

FSU outhits Knights

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You could have sworn Seminole Stadium had been lent to the U.S. Navy for missile tests, such was the sizzle of all the line drives.

But after eight pitchers had tried and mostly failed to survive the evening (including one who was literally knocked out of the game), Florida State's Richie Lewis pitched out of bases-loaded trouble in the ninth inning to secure a 15-12 victory Tuesday night over the Central Florida Knights.

A crowd of 2,487 watched, though only a few hundred remained until the end of the three-hour and thirty-one minute extravaganza. It featured nine pitchers and 32 hits, including six home runs, six doubles and two triples. It was so wild that Seminole slugger Paul Sorrento had pounded out the cycle in the first six innings and added a bonus single in the seventh, his 5-for-5 performance raising his average from .330 to .358.

Sorrento singled in the first inning, doubled in a run in the third, lined a two-run homer to center in the fourth, lined a triple off the center-field fence in the sixth and added a run-scoring single in the seventh.

He was not the only one ripping away. Luis Alicea continued his hot hitting with a double and a three-run homer. Ed Fulton cranked a three-run homer in the third in-

ning. Bien Figueroa had three hits and two RBIs. Eric Mangham contributed a triple and two singles. Greg Clayborne had two hits.

With all that, it seems like the Seminoles could have kicked back in the dugout early and marked up another easy "W." But the Knights swung the bats with just as much enthusiasm, rapping 14 hits including home runs by Vince Zawaski, Scott McHugh and Jose Soto.

For the Seminoles, 34-5, it came down to desperation at the end. Going into the ninth inning leading by a quiet little 15-9, Steve Kovensky's effective relief outing was cut painfully short by a line drive that drilled him in the ankle and ricocheted to his groin. FSU coach Mike Martin could smile about it afterward because he said Kovensky was OK after his ordeal.

With the bullpen depleted with Mike Lee and Paul Thomas out of action with injuries, lightly used Chris Dunn got the call with one out. The sidearmer was wild, and before Martin could say "Richie Lewis" there was big trouble. Dunn, FSU's fourth pitcher of the game, gave up three walks, a hit to make it 15-11.

Lewis, a starter whom Martin had hoped not to use in relief, walked in one run to make it 15-12 and the bases were still loaded. But

Lewis, the team's strikeout leader, fanned Bobby Miller and Todd Reese to end the game.

"That was a situation we were really concerned with," said Martin, whose team plays the Knights again today at 3:30. "We really had nobody to go to except Richie Lewis. It shows you what kind of athlete he is to strike out those last two guys."

CENTRAL FLA.					FLORIDA STATE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Koehnke,ss	5	0	1	1	Marzan,1b	4	2	2	1
Soto,rf	5	2	4	1	Alicea,2b	4	2	2	4
Riggin,c	4	3	1	0	Figueroa,ss	5	3	3	2
McHugh,3b	2	3	1	2	Sorrento,rf	5	3	5	3
Maloney,lf	5	1	2	2	Fulton,c	4	1	1	4
Motsinger,cf	4	1	3	2	Saxner,dh	3	0	0	0
Zawaski,1b	4	1	1	3	Blackwell,3b	3	1	0	0
Miller,2b	5	0	0	0	Clayborne,lf	4	2	2	0
Reese,dh	5	1	1	0	Mangham,cf	5	1	3	1
					Taddeo,ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	39	12	14	11	Totals	38	15	18	15
Central Florida					101	322	003	—12	
Florida State					103	511	40x	—15	

Game-Winning RBI—Alicea (7).

E—Koehnke, Blackwell. DP—FSU 1.
 LOB—C. Fla. 6, FSU 7. 2B—Alicea, Reese,
 Koehnke, Sorrento, Maloney, Figueroa.
 3B—Sorrento, Mangham. HR—Soto (1),
 Fulton (10), Alicea (4), Sorrento (9),
 McHugh (10), Zawaski (5). SB—Riggin.
 SF—Marzan, Alicea.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Central Florida						
Novak L, 7-3	3½	11	9	9	1	1
Swanson	2	3	2	2	1	0
Lombardo	1¾	3	4	4	2	1
Kendall	1	1	0	0	1	0
Florida State						
Pollack W, 5-1	5	9	8	7	1	4
Porcelli	1½	2	1	1	0	2
Kovensky	1¾	2	1	1	0	3
Dunn	0	1	2	2	3	0
Lewis S, 1	¾	0	0	0	1	2

WP—Lombardo, Dunn. HBP—McHugh
 by Porcelli, Clayborne by Kendall. T—3:31.
 A—2,487.