

FSU rally clips UM in ninth

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MIAMI — It was a familiar scene: Yastrzemski hitting a ninth-inning home run to win the game.

Only Sunday, the homer was by Mike Yastrzemski, a freshman right fielder for Florida State. His three-run blast gave the Seminoles a 9-8 victory over the University of Miami.

When the ball streaked over the left field fence at Mark Light Stadium, Mike's father Carl stood up from his right field bleacher seat, put his arms over his head and cheered. Excitement still vibrated in his voice a moment later.

"There's more pressure on me sitting here watching him play than if I was playing in the World Series or anyplace," said the Boston Red Sox star.

FSU had trailed 8-2 until the seventh inning, when poor Hurricane relief pitching frittered away the lead by walking in four runs. Yastrzemski singled and scored in the eighth, then powered a high fastball from Neal Heaton, who was on in relief after winning the first game of this series with a one-hitter Friday night.

Yastrzemski's blast came with one out in the top of the ninth and erased UM's 8-6 lead.

Miami dominated FSU for most of the game behind starting pitcher Jeff Morrison, who allowed two runs on six hits and a walk through six innings.

Two FSU errors and three-run third and fifth innings by the Hurricanes (9-2) gave them an 8-2 lead going into the top of the seventh. Shortstop Ross Jones' run-scoring single, a double and two runs scored by left fielder Tony Barquin and a two-run single by second baseman Paul Hundhammer led the Hurricane attack.

But in the top of the seventh, Fraser took out Morrison and put in freshman Danny Smith, later explaining that Morrison had a sore arm and an 8-2 lead was a good time to start testing relief pitchers.

"We're getting down to where we play every day," Fraser said. "We've got to rely on more than just three or four pitchers. We've got to find someone else to throw to help us, but they sure didn't help us today."

After getting the first two batters out, Smith loaded the bases with walks, then walked shortstop Don DeLoach to bring in a run. Smith was relieved by freshman George Reyes, who walked pinch hitter Dick Wiggins and brought in another run to make the score 8-4 before he retired the side.

In the eighth, Reyes walked relief pitcher John Gagnon, gave up a single to Yastrzemski and walked catcher Craig Ramsey to load the bases. Senior Gary Ross relieved him and walked first baseman Roy Alvarez and new shortstop George Tebbetts to bring in two more runs. Enter Heaton, who retired the side but gave up a walk to center fielder Mike Fuentes and a double to left fielder Jeff Ledbetter in the ninth before yielding the homer to Yastrzemski.

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Wolfer, Gagnon (5), Fischer (9) and Emerick, Ramsey (7); Morrison, Smith (7), Reyes (7), Ross (8), Heaton (8) and Castro. HR— Yastrzemski (2). WP — Gagnon (1-0). LP — Heaton (3-1).