

# FSU edges Pitt

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Last year Florida State ran over Pitt in its opener in Tallahassee in a breeze.

This year, it was more like a wheezing run uphill.

The Seminoles, struggling to overcome a frustrating loss of two games to Florida this past weekend in Gainesville, had to depend on a solo home run by Keith Kidd in the seventh inning to whip the Panthers 6-5. Pitt played as if it was mid-season instead of its first game of the year.

The Seminoles got a run in the first when Luis Alicea walked and scored on back-to-back singles by Bien Figueroa and Paul Sorrento.

But the Panthers took the lead in the third on a homer by Dave Westwood after Tom Horew had tied it with a solo blast in the second.

In their part of the third, the Seminoles tallied three times to take what seemed to be a comfortable 5-2 lead. Ed Fulton led off with a double off the wall in right and Kidd sent him to third with a single up the middle. Alicea walked to load the bases. Fulton scored on a wild pitch by Panther hurler Frank Craska, and Kidd and Alicea scampered home on a single by Sorrento.

The old Seminole bugaboo, errors, almost cost them this one, too. The Panthers sent three runs across in the sixth on errors by Jose Marzan, starting pitcher Kevin Smith and reliever Ray Revak. The errors bracketed a single by Ken DiBucci, giving Pitt the tying runs.

Then Kidd did his heroics to pull it out in the seventh. Revak pitched well in relief of Smith, but he was in trouble in the ninth when the Panthers had men on first and third with two outs. Revak got DiBucci to ground out to second to end it.

The crowd of 677 braved a pretty cold night to watch the Seminoles get back on the winning track, and a relieved Mike Martin showed his pleasure.

It had to be a pleasure, because he played this one with a short deck. Regulars Frank Fazzini and Vince Calandra and pitcher Steve Gelmine and Richie Lewis watched from the stands. They were on a

one-game suspension for missing curfew.

"They disciplined themselves by missing curfew," Martin said. "They knew the rules. But I was especially happy to see Ray get his first win. We didn't execute a pick-off at second, and that cost us a run.

"But we needed a game like this. We needed a win. And we

needed a close one like this to show the kids they can win a close one.

"Pitt played enthusiastically, but errors cost us runs again. They should cost you when you make 'em like that.

"Now we've got to turn it around. Everyone needs to do their job and get a lot of rest."

Responding to the hint that his team was tired, Martin denied it. "You're always tired when you lose. Miami has won 18 straight. I bet they aren't tired.

"Naw. We're getting better. We just need to regain our poise and

put it all together again. Our middle relievers are doing all right. And I think the rest will be all right, too."

The two teams meet again tonight and Wednesday night before the Seminoles leave on a three-game road trip to Southern Mississippi.

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	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Bodnar,2b	4	0	0	0	Alicea,2b	2	2	0	0
D. Wstwd,1b	4	1	1	2	Figueroa,ss	4	0	2	0
P. Wstwd,ss	4	1	1	0	Sorrento,rf	3	0	2	3
Jelic,c	4	0	3	0	Zoeller,dh	4	0	1	0
Horew,rf	5	1	2	2	Jones,1b	4	0	0	0
DiBucci,lf	5	1	3	0	Kosco,lf	3	0	0	0

Murray,3b	3	0	0	0	Mangham,cf	0	0	0	0
Nowicki,dh	3	1	0	0	Marzan,3b	3	1	0	0
Stennett,cf	4	0	0	0	Fulton,c	3	1	2	1
Totals	36	5	10	4	Kidd,cf-lf	3	2	2	1
					Totals	29	6	9	5

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E—Jelic, Marzan, Smith, Revak. DP—Pitt 3, FSU 1. LOB—FSU 4, Pitt 10. 2B—Fulton. HR—Horew (1), D. Westwood (1), Kidd (6). SB—Mangham. SH—Murray.

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Craska, L(0-1)	8	9	6	6	4	4			
Smith	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub>	7	5	3	3	6			
Revak, W(1-3)	3 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub>	3	0	0	2	2			

WP—Craska, Smith. HBP—Alicea (Craska). T—2:45. A—677.