

# Fla. International takes FSU series

Special to the Democrat

MIAMI — Denny Wiseman made one mistake fewer than pitching counterpart Rod Byerly as Florida International beat Florida State's baseball team 2-1 here Wednesday night.

Byerly gave up two solo home runs to Wiseman's one — and that proved to be the difference as the Golden Panthers won the rubber match of a three-game series with Florida State.

"The story was Wiseman tonight," Mike Martin said following the game. "He pitched a fantastic ball game. That was as good a ballgame as we've had pitched against us all year. It's a shame that (Rod) Byerly had to lose it."

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Wiseman, 9-6, struck out 11 and scattered four hits. Byerly, 4-2, also went the distance, striking out eight and giving up just six hits.

Wiseman's only mistake was a 2-1 pitch to Keller in the first that the Seminole third baseman lifted into the trees in left-center for a 1-0 lead.

In the fifth, shortstop Zac Valade evened the score when he pulled a homer to right field just inside the foul pole.

The Golden Panthers then took the 2-1 lead in the sixth on right-fielder Rick Johnson's seventh home run of the season.

Otherwise, Byerly pitched a strong game, striking out eight, including the side in the second. In addition to the home runs, he gave up four hits and stranded five baserunners.

FSU had several chances against Wiseman, but each time, the junior righthander got help from his defense.

It was a different Wiseman than the pitcher FSU beat 5-2 on March 27 in Tallahassee. Although he pitched all eight innings in that game, he gave up eight hits and struck out just one. Since that Tallahassee appearance, he was 1-3.

The loss broke a four-game winning streak and left FSU (37-14-1) with a 5-6 road record on the season. It was also the Seminoles' eighth loss by one run.

Florida International moved to 37-16 with the win, increasing its hopes of a regional bid.

FSU takes off today before beginning a three-game series with Miami on Friday at Mark Light Field.

"This is the biggest series of the year coming up," said Martin. "We're disappointed to lose a ball game like this. But I hope the Miami games are like this one right to the end. We have as many as five freshmen on the field at one time, and we'll have to show a lot of poise."

Friday and Saturday's Miami games begin at 7:30 p.m. with a 2:00 p.m. contest scheduled for Sunday.

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	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Alicia, 2b	4	0	0	0	Zalade, ss	3	1	1	1
Keller, 3b	3	1	1	1	Edwards, 3b	4	0	1	0
Blackwell, c	4	0	0	0	Hicks, lf	4	0	0	0
Harrison, rf	3	0	0	0	Varela, dh	4	0	0	0
Erickson, ss	4	0	1	0	Johnson, rf	3	1	2	1
Parker, lb	3	0	0	0	Krzeminski, 1b	2	0	0	0
Tamayo, lf	2	0	1	0	Vazquez, 2b	3	0	1	0
Cribbs, dh	3	0	0	0	Caraballo, c	3	0	1	0
Ronan, cf	3	0	1	0	Laguardia, cf	3	0	0	0
Clayborne, pr	0	0	0	0	Rodriguez, cf	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	1	4	1	Totals	29	2	6	2

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LOB— FSU 4, FIU 5. 2B—Ronan. HR—Keller (3), Valade (3), Johnson (7) SB—Tamayo 2, (15) SH—Keller.

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Florida State						
Byerly L, 4-2	8	6	2	2	2	8
Florida International						
Wiseman W, 9-6	9	4	1	1	2	11
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