

S.C. deals Seminoles 8-5 defeat

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It was not, as Mike Martin pointed out, a classic college baseball game.

Managing only seven scattered hits and committing six of the game's 11 errors, Florida State dropped an 8-5 decision to South Carolina Saturday night at Seminole Field.

With the third-largest crowd of the season (1,227) watching on a cold, windless night, South Carolina struck for four second-inning runs and was never threatened as it boosted its record to 13-4.

FSU, which had a 10-game winning streak snapped, fell to 19-9.

The two teams meet again today at 2 p.m.

"It was just one of those games that we didn't deserve to win," said Martin, FSU's coach. "We played poorly."

"They gave us runs in the first and fourth to make it as close as it was. Until (Jeff) Ledbetter's homer in the seventh, all we had was a pair of gifts."

Indeed. With South Carolina left-hander Brett Baynham (4-0) matching his longest outing of the year by pitching seven innings, FSU smacked two hits in only one inning, the eighth. Stranding 12 runners, FSU scored only three earned runs, two of those coming on Ledbetter's 11th home run of the season with one aboard in the seventh.

South Carolina pounded 12 hits, and there wasn't a tweener among them. In their big second inning, the Gamecocks put together four hits and a walk, picking up two of their runs on designated hitter Chris Boyle's fourth home run of the year. The Gamecocks added a pair of runs the next

inning, on three singles, and runs in the fourth and sixth innings.

Though the Gamecocks committed five errors, Baynham and Bobby Kish managed to shut the door on Seminole batters.

"My arm felt good. I was pleased with my control for the most part," said Baynham, a senior from Miami who originally attended South Carolina on a football scholarship. "We didn't try to pitch around anybody, but we did try to go after them."

"I just wanted to keep the ball down. You get it up in this park and it's gone."

Discounting Ledbetter's blow,

which was his only hit in four trips, Baynham and Kish did a fine job. The heart of FSU's batting order, Don DeLoach, Mike Fuentes, Mark Lacy and Joe Licata, combined for only one hit in 17 at-bats, that a third-inning single by DeLoach.

FSU seemed on the verge of a rally in the eighth. Catcher Craig Ramsey led off with a single and went to second on a wild pitch, bringing on Kish in relief of Baynham. After third baseman Rick Figueredo's line shot to left was speared by a diving Joe McCarthy, Lionel Martinez singled between third and short, sending Ramsey to third. A wild pitch by Kish scored Ramsey and, after DeLoach

grounded out, Fuentes walked to put runners on first and third.

Lacy then grounded out to third to snuff FSU's last chance. Kish permitted a one-out walk in the ninth before retiring Mike Yastrzemski and pinch-hitter Ken Huff on grounders.

Jeff Gray, the first of three FSU pitchers, suffered the loss and dropped to 3-1. He gave up six runs (two unearned) over the first 2½ innings. His relief, Tim Phillips, was touched for the final three runs. David Smalley came on to pitch hitless ball over the final 2½ innings.

"David pitched well," said Martin. "That was a bright spot."

But it was just about the only one.

SOUTH CAROLINA					FLORIDA STATE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Vollmer cf	4	2	2	1	Martinez 2b	3	0	1	0
Williams 2b	4	1	2	2	DeLoach ss	5	0	1	0
Croway ss	5	0	1	0	Fuentes cf	4	1	0	0
Curl 1b	5	1	2	1	Lacy dh	3	1	1	1
Hollins rf	5	0	0	0	Licata lf	5	0	0	0
Lowery c	5	2	3	0	Ledbetter 1b	4	1	1	2
Boyle dh	5	1	1	2	Ystrzmski rf	5	0	1	0
Sullivan 3b	4	0	1	1	Ramsey c	2	2	1	0
McCarthy lf	2	1	0	0	Huff ph	1	0	0	0
					Figueroa 3b	3	0	1	0
Totals	39	8	12	7	Totals	35	5	7	3

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 Florida State 100 100 210 — 5

E — Carroway 2, Curl, Lowery, Sullivan, Ramsey, Ledbetter 2, DeLoach 2, Smalley.
 DP — South Carolina 2, Florida State 2. LOB — South Carolina 7, Florida State 12. 2B — Curl. HR — Boyle (3), Ledbetter (11). SB — Vollmer, Sullivan, McCarthy.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
South Carolina						
Baynham (W, 4-0)	7	6	5	3	6	4
Kish	2	1	0	0	2	1
Florida State						
Gray (L, 3-1)	2½	7	6	4	2	1
Phillips	3	5	2	1	1	2
Smalley	3½	0	0	0	1	1

WP — Bonham, Kish. HBP — by Baynham (Ramsey). Balk — Phillips. T — 3:41. A — 1,227.