

Florida State beaten 4-3

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STATESBORO, Ga. — Florida State had to settle for a split in a two-game series with Georgia Southern, losing a 4-3 decision here Sunday.

FSU started strong Sunday, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning.

Mark Gilbert walked and Bob Benda reached base on an error by short-stop Terry Mixon. Craig Patterson drew another free pass and Gilbert scored on a wild pitch.

David Mobley then lofted a sacrifice fly to right to put the Seminoles up 2-0.

Georgia Southern came right back in the bottom of the inning with one run.

Florida State made it 3-1 in the top of the second on singles by Blane Mc-

Donald and Kevin Higby, a fielder's choice by Ken Schimchak, a wild pitch and a Bruce Huff grounder.

The game then settled into a pitchers' duel until the eighth inning when Georgia Southern came alive.

Chip Gray went down on strikes, but Mixon followed with a double. Carmelo Aguayo walked and Mark Strucher drove in Mixon with a single to left.

Strucher's drive got by Bruce Huff in left, allowing Aguayo to tie the score, but Stucher was gunned down trying to make it to third.

With two out and none on, Luis Mendez and Jorge Lezcano (brother of former FSU star Carlos) singled, and Mendez came in with the winning run when a shallow fly to left by Rick Faircloth dropped in for a single.

Georgia Southern is now 23-10 on the year. FSU comes home for a game today against Valdosta State at 7:30 at Seminole Field.

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	AB	R	H	BI		AB	R	H	BI
Gilbert cf	2	1	0	0	Rum lf	2	1	0	0
Benda ss	5	1	1	0	Matthews lf	1	0	0	0
Patterson 2b	3	0	2	0	Childress cf	3	0	1	0
Mobley 1b	3	0	0	1	Gray rf	3	0	0	0
Milner dh	4	0	1	0	Mixon ss	4	1	2	1
McDonald c	3	0	1	0	Aguayo c	3	1	0	0
Rigby 3b	4	1	1	0	Strucher 1b	4	0	1	1
Sc'chak rf	3	0	0	0	Mendez dh	4	1	2	0
Huff lf	3	0	0	1	Lezcano 3b	4	0	3	0
Riley p	0	0	0	0	Laurie 2b	2	0	1	0
Fischer p	0	0	0	0	Faircloth 2b	2	0	1	1
					Willis p	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	3	6	2	Totals	32	4	11	3

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E — Huff, Mixon. LOB — FSU 8, Ga.

Southern 9. DP — FSU 2, Ga. Southern 2. 2B

— Mixon, Mendez. SB — Patterson, Huff 2.

SF — Mobley.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Riley (L,5-3)	7 ² / ₃	11	4	4	5	5
Fisher	1 ¹ / ₃	0	0	0	0	0
Willis (W,6-1)	9	6	3	1	6	0
WP — Willis 2. U — Love, Johnson. A — 628.						