

FSU slips by South Florida

Special to the Democrat

TAMPA — Eric Deddens drove in Frank Fazzini with a seventh inning RBI single, and Jeff Gray pitched 6½ innings of solid ball to lead Florida State to a 4-3 win over South Florida Friday night.

FSU jumped to a 2-0 lead in the game. Jody Reed opened the game with a double and scored on an error by shortstop Tony Alfonso two outs later. Fazzini upped the lead in the fifth with his third home run of the season to the leftfield power alley.

But an error almost came back to haunt the Seminoles again. George Horrnik and Todd Waggoner opened the Bull fifth with back-to-back singles. Gray got Ken Eriksen to bounce into a double play and appeared to be out of the inning when the next batter, Scott Hemond, bounced weakly to third. But third baseman Greg Dennis' throw sailed wide of first allowing Horrnik to score and the next batter, Tim Carr, delivered a two-run homer to deep left to make it 3-2.

FSU rallied in the seventh for the win. Luis Alicea walked and Fazzini singled him to third. A wild pitch brought Alicea home and a walk and hit batsman loaded the bases for Florida State.

Deddens greeted relief pitcher Rob Nickels with a single to right to score Fazzini. FSU had a chance to blow the game wide open, but relief pitcher Glenn Walters came in with the bases full and struck out Paul Sorrento and Jeff Ledbetter back-to-back and then forced catcher Vince Insogna to bounce out to third to end the threat.

South Florida put the tying run on second with one out in the ninth after Waggoner reached on catcher's interference and went to second on Eriksen's bunt.

Relief pitcher Doug Treadway struck out Hemond and then got Carr on a groundout to first to end the game.

The series continues today with Doug Little (0-1) facing Waggoner (1-0) at 1 p.m.

FLORIDA STATE						SOUTH FLORIDA					
	ab	r	h	bi			ab	r	h	bi	
Reed, ss	5	1	2	0		Carr, 2b	5	1	2	2	
Alicea, 2b	4	1	0	0		Alfonso, ss	3	0	1	0	
Fazzini, lf	5	2	3	1		Mainini, cf	4	0	0	0	
Marzan, dh	3	0	1	0		Jackson, 3b	4	0	0	0	
Calandra, cf	3	0	0	0		Kriebel, lf	3	0	1	0	
Dennis, 3b	3	0	0	0		Hornnik, 1b	4	1	1	0	
Sorrento, rf	3	0	0	0		Waggoner, dh	3	0	1	0	
Ledbetter, 1b	5	0	2	0		Eriksen, rf	3	0	1	0	
Insogna, 2b	4	0	0	0		S. Hemond, c	4	1	0	0	
Jones, ph	0	0	0	0		Lafita, pr	0	0	0	0	
Mitchell, pr	0	0	0	0							
Gentry, lf	0	0	0	0							
Deddens, 3b	2	0	1	1							
Totals	37	4	9	2		Totals	33	3	7	2	

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South Florida	000	030	000	—	3	7	2

E—Alfonso 2, Dennis, Insogna. DP—Florida State 1, South Florida 1. LOB—Florida State 13, South Florida 7. 2B—Reed. HR—Carr, Fazzini (3). SB—Eriksen.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
FLORIDA STATE						
Gray	6.2	7	3	0	6	8
Treadway	2.1	0	0	0	1	2
SOUTH FLORIDA						
Crosley	5	6	2	1	2	3
Comellas	1	1	2	2	3	1
Nickel	0	1	0	0	0	0
Walters	2	2	0	0	0	3
Pyles	1	0	0	0	1	0

WP—Comellas. PB—Hemond. HBP—Jones (by Nickel), Kriebel (by Gray). BK—Sheary, T—2:58. A—140.