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FSU trims Florida

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GAINESVILLE — Chris Cawthon belted a two-run double, Mike Fuentes hit a solo home run and pitcher Clem Freeman yielded just five hits Friday night as the Florida State Seminoles held on to defeat the University of Florida 3-1.

Freeman, a junior left-hander, improved his record to 2-0 with an almost sterling performance. Freeman gave up just three hits in the first eight innings before being relieved with one out in the ninth after allowing two hits and a walk.

The victory improved Florida State's record to 9-7. Florida dropped to 8-6

The teams conclude their twogame series today at 1:30 p.m. Both teams will pitch left-handers, FSU going with Ed Schneider (2-1) and Florida countering with Larry Mikesell (2-1).

The Seminoles had lost five of their last six games, but it was a different PSU team that showed up Friday night at Perry Field.

After siix scoreless innings, Florida State struck for two runs in the top of the seventh. After retiring 10 straight Seminoles and with one out, Florida starter and loser Randy O'Neil yielded back-to-back singles to Joe Licata and Mike Yastrzemski. Cawthon followed with a double to left-center to score Licata and Yas-

trzemski and give FSU a 2-0 lead.

The Seminoles added a run in the top of the ninth when Fuentes ripped a homer to right-center. It was Fuentes' eighth home run of the season, tops on the team.

Freeman, who entered the game with a 6.50 earned run average, pitched himself into a jam in the bottom of the ninth, spoiling his chance to register the Seminoles' second complete game of the season.

After getting leadoff hitter Mike Henley to ground out, Freeman gave up a single to David Falcone and a walk to Steve Lombordozzi. Dennis Foster followed with a towering shot to left field that seemed playable by Licata. But, having a difficult time keeping his eye on the ball while running up the steep ledge that lines left field, Licata couldn't get his glove on the ball. Falcone scored on the long single and Lombordozzi moved to second.

Rick Hatcher, making his 10th appearance of the year, relieved Freeman. Hatcher gave up a hard line drive that was stabbed by Yastrzemski in right for the second out, but then walked pinch hitter Jim Yonker

on four pitches to load the bases.

With the partisan crowd of 1,333 on its feet, Hatcher worked a two-ball and two-strike count before Craig McGraw lined a hard shot back at the box that was gloved by Hatcher for the final out.

"That's just a typical Florida-Florida State game," said Florida State coach Mike Martin. "Whenever these two teams get together, this is the kind of baseball you can expect.

"Rick Hatcher did an excellent job coming out of the bullpen for us. We got a real gutsy performance from our pitchers tonight."

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