FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL

Date 3/27/80 Site Tallahassee, FLA.
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Battery: E. Illinois - Westray, Ludberg (8) and Pulley. FLA. ST Smith, Gagnon (6), Parenteau (9), Smalley (9) and Emerick. 2B: E. Illinois - Detmer 3B: None
HR: E-Illmois - Saxe, Piznarski. FLA. ST Fuentes Leading Hitters: E. Illinois - Steppe 3-5/2RBI, Piznarski - 5/5 - 4rb. FLA. ST Fuentes 2-4/1RBI, Ledbetter 2-3/1RBI
W.P.: Gagnon (2-0) L.P.; Westray (1-1) Records: 19-5 Game Notes: FLA. ST. entered the eight inning trailing 8-7. In that inning, FLA. ST. scored three runs on no hits, but Five walks and one past ball. The win broke a two game FLA. ST. lossing streak. The Seminoles play the Yankees tomorrow in a special exhibition game.

Seminoles pull out 10-9 victory

By ROBERT MASHBURN

When the lights came on Thursday afternoon at Semi-

nole Field, it was lights out for Southern Illinois. The visiting Panthers, a hard-hitting Division II club,

led Florida State 8-4 as the Seminoles came to bat in the bottom of the sixth inning.

But when they turned on the stadium lights because of overcast skies, the visitors from Charleston, Ill., fell

Florida State scored six runs on only two hits over the

next three innings and pulled out a 10-9 victory

"Anytime you come from four runs back, you've got to be happy," Florida State coach Mike Martin said. "We took advantage of their mistakes, and that's what you've got to do to win sometimes.

The victory came practically gift-wrapped for the Seminoles, as Southern Illinois blew its big lead by allowing seven walks, a passed ball and an error in the final three innings.

Two runs scored in the sixth when Panther shortstop

Tom Detmer threw away a potential double-play ball, and Jeff Ledbetter's two-out single added another to pull Flor-ida State to within one, 8-7.

Then, with two out in the eighth, Southern Illinois'

pitching fell apart as the Seminoles drew five straight walks. Along with the passed ball, that put FSU up 10-8.

"The turning point was when they threw away that double-play ball," Martin said. "That gave us an opening, and we took advantage of it."

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Until that error, the Panthers pretty much had their way, blasting three home runs en route to their 8-4 lead. For the day, the visitors outhit Florida State 16-8.

That was one of the best teams we've played," Martin said. "They hit the ball better than Miami did."

Despite the Panthers' field day at the plate, Martin had praise for the performance of three Florida State relief pitchers.

John Gagnon was first out of the bullpen, relieving Ken Smith, and his first pitch was blasted over the left field wall by Tim Pizmarski for a grand slam.

Gagnon settled down after that, shutting out the Panthers until the ninth, when he walked the leadoff bat-

Keith Paranteau came on and retired the first two men he faced, but then allowed a run-scoring single that cut the Seminoles' lead to one.

Then David Smalley, after walking in the potential winning run, retired Marty Pully on a ground out to pick up his first save of the season.

"I was especially impressed with Smalley," Martin said. "He showed a lot of poise for a freshman, coming in under pressure like that."

The victory gave Florida State a 19-5 record, while Eastern Illinois dropped to 5-3.

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