

Odds Overtake Colzie —But Not Seminoles

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The computer, that marvelous invention that persists on losing airline reservations and assorted other things, says, among other things, that starting pitchers last an average of five and one-third innings.

Florida State's Rick Colzie defied those odds yesterday and he shouldn't have, even though he got away with it in the end.

At that junction, the righthander had Georgia Southern eating out of his hands. He had given up only two hits, had retired 12 straight batters in one stretch and was coasting along with a 10-1 lead.

When it was all over, and Florida State had won 12-10, Colzie long had been departed in favor of not one but two relief pitchers.

He had hung around for another inning and a third, was rapped for seven more hits, walked four, (two with bases loaded) and uncorked two wild pitches (one with the bases loaded) while Southern scored eight runs.

Coach Stallings was set to use that same computer's theory on his pitching staff tonight, but the rain, instead, gave his overworked staff a reprieve.

The two-night doubleheader with Columbus College was cancelled at noon as the morning-long rain continued.

The Seminoles swing back into action tomorrow night when Valdosta visits for a single game before Miami invades for three games — two Wednesday and one Thursday to close out the current home stand.

Stallings had thought some on the computer's theory of starting a relief pitcher tonight, pulling him for a pinch-hitter and then coming on with his starter.

The Seminoles, playing 13 games in 10 days, passed the midpoint of that concentrated

schedule yesterday, lifting their record to 5-2 in the home stand and overall record to 36-15. Georgia Southern, which lost the three-game series here 2-1, left town with a 27-15 record.

Seminole bats, particularly the one belonging to John LiBrandi, played the key role yesterday as the Seminoles scored 10 times in the first four innings then hung on with the

long-ball hitting of Roger Smith and Gary Huff.

LiBrandi was not the whole show of the early fireworks, but he nearly was.

He rapped two doubles, a triple and a two-run homer in his first four trips to the plate to drive in half of the Seminoles' first 10 runs.

Herb Sikes' single, Huff's sacrifice fly, bases loaded walks to Colzie and Tim Sher-

rill and a bases loaded hit batsman produced the other five.

It wouldn't have been enough for victory except for Smith's sole homer, his second of the season, in the sixth and Huff's triple that scored Sherrill in the eighth.

"It's frustrating," said Coach Stallings, "a nine run lead. . .

"It was a routine game for

us, though," he assured with a shrug. "That's the way they all are this year. . ."

Colzie's downfall, however, was not all his doing. Both Southern rallies got started after two were out. A blop single got things going in the sixth and a pop fly that fell in short right launched the seventh inning parade.

By the same token, Colzie's stay was prolonged by a double play in the seventh and his first relief, Ed Frank, was

bailed out of danger in the eighth when Rick Snyder's throw from right cut down a runner at the plate to end the inning after two singles and a walk had put Southern in a position to challenge.

Southern did challenge again in the ninth, scoring a run on a walk and two singles before Randy Guemple got the final out on a force play with runners at first and third.

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GA. SOUTHERN

	ab	r	h		ab	r	h
Nichols 2b	4	2	1	Kirkland cf	6	0	1
Snyder rf	3	3	1	Perez 2b	5	2	1
LiBrandi cf	5	3	4	DeArmas 1b	5	1	2
Sikes 1b	3	1	1	Tomargo c	3	1	2
Gailey lf	3	1	1	Mangascla rf	2	2	1
Carroll lf	0	0	0	Ammann 3b	4	2	3
Sherrill c	3	1	1	Bigwood p	1	0	0
Huff 3b	4	0	1	Johnson p	0	0	0
Smith ss	4	1	1	DeMott p	0	0	0
Colzie p	1	0	0	Moening ph	1	1	0
Frank p	0	0	0	Rupich p	0	0	0
Guemple p	0	0		Lindgren ph	1	0	0
				Venet p	0	0	0
				Sapp ph	0	1	0
				Wilkes lf	4	0	2
				Daniel ss	4	0	1
Totals	30	12	11	Totals	36	10	13
Southern				100	004	401	— 10
Florida State				420	401	01X	— 12

E — LiBrandi 2. DP — FSU 1. LOB — Southern 11, FSU 8. 2b — LiBrandi 2. 3b — LiBrandi, Snyder, Huff. HR — LiBrandi (4), Smith (2). RBI — Daniel 2, Tomargo 1, Mangascla 1, Ammann 1, Wilkes 1, Moening 1, LiBrandi 5, Sikes 1, Gailey 1, Sherrill 1, Hugg 2, Smith 1, Colzie 1. SF — Tomargo, Huff.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bigwood (L, 4-1)	1 2-3	5	6	6	4	1
Johnson	1 1-3	2	4	4	1	1
DeMott	2	1	0	0	2	2
Rupich	1	1	1	1	0	0
Venet	2	2	1	1	0	1
Colzie (W, 3-3)	6 2-3	9	9	6	6	4
Frank	1 1-3	3	1	1	3	0
Guemple	1	0	0	0	1	1

HBP by Johnson (Sikes) (Gailey). WP — Colzie 2. PB — Sherrill. U — Martin, Hopkins. T — 2:20. A — 600.