

# FSU loses one that will be hard to forget

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MIAMI — You could call this a tough loss for Florida State and you wouldn't even be in the ballpark.

Blowing a 5-1 lead in the bottom of the ninth inning, the Seminoles were beaten 6-5 by the Miami Hurricanes in 10 innings Sunday. With the defeat, the Seminoles lost a chance to win a series in Mark Light Stadium for the first time since 1976.

FSU, 12-2, won 5-2 and was blown out 15-4 in the first two games of the three-game set. With Sunday's loss, a superb pitching performance by freshman Richie Lewis was wasted.

"It was the toughest loss I've ever had at Florida State," said sixth-year head coach Mike Martin.

"It was a tough loss. If we'd won two out of three here, we would have been the

No. 1 team in the country," said FSU's Frank Fazzini.

Instead, the Seminoles left this sunny city with their chins dragging the pavement. They had played superb defense for eight innings and pitched and run the bases well.

They scored one run in the first on an RBI single by Paul Sorrento for a 1-0 lead. Miami tied it in the second with a single and three wild pitches by Lewis.

Lewis, ever-confident even in his first college start, allowed a bloop single in the third inning. He did not yield another hit until the ninth — thanks in part to his teammates' sparkling defense.

Fazzini made a spectacular lunging catch in left to rob Miami of a first-inning run. Second baseman Luis Alicea turned a hot smash into a fourth-inning double play. Shortstop Bien Figueroa ranged far into the hole to end the Miami fifth.

Lewis kept getting stronger. He was staked to a 4-1 lead in the sixth when a Miami error opened the gates. Jimmy Jones' sacrifice fly, Vince Calandra's two-out bunt single and another hit by catcher Ed Fulton brought in the runs to knock out Miami starter Steffen Majer.

The score went to 5-1 in the seventh when Alicea singled, stole second, moved up on an infield out and scored on a wild pitch.

Lewis, distraught like his teammates after the game, didn't want to talk. "He's in the rotation," said Martin. "He's cool. He's a winner."

But he had thrown 115 pitches going into the ninth, when he started missing the strike zone. The noisy crowd of 3,657 may have had something to do with his wildness, too.

He walked Mike Fiore to lead off the ninth. The crowd got noisier. One out later,

Jon Leake fought off a tough pitch to right field for a single. Fiore, on second because of a passed ball, stopped at third, but scored when Sorrento threw past second base, to make it 5-2. Leake advanced to second.

The crowd, sniffing a Seminole collapse, got noisier.

"The walks, of course, were the keys," Martin said. "We talked all series about making Miami beat us with the bats. We didn't do that today."

When Lewis went 2-0 on the next batter, Martin pulled him. In stride senior Kevin Smith, a former Hurricane player who had been strong in earning a save Friday night, he wasn't strong this time.

Instead, Smith was wild. He completed the walk to Chris Magno, and freshman Chris Dominguez followed with a soft single to right to load the bases. Smith looked OK when he got a bounce-

er to second, but Willie Martinez beat the double-play attempt at first. Now it was 5-3, and the stadium was rocking with the tying runs on base.

Smith walked light-hitting Rusty DeBord and Joe Nelson to make it 5-4 with the bases still loaded, still two out.

When Smith went 2-0 on leadoff man Calvin James, he was hooked.

"Hey, what are you going to do," Fazzini said. "We got great pitching for eight innings, and it fell apart in the ninth."

Martin brought in lefty Ray Revak, who could not overcome the 2-0 handicap. The tying run walked home.

There was another chance to win in the 10th for the Seminoles. Jimmy Jones led off with a booming double to center. But trying to bunt Jones to third, Sorrento popped his hunt to the third baseman Jon

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Leake. Leake threw back to second trying to double Jones, but it bounced into center field. Center fielder James came up throwing a strike to nip Jones diving into third base. The failure to get the bunt down was a killer.

Miami put on a bunting clinic in the 10th. That's why it won. Third baseman Jose Marzan's error paved the way, allowing Don Rowland to reach first to start the inning. He was bunted to second by Leake. Magno was walked intentionally to set up a double play. Pinch-hitter Greg Ellena singled to right to load the bases with one out.

Pinch-hitter Rick Richardi, hit-

ting .143, bunted Revak's first pitch past the mound as Rowland sprinted home.

"It was a safety squeeze," Miami Coach Ron Fraser said. "We were just trying to get the ball on the ground. If it backfires, I made a bad move."

"It was a tough one for them to lose, but we've lost a few like this up there over the years."

"I've got some friends over there," said James, looking over at the solemn FSU dugout. "I told them not to get down. We got the breaks when it counted."

Or rather they were given the breaks.

"We just gave it to them," Fazzini said. "It was a gift."

Florida State					Miami				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Alicea, 2b	4	2	1	0	James, cf	4	0	0	1
Marzan, 3b	5	2	0	0	Fiore, rf	3	1	1	0
Fazzini, lf	5	1	2	0	Rowland, 2b	5	1	0	0

Jones, lb	4	0	2	1	Leake, lb-3b	3	1	1	0
Sorrento, rf	4	0	1	1	Magnac, lf	3	2	1	0
Calandra, dh	2	1	1	1	Dominguez, dh	4	0	1	0
Figueroa, ss	4	0	1	0	Hart, lb	3	0	0	0
Fulton, c	4	0	1	1	Solis, c	3	0	0	0
Mangham, cf	3	0	0	0	Nelson, 3b-ss	2	0	0	1
Kosco, ph-dh	1	0	0	0	Meizoso, dh-p	0	0	0	0
Zoeller, ph-dh	1	0	0	0	DeBord, ph-ss	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	5	9	4	Richardi, lf	1	0	1	1
					Ellena, ph-dh	1	0	1	0
					Sarmiento, p	0	0	0	0
					Martinez, ph	1	1	0	1
					Totals	33	6	6	4

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E—Solis, Nelson, Marzan, Sorrento.  
DP—Miami 3, FSU 1. LOB—Miami 9, FSU 7.  
2B—Alicea, Figueroa, Jones. SB—Alicea, Jones, Martinez. SH—Leake. SF—Jones.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida State						
Lewis	8 1/3	3	4	4	4	5
K. Smith	1 1/3	1	1	1	3	0
Revak, L(0-1)	2 2/3	2	1	0	1	0
Miami						
Majer	5 2/3	6	4	1	2	4
Raether	2 1/3	3	1	1	0	2
O'Brien, W(1-1)	2	1	0	0	2	0

WP—Lewis (3), Majer (6), Raether (7).  
PB—Fulton (2). HBP—Leake (Lewis).