

FSU rallies to beat Georgia Southern 8-7

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STATESBORO, Ga. — Bien Figueroa drilled a ninth-inning, two-run double to give Florida State an 8-7 come-from-behind baseball win over Georgia Southern on Tuesday.

FSU, now 41-17, fell behind 3-0 before Frank Fazzini brought the team back with a two-run home run in the sixth — his 23rd homer of the season.

With the score 4-4, Gary Supinski led off the Eagle seventh with a ground-

er back to Seminole pitcher Doug Little. First baseman Jimmy Jones dropped Little's throw, however, to start the rally. Bunts by Greg McMullen and Luis Ramos resulted in infield hits to load the bases.

Little then walked Mike Shepherd to allow the first run before relief pitcher Ray Revak threw four balls in five pitches to force in another run.

Richie Lewis relieved Revak, and Scott Hardy bounced out. Shapherd then scored a run when a Lewis pitch

eluded catcher Ed Fulton.

The Seminoles rallied for two in the eighth. Fazzini walked with one out and Eagle reliever Kenny Roberts struck out Jones for the second out. But Paul Sorrento singled, and after a wild pitch, Tommy Zoeller delivered a two-run single to make it 7-6.

In FSU's ninth, Fulton led off with a double before being removed for pinch-runner Joe Pacetti. Eric Mangham's bunt was fielded by first baseman Craig Cooper, who elected to go to third to get

Pacetti. The throw was late and the Seminoles had runners on the corners.

Luis Alicea struck out swinging, but Figueroa lined Roberts' next pitch into the left-centerfield gap for the game winner.

Lewis pitched three innings of scoreless relief to pick up the win and go to 8-4. Roberts, who came into the game with an 8-0 record and three saves, was racked for four hits and three runs in taking the loss.

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"Lewis was outstanding," FSU head coach Mike Martin said. "I really thought that we were in trouble again, but this is the first time this year this club refused to fold after coming back. I think it will go a long way towards helping this club."

Florida State					Georgia Southern				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Alicea, 2b	5	1	1	0	Ramos, ss	5	1	3	1
Figueroa, ss	5	1	2	3	McMullen, c	5	0	1	0
Fazzini, lf	3	2	1	2	Shepherd, rf	4	3	3	2
Jones, lb	4	0	0	0	Aiken, lf	4	1	3	2
Sorrento, rf	4	1	1	0	Heranda, dh	3	0	0	0
Zoeller, dh	5	0	1	2	Cunnnghm, 3b	4	0	0	0
Blackwell, 3b	2	0	1	0	Cooper, lb	5	0	2	1

Fulton, c	4	0	2	1	Sheridan, 2b	3	1	0	0
Mangham, cf	3	1	0	0	Supinski, cf	3	1	1	0
Lewis, p	1	0	0	0	Hardy, ph	2	0	0	0
Kidd, pr	0	1	0	0					
Calandra, 3b	1	0	0	0					
Pacetti, pr	0	1	0	0					
Saxner, c	0	0	0	0					
Totals	37	8	9	8	Totals	38	7	13	6

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Georgia Southern	101	011	300	—	7	13	1

E—Jones 2, Ramos, Lewis. LOB—FSU 7, G. Southern 9. 2B—Aiken, Blackwell, Fulton 2, Figueroa. 3B—Alicea. HR—Shepherd (6), Fazzini (23). S—Supinski, Mangham.

		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida State							
Little		6	11	7	5	2	5
Revak		0	0	0	0	1	0
Lewis, W, 8-4		3	2	0	0	1	3
Georgia Southern							
Dale		7 1/3	5	5	5	2	5
Roberts, L, 8-1		1 2/3	4	3	3	2	2

WP—Roberts 2, Lewis 2. T—2:55. A—875.