Seminoles Hold On To Edge JU 6-5

Florida State regained some pride and perhaps retained its chance for a District III playoff spot by holding off a determined and hard-hitting Jacksonville University team Friday night by a 6-5 margin.

The Seminoles, now 34-14, will have little time to savor this one, however, as the Tribe takes on Georgia Southern in a doubleheader today.

The first game of the day-night affair gets underway at 1:30 with the nightcap scheduled for a 7:30 start.

"It was a good win for us," said a relieved Jack Stallings when it was all over. "JU has a fine ball club, they really came after us tonight, but we were able to hang on.

"Every game is an important one at this stage and it was good to win this one." If Stallings was not exactly a

If Stallings was not exactly a picture of confidence after the game it may have been due to the fact that the Dolphins banged out 16 hits off three Seminole pitchers, including a two-run homer in the ninth to cut a three run cushion to its final count.

The Seminoles wasted little time getting started, picking up a single tally in the first, with Herb Sike's double driving in John LiBrandi.

JU, however, came back with single runs in the third and fifth to go on top.

In the bottom of the fifth, the

Tribe took command. With one out Ken Doria singled, but was forced at second by pitcher Bill Fuller.

Denny Williams came through with a triple into the rightfield corner sending Fuller home with the tying run. Before the fans settled back, Tom Rosa lashed a single to right-center and FSU

led 3-2

John LiBrandi worked Steve Nichols for a walk and Sikes followed with an RBI single to make it 4-2, Florida State.

Fuller, who was touched for 14 of JU's hits, gave up a single to Nichols and a run producing double to Tom Mc-Millen in the sixth as the Dol-

phins pulled back to within one.

Jacksonville threatened to go back in front in the seventh when Rich Katz walked and Bill Weber doubled putting runners at second and third.

Randy Guemple came on and put out the fire, however, getting Jim Garland to bounce into a fielder's choice and striking out Nichols.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Seminoles, sending a need for more runs, picked up two. A pair of walks and a single left the bases loaded with one out.

Sikes bounced into a force scoring one run and Tim Sher-

rill singled home the second.

In the ninth, Mike Scarce fell victim to the only error of the game. The boot by shortstop Roger Smith, put a runner on and following a force out, pinch hitter Eddie McLanahan I in e d a home run over the rightfield fence.

Scarce recovered to strikeout Rick Shannon ending the game.

The win was the eighth in 12 decisions for Fuller, while Nichols suffered his third loss against 11 wins.

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