

JACKSONVILLE — Gene Mendes boldly tossed a three-hitter and collected three hits to lead Jacksonville U. to a 4-2 victory over Florida State's baseball team Thursday.

A strong-armed lefthander out of Miami-Dade Junior College, Mendes checked the Seminoles effectively from start to finish. Only a pair of two-out errors kept him from tossing a shutout.

Although his teammates backed him with 14 hits, it was still left up to Mendes to score the game-winning run in the fifth and drive home an insurance run in the eighth.

It marked the first time that a JU team has been able to defeat the Seminoles in this young rivalry.

THE SEMINOLES led briefly after an unearned run in the second. With two outs Jim Gurzynski was safe on an error when first baseman Dave Wiggins fielded his ground ball to the right side.

Walks to Mike English and Greg Schnute loaded the bases and Tom Henson sent Gurzynski home with an infield single.

JU retaliated with two runs in its half of the same inning.

Guy Ezzell led off with a double to right. Wiggins singled, sending Ezzell to third. Rick Sanders followed with a hit, sending the tying run home.

Gary Gann grounded to Jeff Hogan at short, but the ball eluded Hogan for an error as Wiggins tallied the go-ahead run.

AGAIN IN the third, the Seminoles got a runner on via a two-out Dolphin error. This time it was Hogan safe on the miscue. And he scored moments later on Mike Easom's double, the only extra-base hit by the Tribe.

Henson, who struggled through seven innings before getting relief help from Jeff Hill in the eighth, allowed hits in every frame. Only in two innings were the Dolphins unable to get runners in scoring position.

Mendes singled to lead off the fifth. A walk to Stan Marecki put runners at first and second. After the next two men flied out, Ezzell doubled to left center sending Mendes home with what proved to be the winning run. Marecki also attempted to score on the play but was thrown out on a relay throw by Hogan.

JU's final tally came in the eighth on a single by Sanders, a sacrifice and Mendes' third hit of the afternoon.

The loss dropped Florida State's record to 33-9. The Dolphins are 22-12. The 22 victories constitutes a new record for JU for a season.

The Seminoles attempt to get back on the winning track against Georgia Southern in Statesboro tonight at 7:30. FSU and the Eagles split a pair of games last week in Tallahassee.

George Lott will open the two-game series on the mound tonight and will be looking for his eighth win of the year.

FLORIDA STATE			JAX U		
	ab	r h		ab	r h
Summer cf	4	0 0	Marecki ss	3	0 2
Moates lf	4	0 0	Bell cf	4	0 0
Gold 2b	4	0 0	Byrnes lf	4	0 2
Hogan ss	4	1 0	Ezzell rf	4	1 2
Eason 3b	3	0 1	Wiggins lb	4	1 2
Gurzynski lb	4	1 0	Sanders c	3	1 3
English c	2	0 0	Gann 3b	2	0 0
Schnute rf	3	0 1	Alford 2b	4	0 0
Henson p	3	0 1	Mendes p	4	1 3
Hill p	0	0 0			
Porter ph	1	0 0			
Totals	22	2 3	Totals	32	4 14

FSU 011 000 000—2
 JU 020 010 01x—4
 E—Wiggins (2), Hogan (2), Alford, Gann,
 RBI—Sanders, Eason, Ezzell, Mendes,
 DP—FSU-2; LOB—FSU—8; JU 8, 2B—
 Ezzell (2), Eason, S—Sanders, Gann.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Henson (L, 3-2)	7	12	4	3	3	0
Hill	1	2	0	0	0	0
Mendes (W, 2-3)	7	3	2	0	4	5

HBP—Henson (Bell), U—Lillian, Ganis,
 T—2:07, A—200