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Florida State won a sometimes messy, always tense baseball game from Florida

At least 3,000 people — the crowd, estimated, may well have been more — filled every seat in ancient Centennial Field. Hundreds stood or sat on the banks and walls.

The two rivals shift from the city park, soon to be torn down, to FSU's campus field this afternoon at 3 for a final regular-season game. Florida State, now 31-5-1 for the season, flies to Omaha on Sunday for Monday's opening of the College World Series.

It was a frantic kind of affair last night. FSU probably never won a harder one.

Things were deadlocked 4-4 after a Florida run in the sixth inning. There was some indication that two relief pitchers, FSU's Jim McCune and Florida's quite tough Walker Prior, were prepared to stick it out until dawn.

But a junior right-hander from Canada had relieved UF

starter Roy Ballman, who departed for a pinch-hitter in the fourth inning.

FSU had managed two runs off him in the fifth, a most unusual inning, but Prior had set

the Seminoles down in 1-3 fashion in both the sixth and seventh.

Prior got the first Seminole in the eighth. He started working on Gary Nichols. And Nichols fouled off about seven pitches before drilling a broken-bat single to right.

Roy Mewbourne judiciously

sacrificed Nichols to second.

Then Gary Lawrence singled to short center. Nichols raced home with the winning run. A good throw-in from center would have got him at the plate.

Florida jumped to a 2-0 lead its first turn at bat. Randy Morcroft walked and Allen Trammell singled, breaking an 0-for-7 drought against FSU pitching this year. It was the only blow hot-hitter Trammell — a probable All-American this year — got in five trips.

Anyhow, the two UF base-runners started moving and catcher Randy Brown threw to third as Morcroft streaked for the base. The throw got by third baseman Lawrence, with Morcroft scoring and Trammell taking third. Bruce Moore's squeeze bunt brought Trammell in with the second run.

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Moose Hopkins walked and, after two outs, so did Brown. Tom Thomas singled to right, bringing Hopkins home and sending Brown to third, from whence he scored on a wild pitch.

FSU starter Eddie Howell held the Gators hitless in the second and third, fanning three in the former inning.

But he gave a leadoff walk

to Moore in the fourth. Shannon singled the runner to third. He scored on Don Pendley's shot through the box.

FSU forged big threats in the second and third innings off Rollyson but nothing came of it. After Rollyson left for a pinch-hitter in the fourth, Prior came on and struck out three Seminoles in that inning.

In the crazy fifth, Brown got his third walk after one out. He stole second and third.

Nichols lifted a ball to left-center and Trammell missed, on the dead run, a ball that the centerfielder might well have caught. The centerfielder did catch the ball on the bounce and some fans thought he had it for the out. Base hit.

Brown scored. Nichols took second on the throw to the plate.

Bob Wilcox smashed the ball to deep short and Morcroft — a slick fielder most of the evening — threw quickly to first. The ball got by first baseman Shannon, went to the stone fence, bounced back around a dirt pile where some kids were playing.

Nichols scored on the error. Wilcox continued on to second, thence to third, then toward home. He was tagged out, finally.

There followed a brisk and extended rhubarb, with both coaches — FSU's Fred Hatfield and Florida's Dave Fuller — shouting at the umpires while bouncing hither and yon.

One question was whether the ball was in play or not. It was. But there was confusion about it. The ump appeared to be trying to send Wilcox back to second base.

If anybody knows what precisely happened, 3,000 or so folks would like to know. Later interpretations varied.

But FSU was now ahead 4-3.

Florida tied it in the sixth. Pendley walked. Tallahassee's Bud Williams singled him to second. Prior dribbled out a hit in front of the plate. With the bases loaded, Morcroft's walk forced in a run.

Howell left for a pinch-hitter, and in came McCune.

He checked the Gators in the next two innings, eventually emerged with the victory, aided by Marvin Stringfellow, who came in and set three batters down in order after McCune walked the leadoff man.

# FLORIDA

# FLA. STATE

Morcroft, ss	1 1 0 0	Hopkins ss	2 1 0 0
Trammell lf	5 1 7 0	Sarron lf	4 0 0 0
Blangren rf	3 0 0 0	Brown, c	1 2 0 0
Moore 2b	2 1 0 3	Thomas rf	4 0 1 3
Shannon 1b	5 0 2 0	Nichols 1b	4 2 2 3
Pendley 3b	3 1 7 1	Wilcox cf	2 0 1 0
Williams c	4 0 1 0	M'bourne cf	0 0 0 0
Kellyson p	1 0 0 0	Lawrence 2b	3 0 1 1
Withrow ph	0 0 0 0	Howell c	2 0 1 0
Prior p	2 0 1 0	Duchak ph	1 0 0 0
Cushman ph	0 0 0 0	McCune p	0 0 0 0
Eggart pr	0 0 0 0		

Totals 31 47 2 Totals 27 54 3

Florida	200 101 000-4 7 1
Florida State	200 020 01x-5 4 1

E—Lawrence. Morcroft. LOB—Fla. 11. FSU 4. SR—Pendley. Lawrence. Morcroft 1. Brown 2. S—Moore.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kellyson	3	3	2	2	5	2
Prior L	5	3	3	2	2	5
Howell	6	5	4	4	0	7
xMcCune W (3-1)	2	2	0	0	0	2
Stringfellow	1	0	0	0	0	0

WP—Kellyson. Howell. PR—Williams. Brown. T—J:15. xFaced one batter in 9th.

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