

MOBILE, Ala. — Florida State split a doubleheader with South Alabama here yesterday, but a protest in the second game could change the loss to a "no contest."

Coach Jack Stallings of FSU filed the protest after a seventh-inning dispute over an alleged rules violation by South Alabama Coach Eddie Stanky.

With the Seminoles trailing 3-1 in the seventh and final inning, South Alabama pitcher Blaine Dollar led off with a walk to Greg Gromek, and a single by pinch hitter David Grimes. Stanky walked onto the field and went to the mound to talk to Dollar.

Play resumed as Dave Nichols sacrificed the runners

to second and third, and Gromek scored on a sacrifice fly by Larry Cocks to make the score 3-2. At this point, Stanky returned to the field and walked to the front of the mound.

He then called his first baseman to the mound, talking with him briefly, talking in the direction of Dollar as well.

When play resumed, with Dollar still in the game, Stallings protested to plate umpire Arnold Stroecker that after a second talk with a pitcher, he was supposed to be removed from the game.

Stanky contended that he had talked only with his first baseman, not the pitcher, and the umpire ruled that the rule didn't apply anyway since it hadn't been used in other games this year.

Stallings said the loss would not be recorded on the books until a final ruling was made on his protest. If the ruling is in Florida State's favor, the game will be changed from a loss to "no contest."

Dollar was the most effective South Alabama pitcher against the Seminoles. Taking over in the second inning with bases loaded and none out, he struck out three straight.

South Alabama's scoring in the second game was all done in one inning, the fourth.

Marty Rice gave up a double to Pete Phillips, a run-scoring single to Glen Borgmann, a walk and a two-run double by Forrest Crowder.

In the first game, won by the Seminoles 7-3, Herb Sikes collected four hits and four RBI to pace Florida State.

Florida State scored twice in the first inning, both on a double by Sikes.

Glen Borgmann hit a two-run homer in the fourth to tie things up for South Alabama, but the Seminoles came right back with a two-run homer by Sikes in the Fifth.

A broken-bat home run by Pete Phillips in the sixth narrowed the gap to 4-3, but the Seminoles clinched the victory with a three-run seventh innings.

Winning pitcher Bill Fuller went six innings, giving up just four hits, striking out five and walking three. Mac Scarce came in as a reliever for the save.

The Seminoles, now 35-15, next play at Georgia Southern on Friday.

FLORIDA STATE				SOUTH ALABAMA			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Nichols ss	4	0	1	Gaskin 2b	2	0	0
Grimes 2b	2	1	0	Stanky rf	4	0	0
Cocks pr 2b	1	1	0	Phillips ss	3	2	1
Cash lf	4	1	2	Borgmann c	3	1	2
Snyder pr lf	0	1	0	Snypes lf	3	0	0
Saf'r'ht c	4	0	0	Wh'head 3b	3	0	1
Sikes 3b	4	2	4	Devins cf	2	0	0
Doria rf	3	1	2	Loffin 1b	3	0	0
Kas'm'r 1b	2	0	0	Tice p	0	0	0
Gromek cf	3	0	1	Powell p	0	0	0
Fuller p	2	0	0	H'ch'son ph	1	0	0
Huff ph	1	0	1	Fabbri p	0	0	0
Scarce p	0	0	0	Danaher p	0	0	0
				Wade ph	1	0	0
				Burns p	0	0	0
				Smith p	0	0	0
				Mullen p	0	0	0
				Olsen ph	1	0	0
TOTALS	30	7	11	TOTALS	26	3	5

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 South Alabama 000 201 0— 3
 E — Grimes. PO-A — FSU 21-4, SA — 21-9. LOB — FSU 9, SA — 5.

2B — Nichols, Sikes, Doria, Olsen.
 RBI — Sikes 4, Borgmann 2, Phillips, Doria, Kasimer, Gromek. HR — Borgmann, Sikes, Phillips. S — Kasimer.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fuller (w, 6-1)	6	4	3	2	3	5
Mac Scarce	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tice	1 1-3	4	2	2	1	0
Powell	1 2-3	1	0	0	1	0
Fabbri (L, 1-1)	1	0	1	1	1	0
Danaher	1	1	1	1	0	0
Burns	1-3	0	0	0	2	1
Smith	1 1-3	5	3	3	0	1
Mullin	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

HBP — Nichols (by Tice). SAVE — Scarce. U — Pero, Duffy. T — 2:10.

(Second game)

FLORIDA STATE				SOUTH ALABAMA			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Nichols ss	2	0	0	Gaskin 2b	3	0	0
Cocks 2b	2	0	0	Phillips ss	3	1	2
Cash lf	4	0	0	Borgmann c3	1	2	
Saferight c	3	1	1	Snypes cf	2	1	0
Sikes 3b	3	0	1	Olson lf	3	0	0
Doria rf	3	0	1	Crowder 1b	2	0	1
Kasimer 1b	2	0	2	Whiteh'd 3b	2	0	0
Gromek cf	2	1	0	Devins rf	2	0	0
Rice p	1	0	0	Kombrick p	0	0	0
McQueen p	0	0	0	Dollar p	1	0	0
Huff ph	1	0	1				
Fernald p	0	0	0				
Grimes ph	1	0	1				
Snyder pr	0	0	0				

TOTALS 24 2 7 TOTALS 21 3 5

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South Alabama 000 300 x— 3

E — Phillips. PO-A — FSU 18-7, SA —

21-6. DP-SA — 1. LOB — FSU 7,

SA 2. 2B — Phillips, Crowder.

HR — Saferight. RBI — Borgmann,

Crowder 2, Saferight, Cocks. S —

Nichols, Cocks.

IP H R ER BB SO

Rice (L, 8-3) 3 2-3 3 3 3 1 0

McQueen 1 1-3 0 0 0 0 0

Fernald 2 2 0 0 0 0 1

Kombrick 1 3 0 0 2 1

Dollar (W, 1-1) 6 4 2 2 1 6

HBP — Dollar (by Fernald). WP —

Dollar. U — Stroecker, Duffy. T — 2:05.

A — 3,000.