

Valdosta, Seminoles tie 14-14

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VALDOSTA, Ga. — Valdosta State doesn't have a football team, so the Blazers did the next best thing Monday.

They got into a rousing slugfest with Florida State's baseball team, and by the time darkness had fallen on unlighted Blazers Field, the game was tied 14-14 after 11 innings.

Because the teams are not scheduled to play again, the game will not be made up or continued. It stands as a deadlock. That means that the Division II Blazers take the season series from the Seminoles, 2-1-1.

For the second straight outing, FSU starter Jim Riley had difficulty holding a lead, though this time the result was not defeat, as it was in the 10-9 loss at Jacksonville last week.

RILEY, ENTERING the contest with a 7-2 record and a 3.21 earned run average, was provided a 6-1 cushion after the top of the fourth.

Run-scoring singles by Craig Patterson and Mike Fuentes provided that.

Earlier, David Mobley walked with the bases loaded and Jeff Ledbetter knocked home a run with an infield out for a quick 2-0 lead in the first. It became 4-0 in the second when Patterson drove in Bruce Huff and Don DeLoach scored on a wild pitch.

Valdosta nicked Riley for a single tally in the third, but exploded for four in the fourth off the senior right-hander. Jim Harris' two-run homer cut the FSU lead to 6-5.

THE BLAZERS tied the game in the fifth when Sal Amadeo, a four-year man for the Georgians, hit a solo home run to make the score 6-6.

That was all the incentive the Seminoles needed to get cranked up again. In the sixth, Ledbetter's bases-loaded single brought home Patterson and Fuentes to break the tie. Then Huff hit a two-out single scoring Mobley and Ledbetter for a 10-6 FSU advantage.

The Seminoles made it 11-7 in the seventh, when Mobley hit a sacrifice fly, scoring Patterson.

But three straight Blazer singles in the bottom of the seventh sent Riley from the game. Ken Smith came in and got Frank Gonzalez to fly out.

But Andy Micchione walked for

one run, and Frank DeGennero singled for two more, to slice the FSU lead to 11-9.

VALDOSTA WENT AHEAD with five in the eighth, as FSU went to the bullpen, using Rick Hatcher, Ken Fischer and finally, Joe Nichols to try to hold the Blazers.

The Seminoles, however, pulled a comeback of their own in the top of the ninth.

DeLoach led off with a home run, and after Patterson walked, Fuentes belted his 13th homer of the season to tie the game 14-14. ♦

FSU had a golden opportunity to win in the 10th. With darkness closing, the 'Noles had two on and none

out. But Huff hit into a force and Patterson, 5-for-5 to this point, rapped into a double play.

Nichols, the last FSU pitcher, hurled the last 3½ innings, allowing no runs.

Tommy Wall, who had earlier shutout the Seminoles, pitched the final three innings for Valdosta, giving up no runs.

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	AB	R	H	BI		AB	R	H	BI
B.Huff lf-rl	6	3	1	2	Sanchez rf	6	2	4	0
DeLoach ss	4	3	1	1	Reynolds lf	7	1	2	1
Patterson 2b	6	4	5	2	Amadeo cf	6	3	3	2
Fuentes cf	5	2	2	3	Gonzalez 2b	5	2	2	0
Mobley 3b	4	1	1	2	Mic'hione 3b	5	2	3	2
Ledbetter dh	6	1	3	3	De'nero dh	5	1	1	2
K.Huff pr	0	0	0	0	Brown lb	5	1	2	3
Emerick ph	1	0	0	0	Harris c	5	2	3	4
Ramsey c	5	0	0	0	Shuman ss	5	0	0	0
Milner lb	3	0	1	0	Totals	49	14	20	14
Schimchak rf	4	0	0	0					
Gagnon lf	0	0	0	0					
Totals	44	14	14	13					

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E — Brown, Raffenberg, Shuman, LOB — FSU 13, VSC 10, DP — FSU 1, VSC 1, 2B — Patterson, Milner, Harris, Sanchez, 3B — Micacchione, HR — DeLoach (4), Fuentes (12), Amadeo, Harris, S — Ramsey, SF — Mobley, SB — Fuentes, Sanchez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Riley	6	12	9	9	1	1
Smith	12½	4	3	3	1	1
Hatcher	0	1	2	2	1	0
Fischer	0	0	0	0	1	0
Nichols	3/13	2	0	0	2	1
Raffenberg	5	7	8	5	8	1
Kelley	3	6	4	4	2	2
Wall	3	1	0	0	2	1

WP — Raffenberg 2, HBP — DeLoach (by Raffenberg), Milner (by Wall), T — 3:40, A — 150 (est.)