ending series

of three games.

Each side got 10 hits, with Stanton's 3-for-4 day Florida's big effort. Pendley and Duncan rapped two blows each, as did Reed, Augustine and Johnson for the Seminoles.

Florida left 14 runners stranded, FSU eight. A not inconsid-

erable factor was FSU's four double plays.

FSU had started Saturday's game with its ace pitcher going: Cliff Ranew, winner of seven, loser of one. The Gators countered with a dandy: Charles Anderson, five and two.

Florida scored in the first

inning. Don Pendley got a lead-off single, stole second, scored on two wild pitches. And there were those who thought it was not so much that the pitches were wild as it was that Brown wasn't so agile.

FSU tied it 1-1 in the bottom of the inning. Jim Reed singled. McBryde sent him to third with a single. Reed scored on a wild pitch.

With two out in the third, Mike Augustine tripled. McBryde dribbled one to first baseman Tom Shannon, who erred, and Augustine scored for a 2-1 FSU lead.

Florida tied it in the sixth.

Shannon tripled, and Bill Blomgren singled him in.

The Gators grabbed a 3-2 lead in the eighth. Pendley led off with a walk, went to third as Brown threw wild to first on a pickoff try, from whence he scored on Jim Duncan's single.

UF had a lovely chance to fatten that margin. Shannon walked, and there were two on, none out. Earl Montgomery sacrificed. Blomgreen was walked intentionally, loading the bases. But thirdsacker Gerry Chmielewski started a beaut of a double play on Dave Porter's hard grounder and the

Florida lead was 3-2. The Gators were in a bind. They had to walk Pendley to first, then throw to first to get him out. But the throw was wild, and Pendley scored.

Now 4-2 for the Gators, a relief victory. Brown, Crook got into some water with an abundance of balls. But he was down, ended up with a walk over his 7th inning and only two hits, no runs.

Meanwhile, it came the bottom of the ninth with FSU behind 3-2. Larry Johnson had to bat and drilled the first Anderson pitch of the inning over the left field wall, tying it 3-3 with the homer.

A shudder of apprehension went through the crowd as Chmielewski, trying to retreat from a 3-2 pitch that would have gone behind his head had he remained in his stance, got hit in the temple, just under his batting helmet, by the throw.

Chmielewski not only got up. He took his base, then stole second, went to third on a wild throw. But that was as far as any runner got through the next five innings.

Coach Dave Fuller relieved Anderson after he had hit Chmielewski, put in sophomore Adrian Zabala.

Both sides couldn't cash scoring chances in the 10th, 11th, and 12th innings. Then Creely and Zabala got stronger, each setting down the side 1-2-3 in the 13th and 14th.

Florida's Duncan led off the 15th with a single, but got no further than second.

Then McBryde led off with a walk. Gary Nichols sacrificed him to second. Johnson was intentionally walked.

FLORIDA

	ab	r	e
Pendley 3b	6	2	2
Duncan lf	5	0	2
Shannon 1b	4	1	3
Montgomery 2b	5	0	0
Creese	0	0	0
Blomgren rf	5	0	1
Porter c	7	0	1
Elliott cf	5	0	0
Corcroft ss	6	0	1
Anderson p	4	0	0
Zabala p	2	0	0

FLORIDA STATE

	ab	r	e
Reed 2b	5	1	2
Augustine cf	5	1	2
McBryde rf	6	1	1
Nichols 1b	5	0	1
Johnson ss	6	1	2
Brown c	7	0	1
Chmielewski 3b	5	0	0
Dahlen lf	4	0	0
b-Rountree	0	0	0
Chalhub	1	0	0
Ranew p	2	0	0
a-Thomas	1	0	0
Creely p	3	0	0

Totals 49 3 10 Totals 50 4 10

a-Flied out for Ranew in 8th.

b-Swung at third strike for Dahlen in 9th.

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E-Pendley, Shannon, Brown, Porter, Montgomery, RBI-McBryde, Blomgren, Duncan, Johnson, Brown, PO-A-Fm.

43-20, FSU 45-25. DP-Montgomery, Mer-

croft and Shannon; Nichols, Johnson and

Reed; Reed, Johnson and Nichols;

Chmielewski, Reed and Nichols; Johnson,

Reed and Nichols. LOB-Fm. 14, FSU 8.

2B-Shannon. 3B-Augustine, Shannon.

HR-Johnson. SB-Pendley, McBryde 2.

Elliott, Chmielewski, Brown. S-Mont-

gomery, Augustine, Duncan, Shannon,

Nichols.