

Florida State saw its 14-game baseball win streak go up in a quick, disastrous puff of smoke Saturday as Florida's Gators took a 5-2 decision at Seminole Field.

The Seminoles breezed into the ninth inning with a 2-1 lead and ace southpaw Wayne Vincent seemed to have everything in hand en route to his ninth victory of the season. Then things started popping.

Vincent hit leadoff batter Skip Lujack, but regained his composure long enough to strike out catcher Mike Ovca on a three-two pitch.

Third baseman Dan Cushman, hitless in three trips and a strike out victim twice,

lined a hit just over FSU shortstop Chuck Cone's glove putting runners on first and second and bringing Coach Fred Hatfield to the mound.

Hatfield left his little lefty in and Ed Gross, pinch hitting for right fielder David Fuller, lashed a base hit to left. Jack Frake, running for Lujack, was waved home from second and he and the ball got to the plate at the same moment. However, left fielder Tom Whitaker's perfect throw eluded catcher Ed Yarnell and Frake and Cushman scored.

The Gators weren't through yet, though. Hatfield removed Vincent in favor of righthander Jim Helm with a runner on third and one out. Second

baseman David Hodges put down a squeeze bunt toward first, Gross scoring, and FSU first baseman Mike Easom fielded the ball and fired to first where no one was covering, Hodges going to third.

Pitcher Kelly Prior followed with another squeeze bunt, this time back to pitcher Helm who booted the ball for the third error of the inning.

Vincent was the loser, drop-

ping his record to 8-3. The Birmingham junior gave up five hits, three earned runs and struck out 11. Prior, who went the distance, allowed seven hits and fanned just two.

Florida State led most of the game. The Seminoles jumped in front in the bottom of the first with an unearned run as Easom drew a base on balls, went to third on a two-base throwing error by Prior on an attempted pickoff, and scored

on Whitaker's sharp single to right.

The Gators, who didn't have a man on base until the fourth, tied things up in the fifth. Mike Ovca rapped a long triple to right when FSU outfielder John Mason slipped down. Ovca scored on a controversial squeezed play when the plate umpire ruled catcher Yarnell missed the runner after Fuller, the batter, failed to make contact.

It appeared Yarnell had made the tag some 10 feet up the third base path, but Ovca fell to the ground, then jumped up and scampered home after Yarnell made his lunge.

Mason got Florida State back out front, however, in the sixth with a towering home run to right.

Mason and Vincent were the only Seminoles with two hits. Vincent cracked a long double his first trip and added a single in the seventh.

The game closed out Florida State's home schedule. The Seminoles, 30-10 with an at-large bid to the NCAA regional tournament still up in the air, travel to Gainesville next Friday and Saturday to close out the schedule against the Gators. Florida's record now stands at 24-8.

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	ab	r	b		ab	r	b
Orr rf	4	0	1	Canty 3b	4	0	0
Picano lf	3	0	1	Mason 1b	3	1	0
Frazier ph-1f	1	0	0	Mason rf	3	1	2
Trapp ss	2	0	0	Hitchcock rf	0	0	0
Lujack 1b	3	0	0	Whitaker lf	3	0	1
Frake ph-1f	0	1	0	Gold 2b	4	0	0
Ovca c	3	1	1	Mewbourne cf	4	0	1
Cushman 3b	4	1	1	Cane ss	4	0	0
Fuller rf	3	0	0	Yarnell c	4	0	1
Gross ph	1	1	1	Vincent p	3	0	2
Woolfolk 1b	0	0	0	Helm p	0	0	0
Hodges 2b	4	1	1	Stringfellow p	1	0	0
Prior p	1	0	0				
Totals	31	5	6	Totals	33	2	7

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RBI — Whitaker, Mason, Gross, Hodges, F. — Prior, Yarnell, Mason, Helm. DP — Florida State 1, LOB — Florida 6, Florida State 7. 2B — Vincent, Orr. 3B — Ovca. HR — Mason. SB — Whitaker, Mason. Over. S — Trapp, Orr.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Prior (W, 6-1)	7	7	2	1	2	2
Vincent (L, 8-13)	3	5	4	3	4	11
Helm	1	1	1	0	0	0
Stringfellow	1	0	0	0	0	0

HBP — By Vincent (Lujack). WP — Vincent, Stringfellow. T 2:35.