

# FSU downs Miami 5-2

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MIAMI — Setting aside a recent history of baseball tragedies here, the Florida State Seminoles knocked off the Miami Hurricanes 5-2 on Friday night.

The Seminoles, 12-0, took a major step toward proving that their No. 2 ranking in the ESPN-Collegiate Baseball poll is deserved. Miami, 10-5, is ranked No. 3 in the same poll.

Winning this game, the first of a three-game set that continues tonight, gives FSU a chance to win a series here for the first time since 1976. For the past eight years, the Seminoles have gone 3-17-1 in Mark

Light Stadium.

A crowd of 5,281 turned out, many of them to see FSU gets its usual Miami comeuppance. But by the time this game was over, it was the Seminole fans who were lingering and singing the FSU Fight Song.

"I don't know how to act," said FSU Coach Mike Martin. "I've never won on a Friday night down here before."

The victory was not splashy but sound, like the pitching of junior right-hander Doug Little, who raised his record to 4-0. It was built by holding together after a terrible start, with the clutch bat of Luis Alicea and some sparkling infield defense.

Besides stroking the game-winning hit, Alicea was in the middle of double plays that helped Little in the

fourth and seventh. He also played the artificial turf like an old pro, especially when charging short hops to record assists on the first and last outs of the sixth inning.

"Everybody was talking about how we were 11-0 but we weren't playing any good teams," said FSU third baseman Jose Marzan, who contributed a big RBI double to extend his hitting streak to 12 games. "Beating the No. 3 team is a good thing to do."

The first inning was typical of FSU visits here as reflected in the team's 3-17-1 record here over the past eight years. The Seminoles went quietly in the first, but, with some help from FSU, Miami did not.

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Leadoff hitter Don Rowland reached on an infield single. He moved to second on a passed ball by freshman catcher Ed Fulton and to third on a fly out to center. He scored the game's first run when first baseman Jimmy Jones threw wildly to the plate after fielding a ground ball.

The only thing the throw was near was Miami's Maniac mascot, who went sprawling as the runner advanced to second base. Little, in the face of what looked like another Seminole collapse at the Light, deserves the credit along with his infield for pulling tight the rest of the game.

With the help, Little, 4-0, settled into the groove that has marked his season so far, thereby buying his hitters some time. The offensive burst came in the fifth inning with Miami leading 1-0.

A walk to Vince Calandra, a single by Bien Figueroa and another

walk to Eric Mangham loaded the bases with two outs to set the table.

In stepped Alicea, the flashy second baseman. He fell behind in the count 0-2 to Miami starter Alain Patendaude. He battled back to 2-2 and fouled off two pitches. Then he took an outside fastball to the opposite field and off the left-field wall to clear the bases. Jose Marzan then brought him home with another double to left.

FSU scored an insurance run in the eighth when Frank Fazzini singled, stole second and scored on a single by Paul Sorrento.

Little weakened in the eighth, allowing one run. But he worked out of a two-on, one-out jam with the tying run at the plate.

Former Miami pitcher Kevin Smith took over in the ninth after Little went to a 3-0 count on the leadoff batter. He struck out two of the last three Miami hitters to end it.

"Give credit to the guys," said Little. "Luis was great with both the bat and the glove."

And what of the idea that win-

ning two of three here — or gosh, even a sweep — here would likely push FSU to No. 1?

"I'm not making any predictions," he said. "We've got a great team. But No. 1? We want to end up there."

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|               | ab | r | h | bi |             | ab | r | h | bi |
| Alicea,2b     | 4  | 1 | 1 | 3  | Rowland,2b  | 4  | 1 | 1 | 0  |
| Marzan,3b     | 4  | 0 | 1 | 1  | James,rf    | 4  | 0 | 3 | 1  |
| Fazzini,lf    | 3  | 1 | 2 | 0  | Leake,3b    | 4  | 0 | 1 | 1  |
| Jones,lb      | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0  | Domingz,dh  | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Sorrento,rf   | 3  | 0 | 2 | 1  | Fiore,lf    | 4  | 0 | 1 | 0  |
| Calandra,dh   | 3  | 1 | 1 | 0  | Hart,lb     | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Figueroa,ss   | 4  | 1 | 1 | 0  | Folis,c     | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Fulton,c      | 3  | 0 | 1 | 0  | Nelson,ss   | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Mangham,cf    | 3  | 1 | 0 | 0  | Richardl,cf | 3  | 1 | 1 | 0  |
| Kosco,ph      | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | DeBoid,ss   | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  |
| Totals        | 32 | 5 | 9 | 5  | Totals      | 33 | 2 | 7 | 2  |

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E—Jones, Nelson. DP—FSU 2, Miami 2. LOB—FSU 4, Miami 4. 2B—James 2, Alicea, Marzan, Richardl. SB—Fazzini.

|                      | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|----------------------|----|---|---|----|----|----|
| <b>Florida State</b> |    |   |   |    |    |    |
| Little, W(4-0)       | 8  | 7 | 2 | 2  | 2  | 3  |
| Smith, S(2)          | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 2  |
| <b>Miami</b>         |    |   |   |    |    |    |
| Patenaude, L(3-1)    | 7  | 6 | 4 | 4  | 4  | 3  |
| Ryan                 | 2  | 3 | 1 | 1  | 0  | 2  |

PB—Fulton. T—2:40. A—5,281.