

FSU gets four late runs to beat Georgia Southern

Florida State scratched out four runs on only four hits to come from behind and clip Georgia Southern 4-3 before a sparse crowd late Saturday afternoon at Seminole Field.

Eagle pitcher Randy Hodges limited the Seminoles to only one hit through the first seven innings, but the Seminoles finally got to him in the eighth to pull out their third win in four tries against former FSU coach Jack Stallings' club.

The Seminoles close their home season against the Eagles today at 1:30. Righthander Mike Bretz, a sophomore with a 7-3 record, will be on the mound. FSU, now 32-12, travel to Memphis this week for the Metro 7 tournament, where coach Woody Woodward hopes his team can impress the NCAA selection committee enough to earn a Regional playoff berth.

All three Georgia Southern runs came via the home run — Steve Rum, Randy Childress and Terry Mixon all connected on solo blasts off FSU starter Mike McLeod. Those three shots were the first homers off McLeod this season.

Rum hit his on the second pitch of the game, a long shot to deep center

field. Then in the sixth, Childress and Mixon hit back-to-back round-trippers with one out.

Hodges, meanwhile, was sailing along, giving up only a single to Terry Kennedy in the second inning. The Seminoles did manage two runs, however, scoring in the fifth and seventh innings without the benefit of a hit.

In the fifth, Bruce Huff walked.

moved to second on a wild pitch, went to third on Rick McGlone's infield ground-out, then scored on a sacrifice fly by Chip Bifano.

In the seventh, Bob Benda walked and went to second on a ground-out, then scored on a throwing error by Eagle third baseman Jimmy Matthews.

McLeod, who suffered control problems for the first time this season, got two quick outs in the Georgia Southern eighth before walking Mixon and running the count to 2-0 on Mark Strucher. Woodward went to the bullpen, calling on Jackie Smith, who came on and put out the fire.

In the FSU eighth, Mixon got two quick outs before running into trouble. Kennedy started the rally with a single, moved to second on a wild pitch, and scored on Mark Coulter's single.

Coulter then stole second and came home on David Mobley's single with the winning run.

Georgia Southern threatened only briefly in the ninth against Smith. Rum singled to start the inning, but was cut down trying to steal on a perfect throw from Kennedy to second baseman Bifano.

Florida State	ab	r	h	bi	Ga. Southern	ab	r	h	bi
Bifano 2b	2	0	0	1	Rum lf	4	1	2	1
Lezcano cf	3	0	0	0	Crego 2b	4	0	0	0
Hicks dh	4	0	0	0	Gardner	4	0	1	0
Kennedy rf-c	4	1	2	0	Hynko c	4	0	0	0
Coultter 1b	3	1	1	1	Matthews 3b	3	0	1	0
Mobley 3b	4	0	1	1	Childress rf	4	1	1	1
Benda ss	3	1	0	0	Mixon ss	3	1	1	1
Huff lf-rf	1	1	0	0	Strucher 1b	3	0	1	0
McGlone c	3	0	0	0	Wood dh	3	0	0	0
McArdle lf	0	0	0	0	Hodges p	0	0	0	0
McLeod p	0	0	0	0					
Smith p	0	0	0	0					
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E—Matthews, Lezcano, Benda. DP—FSU 1, Ga. Southern 1. LOB—Ga. Southern 9, FSU 6. HR—Rum (4), Childress (3), Mixon (2). SF—Bifano. SB—Gardner, Wood, Coultter 2, McArdle.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hodges (L, 11-4)	8	4	4	3	6	4
McLeod	7½	5	3	3	7	8
Smith (W, 3-2)	1½	1	0	0	0	2

WP—Hodges 3. T—2:37. A—855.