

FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL

Date Saturday 4/26/80 Site Tallahassee, Fla.

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Florida STATE 003 010 000 001 - 5 11 0

Battery: FSU: Smalley, Gagnon (4), Smith (5) and Ramsey;
USF: Putnam, Collins (9) and Concoran.

2B: _____

3B: FSU: Weaver, Cullen

HR: USF: Gilbert; FSU: Fuentes

Leading Hitters: FSU: Ed Howsen 3-3, 1 RBI; Rick Figueroa 2-2;
USF: Vince Ferrito 3-4, 1 RBI

W.P.: Ken Smith (4-0) L.P.: Joe Collins (2-6)

Records: FSU (38-5), 20 straight; USF (15-29)

Game Notes: Winning Run scored in 12th inning on two out single
by Eddie Howsen; winning Run scored by Mike Cullen, who tripled
with two out.

FSU now has 20 straight wins - 1 short of school record;
Seminoles go for tie of record and new mark in Tuesday
double header at Troy (Ala.) State.

FSU Sweeps double header, 17-0 and 5-4

Smith in relief throw eight (8) innings giving up 4 hits,
0 runs, walking three and striking out six.

Unlikely heroes keep Seminole streak alive

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Three hours and 40 minutes after it began Saturday night, the baseball game between Florida State and South Florida ended Sunday morning.

Two unlikely heroes, plus a dazzling, iron-man pitching performance, provided the Seminoles a 5-4 victory in 12 innings. The game was set for seven.

It was the second game of a doubleheader — FSU won the first, 17-0 — that began at 6 p.m. The schedule originally called for two nine-inning games at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., but heavy afternoon rains forced the switch.

The second-game victory came about when little-used Eddie Howser singled home Mike Cullen, an infrequent starter, with two out, keeping alive Florida State's streak of consecutive wins. The Seminoles have won 20 straight. The school record is 21.

Now 38-5 in this hugely and surprisingly successful season, FSU will attempt to break the mark Tuesday afternoon in a doubleheader at Troy (Ala.) State.

If Howser and Cullen (who had tripled in the 12th), were the instant heroes, the consistent performance of pitcher Ken Smith might be more enduring. Coming in to pitch with two on and none out in the fifth, Smith

retired the side without a run scoring. He pitched seven more innings, allowing just four hits and no runs.

Twice the Brahmans threatened. In the top of the 10th, Vince Ferlita singled and stole second with two out. But Smith fanned Randy Gilbert, who earlier had hit a two-run homer off FSU starter David Smalley.

Then in the 11th, with one out, Scott Clement hit a smash off the wall in right-center field. Mike Fuentes played the carom perfectly and held Clement to a 360-foot single. The next hitter, John Cook, walked. But Tom Hiltner flied out and Tim Corcoran hit into a force play to end the inning.

The Seminoles, meanwhile, were also getting their chances. Jeff Ledbetter was on second with one out in the 10th when Ken Huff hit a crackling line drive to center. It was right at Gary Proodian. Ledbetter nevertheless was running, and was an easy out scrambling back to second.

In the next inning FSU put runners on second and third with one out. Fuentes and Jim Weaver, the two .400 hitters on the team, were coming up. Time to pack the bats up, right? Wrong. Against a drawn-in infield, Fuentes grounded to shortstop Gilbert, who threw Howser out at the plate. Then Weaver grounded to first.

With a chill dampness settling in,

and a large portion of the crowd of 869 still waiting for an outcome, FSU finally ended the marathon in the 12th.

The USF pitcher was Joe Collins, who had brought a 2-6 record and 8.23 earned run average into the game in the ninth, relieving starter Jon Putnam.

Collins, pitching effectively, retired the first two hitters in the 12th.

Then Cullen stepped in. He was starting two straight games, a rarity. The lefthanded swinger had been splitting the right field duties with Mike Yastrzemski and Huff, both

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switch-hitters. Cullen wasn't happy about it. Before the doubleheader, he was batting .340.

In the first game, Cullen went 3-for-3. He was 0-for-5 in the second. But in his sixth time up, Cullen lashed a Collins pitch into deep centerfield and pulled into third.

The next hitter, Yastrzemski, who had replaced Huff as the designated hitter, was intentionally walked. He waltzed to second as Collins concentrated on Howser, who had singled and walked since coming in at third base after Rick Figueroa was lifted for a pinch hitter in the ninth.

Howser had been up just 13 times, with six hits, going into the game. Most of his plate appearances were at the end of convincing Seminole victories.

This time, though, the outcome was in serious doubt. Howser ended the doubt, ripping a shot between shortstop and third base that scored Cullen with the winner at 12:10 a.m.

The Brahmans shook off their first game defeat, in which FSU pitcher Dick Wiggins tossed a five-hitter, and

took a 2-0 lead three innings into the second game.

The Seminoles came back in the bottom of the third with three when Weaver tripled, scoring two runs, and made it home when the relay throw from leftfielder Ferlita got away from Gilbert.

Gilbert homered in the fourth, just his second of the season, for a 4-3 USF lead. After Smalley issued his sixth walk, John Gagnon came in to pitch. He walked Clement, but retired the side without further damage.

Gagnon opened the fifth with two walks, and FSU Coach Mike Martin summoned Smith from the bullpen to quell the threat.

In the first game, Seminoles' shortstop Don DeLoach aggravated a hamstring injury trying to leg out a hit in the sixth inning.

DeLoach didn't start the second game, but he did pinch-hit, popping out for Figueroa in the ninth.

George Tebbetts played errorless shortstop in DeLoach's place.

DeLoach, a solid defensive player

and a .379 hitter, is not expected to miss further action.

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	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Perna rf	4	0	0	1	Martinez 2b	4	0	1	0
Clement dh	5	0	1	0	Tebbetts ss	4	1	0	0
Cook 3b	3	1	0	0	Fuentes cf	5	1	2	1
Hiltner 2b	6	0	1	0	Weaver lf	6	1	1	2
Corcoran c	6	0	0	0	Ledbetter 1b	4	0	2	0
Ferlita lf	4	1	3	1	Ramsey c	4	0	0	0
Roberts 1b	4	0	0	0	Cullen rf	6	1	1	0
Proodian cf	5	1	1	0	Huff dh	2	0	0	0
Gilbert ss	4	1	1	2	Ystzski ph-dh	2	0	0	0
					Figueroa 3b	2	1	2	0
					DeLoach ph	1	0	0	0
					Howser 3b	2	0	2	1
Totals	41	4	7	4	Totals	42	5	11	5
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Two out when winning run scored.

E — Ferlita, Gilbert, Collins 2. DP — South Florida 1, Florida State 1. LOB — South Florida 11, Florida State 12. 3B — Weaver, Cullen. HR — Gilbert (2), Fuentes (10). SB — Ferlita 2, Martinez, Fuentes. S — Ramsey, Martinez, Tebbetts.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
South Florida						
Putnam	8	8	4	4	5	3
Collins (L, 2-7)	3½	3	1	1	1	2
Florida State						
Smalley	3	3	4	4	6	4
Gagnon	1	0	0	0	3	0
Smith (W, 4-0)	8	4	0	0	2	6

HBP — Perna (by Smalley), Ramsey (by Putnam). WP — Putnam. U — Rosa, Stupski, Anderson. T — 3:40. A — 869.