

Southern Miss rallies for 6-4 win over FSU

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HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Irv Burnett drove in three runs, including the game-winner in the seventh inning, to give Southern Mississippi a 6-4 win over Florida State on Sunday afternoon.

The win lifted the Eagles to 13-16 on the season and improved their conference mark to 2-7. Losing for the first time in six games, FSU dropped to 28-11 overall and 5-1 in Metro play.

Southern Mississippi jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the second on Tommy Sims' eighth home run of the season. FSU countered with two runs in the third. A walk to Eric Mangham and a single by Luis Alicea was followed by Eagle shortstop Marcos Garcia's error that

loaded the bases. Frank Fazzini drilled a two-run single to put FSU up 2-1.

The Seminoles lead was short-lived as Southern Mississippi came up with two runs of its own in the bottom of the third. Garcia reached on an error and Burnett drilled a two-out, two-run homer over the right-field wall.

A single and two errors extended the Eagle lead to 4-2, but Florida State tied the score with single runs in the sixth and seventh innings.

Fazzini tied the game at 4-4 in the top of the seventh on his 14th home run of the season.

Richie Lewis pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the sixth, but Southern Mississippi picked up the game-winning runs in the next inning. Mike Jacobs led

off the rally with a walk and scored on Burnett's line-drive double down the right-field line. A bloop single by Darrin Nixon scored Burnett for the final margin.

Florida State outhit the Eagles 13-8, but the Seminoles hit into four double plays and stranded 11 men on base.

Sammy Bassford, the second of three Eagles pitchers, picked up the win and moved to 1-2 on the season. Lewis, working in relief of starter Doug Little, was the loser. He's now 6-2.

Florida State returns to action Wednesday night against South Alabama. Game time is 7 p.m. at Seminole Stadium.

See FSU, 5D

Sunday's game

Florida State					Southern Miss				
ab	r	h	b	i	ab	r	h	b	i
Alicea, 2b	5	1	3	0	Jacobs, cf	4	1	0	0
Figueroa, ss	4	0	1	0	Burnett, 3b	4	2	2	3
Fazzini, lf	4	1	2	2	Vazquez, dh	4	0	1	0
Jones, 1b	4	0	1	0	Nixon, lf	4	0	2	1
Calandra, dh	4	1	1	0	Sims, rf	4	2	2	1
Marzan, 3b	5	0	2	0	Kozlowski, c	4	0	0	0
Kidd, rf	3	0	2	1	Conner, 1b	2	0	0	0
Fulton, c	2	0	0	0	Garcia, ss	4	1	0	0
Mangham, cf	3	1	0	0	Moss, 2b	2	0	1	0
Blackwell, c	1	0	1	0	Totals	32	6	8	5
Sorrento, rf	1	0	0	0					
Totals	36	4	13	3					

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E—Burnett, Garcia, Alicea 2, Fazzini.
 DP—S. Miss. 4. LOB—FSU 11, S. Miss 7.
 2B—Marzan, Burnett, Nixon. HR—Fazzini, Burnett, Sims. S—Moss.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida State						
Little	5	6	4	1	0	4
Lewis, L(6-2)	3	2	2	2	3	5
Southern Mississippi						
McGrath	6	9	3	1	3	3
Bassford, W(1-2)	2	4	1	1	2	3
Jordan, S(3)	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Little. HBP—Mangham (by McGrath), Conner (by Lewis). T—2:45. A—1,008.