

# Riley, FSU blow past 'Canes, 9-2

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Ever since losing two agonizing heartbreakers at Miami a couple of weeks ago, the pervasive mood of the Florida State baseball team has been nothing but, "wait till we get these guys at home."

The wait is over. The Seminoles got the Hurricanes, all right, 9-2 Tuesday night at Seminole Field before a roaring throng of 3,542.

The teams meet again tonight at 7:30. Dick Wiggins (5-2) pitches for FSU against freshman lefthander Neal Heaton (4-0).

The players who talked all week about victory backed up the words with action. Pitcher Jim Riley, one of the more vocal prognosticators, hurled a complete game, scattering six hits and fanning seven.

Second baseman Craig Patterson crept over the .400 batting mark with three hits, and two big runs batted in while the game was still young.

And third baseman David Mobley, slump-ridden most of the season, hit his second homer in two days, a monstrous solo shot that landed on the intramural fields, far beyond the leftfield wall.

Miami, meanwhile, was doing little to play up to its rave notices, committing three errors and generally looking meek and lost away from its friendly home, Mark Light Stadium.

"We just got blown out," confirmed Miami Coach Ron Fraser, who saw a seven-game Miami mastery over FSU end. "Their pitcher did a good job, they swing the bat and they're very aggressive. We were out of the game by the second inning."

Indeed, by that time, the Seminoles had piled up a 6-0 lead, thanks to three-spots in each of the first two frames. Miami pitcher Randy Guerra absorbed that punishment, then gave up Mobley's moonshot in the third before being lifted.

"I haven't been pitching well all season," said Guerra, a senior lefthander from New Jersey. "Tonight, I got behind the hitters a lot, and I didn't get the breaks. And they hit the ball well. We got behind early and you can't do that on the road."

Part of the problem for the Hurricanes may have been the grass and dirt of Seminole Field. Miami's home has a carpet of tartan turf, which treats batted balls differently.

Fraser, however, said it wasn't the reason.

"We don't field that well on our own turf," he said. "We butcher the balls at home about the same as we did here."

The Hurricanes weren't exactly butchers, but they did commit three errors, and showed a lack of infield quickness which enabled the 'Noles to beat out about half a dozen hits.

While Fraser was explaining how a 38-6 team becomes a 38-7 team, FSU Dick Howser was quietly satisfied, not just with this game, but with the season-long performance of his squad.

"I like the way we're playing to our capability," he said. "When one guy doesn't get a hit, the guy behind him comes through. Teams are going to have to play very well to beat us. We've been consistent. We haven't beaten ourselves."

Howser also believed that the victory, which raised FSU's record to 30-8, put to rest some lingering doubts about the Seminoles' ability to handle lefthanded pitching.

"I was impressed with the way they hit the lefthander," he said. "Everyone says we're weak against the lefthander, but I haven't seen it. We've kicked around some pretty good lefthanded pitchers."

Riley, now 7-1, continued to show the form that has made him a very good righthanded pitcher. Staked to the early lead, he patiently fed the Hurricane batsmen a mixed diet of fastballs and breaking stuff, having trouble only with Guerra, who had three hits, and shortstop Pat Patterson, who opposite fielded two triples.

"There was no doubt in my mind we would win," said Riley, a 5-3 loser when the teams played at Miami. "I didn't think we'd win by seven, but I was very confident we'd beat them."

It was virtually over before it started.

ed. Ken Schimchak got the wheels turning in the bottom of the first by beating out a bunt. After Craig Patterson walked with one out, Guerra balked the runners to second and third. Then Mike Fuentes fought off a 1-2 pitch, and rammed it between short and third to score two runs.

Fuentes later scored when Miami catcher Ron Batter tried to throw out Jack Emerick, who was trying run the front end of a double steal.

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	AB	R	H	BI		AB	R	H	BI
Shapiro 2b	4	0	0	0	Schimchak rf	4	2	2	0
Batter c	3	0	0	0	DeLoach ss	4	1	1	1
Castro c	1	1	0	0	Patterson 2b	4	2	3	2
Brewer rf	3	0	0	0	Fuentes cf	5	2	2	2
Jones cf	0	0	0	0	Emerick dh	4	0	1	0
Guerra p-dh	3	0	3	1	Mobley 3b	4	1	2	2
Diaz pr	0	0	0	0	Milner 1b	3	0	0	0
Tyner lf-cf-rf	4	0	0	0	Ramsey c	3	1	0	0
Duarte 1b	3	0	0	0	Gagnon lf	0	0	0	0
Hu'hamer 3b	2	0	0	0	Traylor ph-lf	1	0	0	0
DeJesus 1b	2	0	0	0	Totals	32	9	11	7
Patterson ss	2	1	2	0					
Pazo ss	2	0	0	0					
Gullette cf	1	0	1	1					
Pag'ulo 3b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	31	2	6	2					

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E — Brewer, Batter, P.Patterson. LOB —

Miami 6, FSU 7. DP — Miami 1, FSU 2. 2B —

Fuentes. 3B — P.Patterson. HR — Mobley.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Guerra (L, 3-3)	2 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub>	6	7	6	5	4
Batter	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub>	3	2	1	0	2
Estrada	2	2	0	0	0	0
Riley (W, 7-1)	9	6	2	2	4	7

PB — Batter. Balk — Guerra. HBP —

Traylor (by Estrada). U — Raven, Rosa,

Batts. T — 2:35. A — 3,542.