

Seminoles eliminated by Pirates

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The Florida State Seminoles are finally down, over and out.

Trying to survive in of the NCAA South I Regionals loser's bracket the way they had in the Metro Tournament was not possible this time.

FSU was pushed over the brink by sixth-seeded East Carolina 7-4, thanks to its brutish-looking pitcher-hitter-wrecking crew Winfred Johnson.

Johnson, a 5-10, 230-pound junior, went the distance and slugged a grand-slam home run in the third inning to provide his own winning margin.

FSU led 2-1 after it batted in the top of the second on Frank Fazzini's 29th homer of the season off the foul pole in right field and a run-scoring single by Greg Dennis.

East Carolina scored one in the second to tie it at 2. Then after two men reached base on Seminole errors in the third to help the Pirates load the bases, Johnson hit his grand slam off of a hanging breaking pitch from FSU starter Mike Loynd.

The Pirates, easily the surprise team of the tournament, will play at 8 tonight against the winner of the Stetson-Miami game at noon. South Alabama will play the loser of the Stetson-Miami game at 4.

The Seminoles, who were forced into the loser's bracket by Stetson Thursday night, end their season with a 55-29 record.

The Seminoles had gotten into such dire straits by losing to the Stetson Hatters 10-7, natives of ever-popular Deland. The most dis-

treasing aspect of the loss from the FSU view was that the Seminoles blew an early 3-0 lead and allowed 9 earned runs with their top two pitchers on the mound, Doug Little and Jeff Gray.

The Seminoles took a 3-0 lead in the second inning with the help of an error, a walk and a 2-run double by Greg Dennis. In the meantime, the Hatters were held hitless by Little for the first four innings. Stetson looked so unimpressive that many observers were chuckling over its 45-11 record while glancing at its schedule.

But the Hatters broke loose with two runs in the fifth, two in the sixth and four in the seventh. When the Seminoles answered back with three runs to cut the lead to 8-7 in the bottom of the seventh, the Hatters scored two more in the eighth.

And that was that for FSU. Left-handed reliever Jeff Henderson was simply overpowering, striking out 7 and allowing only 1 hit over the final 3 innings.

The game, which began at 10:40 p.m. due to an afternoon rainstorm that mucked up the schedule, ended at 1:55 a.m. with the Seminoles in the loser's bracket.

They never returned.

		FLORIDA STATE				
		ab r h bi				
E CAROLINA	Hardison, ss	4	2	1	0	
	Wells, 3b	4	2	2	0	
	Evans, 1b	4	1	0	1	
	Johnson, dh	4	1	1	4	
	Brdbry, cf	4	1	1	2	
	Williams, rf	4	0	0	0	
	Sides, 2b	3	0	0	0	
	Shank, lf	3	0	1	0	
	Riley, c	3	0	1	0	
	Totals	33	7	7	7	
		FLORIDA STATE				
		ab r h bi				
		Reed, ss	5	0	0	0
		Alicea, 2b	4	1	1	0
		Sorrento, rf	4	0	1	2
		Fazzini, lf	4	1	1	1
		Jones, 1b	4	0	1	0
		Calandra, dh	2	1	0	0
		Mangham, cf	4	0	0	0
		Dennis, 3b	3	0	1	1
		Insogna, c	3	1	3	0
		Kosco, ph	1	0	0	0
		Deddens, ph	1	0	0	0
		Mitchell, pr	0	0	0	0
		Totals	35	4	8	4

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E. Carolina 114 010 00x — 7 7 2
E—Reed, Dennis, Jones, Bradberry, Sides. DP—Florida State 1, East Carolina 1. LOB—Florida State 6, E. Carolina 2. 2B—Riley, Wells, Sorrento. HR—Fazzini (29), Bradberry (5), Johnson (17). SB—Hardison.

		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
FLORIDA STATE							
Loynd L (12-3)	2	1	3	4	6	2	0 2
Treadway,	5	2	3	3	1	0	0 4
E. CAROLINA							
Johnson W (10-3)	9		8	4	4	1	4

HBP—Calandra (by Johnson). T—2:20. A—3,171.