

Mercer slips by Seminoles in 10 innings

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MACON, Ga. — Fred Millerd drove in the winning run with a two-out single in the 10th inning Wednesday, giving Mercer-Macon a 4-3 victory over Florida State.

The loss dropped the Seminoles to 8-7. Mercer is 10-2.

The Bears' winning rally started when Florida State reliever Rick Hatcher walked Lawrence Walters to start the 10th inning. When Mike Montgomery bunted, Hatcher threw wide to second base and both runners were safe.

After Jeff Thompson flied to left and Wayne Ryle grounded into a force at third, Millerd lined a single over shortstop to drive in the winning run.

Florida State had tied the score 3-3 in the sixth inning when Mike Fuentes belted a two-out, three-run homer over the right-center field fence. It was Fuentes' seventh home run of the season.

Mercer took a 2-0 lead in the first inning. Thompson doubled, Ryle singled and Millerd walked to load the bases. Tim Smith grounded to first to score one run and Jack Pool grounded to short as the second run crossed.

The Bears made it 3-0 in the fourth on a solo home run by Pool.

Florida State was held to four hits by Mercer's Dan Fitzsimmons. He went the distance, striking out five and walking five, to improve his record to 4-0.

He allowed the Seminoles just one hit in the final four innings, a two-out

single in the ninth by Joe Licata.

Florida State next travels to Gainesville for single games Friday (7 p.m.) and Saturday (1:30 p.m.). Clem Freeman (1-0) will start Friday's game; Ed Schneider (2-1) is scheduled to start Saturday's game.

Sunday, the Seminoles return home for games against Wingate College at 2 p.m. and Louisville at 7:30. That split doubleheader will begin a 14-game homestand for the Seminoles.

FLORIDA STATE					MERCER				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Martinez 2b	5	0	0	0	Thompson ss	5	1	1	0
DeLoach ss	3	1	0	0	Ryle 2b	5	1	1	0
Fuentes cf	4	1	2	3	Millerd cf	3	0	1	1
Ledbetter 1b	2	0	0	0	Smith rf	4	0	0	1
Cullen dh	0	0	0	0	Pool dh	4	1	1	2
Hatcher p	1	0	0	0	Jedneski 1b	4	0	0	0
Licata lf	4	0	1	0	Shouse 3b	4	0	1	0
Ystrzmski rf	4	0	0	0	Walter c	3	0	1	0
C'thon dh-1b	3	0	0	0	Mntgmry lf	2	1	0	0
Ramsey c	2	0	0	0					
Figueredo 3b	4	1	1	0					
Totals	323	4	3		Totals	344	6	4	

Florida State	000	003	000	0-3
Mercer	200	100	000	1-4

Two out when winning run scored.

E — Figueredo 2, Hatcher. DP — Florida State, Mercer. LOB — Florida State 4, Mercer 6. 2B — Thompson. HR — Fuentes (7), Pool. S — Montgomery. SB — Montgomery.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida State						
Fischer	5	5	3	3	2	2
Phillips	2 1/3	0	0	0	1	2
Shoupe	1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Hatcher (L, 1-2)	2	1	1	0	1	1
Mercer						
Fitz'smons (W, 4-0)	10	4	3	3	5	5

WP — Phillips. T — 2:36. A — 400.