

Seminoles rally past Bulls 10-7

TAMPA — Hauling teams down from behind is no problem for Florida State this season.

The Seminoles spotted South Florida a four-run lead Saturday afternoon, but were well ahead at the end, knocking off the Bulls 10-7 before a crowd of 350 at Red McEwen Field.

"We don't worry if we fall behind. We know we've just got to keep pecking away at 'em and it will come," said right fielder Keith Kidd, who had a single, a home run and two runs batted in as a fifth-inning replacement for starter Paul Sorrento.

It was a good day for hitters with a hefty breeze blowing straight out from home plate. The Seminoles pounded out 14 hits and South Florida had eight, but it was the relief pitching of Richie Lewis that settled the issue.

Lewis came in for starter and winner Kevin Smith (4-0) in the seventh inning and shut the Bulls out the rest of the way with no hits.

South Florida relievers Brian Osgood, Marty Valentine, Scott Berry and Randy Wilson, meanwhile, could not provide the same service for Bulls' starter Phil Fagnano.

The South Florida relief corps yielded 10 hits and seven runs in not protecting 4-0 and 6-3 leads.

"That happens in baseball," FSU Coach Mike Martin said.

"Our kid (Lewis) got 'em out today, but we've had games where the relievers weren't what you'd call perfect."

South Florida got its 4-0 lead with the help of two Seminole errors and a run-scoring double by Scott Hemond in the first inning.

A two-run single by Bien Figueroa got the Seminoles on the board in the third inning. Frank Fazzini followed with a run-scoring double to narrow the gap to 4-3.

South Florida stretched its advantage with two runs in the fourth, but FSU center fielder Eric Mangham gunned down Tony Alfonso at the plate to end the inning with the Seminoles trailing 6-3.

"That was a big play for us," South Florida Coach Robin Roberts said. "We should have scored there and had guys first and third and still batting. Of course, the way they (FSU) hit it, maybe that wouldn't have been enough runs."

The Seminoles took the lead for good with back to back two-out rallies in the fifth and sixth innings.

Kidd had a run-scoring single in the fifth to make it 6-4. Barry Blackwell opened the sixth with a single and eventually scored on a ground out by Luis Alicea.

Fazzini added an RBI single and Tommy Zoeller made 7-6 with a double that plated Fazzini.

Ward Hemond's line shot over the 400-foot sign in center field tied the game for South Florida in the sixth, but the Seminoles went right back on top when Eric

Mangham cracked a two-out solo homer for FSU in the seventh.

The Seminoles nursed that lead up to the ninth when back-to-back home runs by Kidd and Vince Calandra off Berry put the game away.

"I think Keith (Kidd) knows what it takes to be seen — produce," Martin said. "He did that for us today and he will be seen a lot more from now on. He'll be my starter Sunday (today)."

Florida State					South Florida				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Alicea,2b	5	1	2	1	Alfonso,ss	4	1	1	0
Figueroa,ss	6	1	2	2	Pike,rf	4	0	0	1
Fazzini,lf	4	2	2	1	Mainini,cf	3	0	1	1
Zoeller,1b	4	0	1	1	S.Hemond,c	4	1	1	1
Kosco,dh	2	0	0	0	Swabek,lf	4	1	1	1
Sorrento,rf	2	0	0	0	Wagoner,1b	3	1	1	0
Marzan,3b	1	0	0	0	Gali,3b	4	1	1	0
Blackwell,c	4	2	3	1	W.Hemond,dh	4	1	1	1
Mangham,cf	3	2	1	1	Bullard,2b	4	1	1	0
Calandra,3b	4	1	1	0	Totals	34	7	8	5
Kidd,rf	3	1	2	2					
Saxner,dh	1	0	0	0					
Totals	39	10	14	9					

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E—Figueroa, Marzan, S.Hemond, Gali.
 DP—S. Florida 2. LOB—FSU 10, S. Florida
 7. 2B—S.Hemond, Fazzini, Zoeller. HR—
 W.Hemond, Mangham, Kidd, Calandra.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida State						
Smith, W(4-0)	6 $\frac{2}{3}$	8	7	3	5	3
Lewis, S(1)	2 $\frac{1}{3}$	0	0	0	2	1
South Florida						
Fagnano	3 $\frac{2}{3}$	4	3	3	4	2
Osgood	1	0	1	1	2	0
Valentine	1	5	3	3	0	1
Berry, L(1-2)	2 $\frac{1}{3}$	4	3	3	1	1
Wilson	1	1	0	0	0	1

WP—Valentine, Berry, Smith. PB—
 Blackwell. HBP—Mangham (by Fagnano).
 T—3:06. A—336.