

Tenth-inning home run dooms Seminoles

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Florida State, which had gained new life with the home run, died by the home run Sunday afternoon.

Ralph Gali lifted a hanging slider off FSU starter and loser Doug Little over the left-field fence with two out in the bottom of the 10th to give South Florida a 6-5 win over FSU.

The Seminoles, down 5-2 entering the ninth, tied the game off starter Mark Rose with a solo homer by Eric Mangham and a two-out, two-run shot by Frank Fazzini.

The loss dropped FSU to 21-6 for the year and

marked the fourth defeat in four extra-inning games this season. South Florida improves to 13-9.

"The ball really jumps out of this place during the day," said Fazzini, who had barely missed a three-run homer two innings earlier when his towering drive was caught at the fence by South Florida left fielder Allan Swabek.

"We never thought we were out of it," he added. "We knew if we could get a few guys on base, we could come back on them. There is some bitterness to losing, but at least this time, we didn't give it away."

Rose left in the 10th in favor of Randy Wilson, who set the Seminoles down in order.

Little was about to do the same with South Florida

when Gali smacked a wind-aided shot that was just beyond the reach of FSU left fielder Fazzini.

"He'd been throwing me sliders all day and truthfully, I was trying to go to right with it, but it hung up there and I turned on it," Gali said.

Little, who absorbed his first loss in seven decisions, took blame for the defeat.

"I didn't have much at all today," he said. "I was struggling all the way. I told the coaches they might want to put somebody else in after the ninth, but they wanted to stick with me. I gave it my best shot, but I didn't make a good pitch to the guy who hit the home run."

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South Florida jumped out in front of the Seminoles for the second straight day with a run in the second and third innings.

Scott Hemond's fourth home run of the season made it 1-0, and Greg Bullard trotted home with the second run on a sacrifice fly by Mark Pike.

FSU tied it with two unearned runs in the fourth. Tommy Zoeller drew a two-out walk and Dru Kosco followed with a bouncer to Bullard at second base. Bullard tried to tag Zoeller, but the ball was knocked out of his glove for an error.

Rose walked Brian Kidd to load the bases, and Vince Calandra slapped a single to left to score both runs.

The Bulls then built a 5-2 lead going into the ninth with single runs in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

However, in the ninth, FSU's dormant bats awoke with a rumble. Mangham cracked a towering one-out home run to narrow the gap to 5-3. After Luis Alicea flied out to deep center, Bien Figueroa kept the rally alive with a two-strike single to center.

Fazzini stepped in and tied the game with a line shot over the 380-foot mark in left-center field. Zoeller, up next, then stroked a shot over the left-field fence but it was foul, one of four foul balls that cleared the left-field fence.

Florida State					South Florida				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Alicea, 2b	5	0	1	0	Alfonso, ss	5	0	2	0
Figueroa, ss	5	1	1	0	Pike, rf	4	1	2	0
Fazzini, lf	4	1	1	2	Mainini, cf	4	0	0	1
Zoeller, 1b	4	1	1	0	S. Hemond, c	4	2	3	2
Kosco, dh	3	1	1	0	Swabek, lf	5	0	1	0
Kidd, rf	3	0	0	0	Wagoner, 1b	4	0	0	0
Calandra, 3b	4	0	1	2	Gali, 3b	4	1	3	1
Blackwell, c	4	0	1	0	W. Hemond, dh	4	0	0	1
Mangham, cf	4	1	2	1	Bullard, 2b	4	2	2	0
Jones, dh	1	0	0	0	Totals	38	6	13	5
Sorrento, ph	1	0	0	0					
Marzan, 3b	0	0	0	0					
Totals	38	5	9	5					

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E—Bullard. DP—FSU 2. LOB—FSU 8, SF 5. HR—S. Hemond (4), Mangham (7), Fazzini (8), Gali (7). SH—Pike, Wagoner. SF—W. Hemond.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida State						
Little, L(6-1)	9 2/3	13	6	6	3	4
South Florida						
Rose	9	9	5	3	4	7
Wilson, W(3-4)	1	0	0	0	0	0

WP—Little. PB—Blackwell. T—2:38. A—412.