

Kimball saves Seminoles with bases-loaded relief

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — Florida State reliever Ricky Kimball pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth inning to preserve a 6-5 Metro Conference win over South Carolina in front of 2,200 fans Friday night at Sarge Frye Field.

FSU, winner of 11 straight, ran its record to 20-6, while South Carolina fell to 7-7. FSU is now 1-4 on the road.

Kimball entered in eighth after starter Gar Finnvoid allowed three infield hits to load the bases. Although one run scored on a Kimball wild pitch, he struck out Mark Taylor and Tray Witt to end the Gamecock threat.

In the ninth, Mike Bricker doubled to put the tying run at second with no outs. After a sacrifice bunt, Kimball struck out two consecutive batters to end the game. Kimball's save preserved the win for Finnvoid, who scattered 11 hits and struck out six in 8½ innings.

"The way the game started, it looked like it would be a laughier," FSU coach Mike Martin said. "South Carolina fought back, and

Ricky Kimball did a great job of coming in and shutting them down. It's great to have him in that role."

FSU exploded early and staked Finnvoid to a 5-0 lead, scoring two in the first and one in the second and two in the third. FSU batters hit the ball hard each time up and capitalized on nine hits off Gamecock starter Brian Roundtree, 2-3, in the first 2½ innings.

Second baseman Allen Bevis doubled down the left-field line and leftfielder Bob Reboin singled up the middle to open the game. Bevis scored one batter later on a sacrifice fly by Buddy Cribb. Reboin scored on a single by catcher Pedro Grifol.

FSU rallied in the second and third innings with six hits from the bottom of the order. Following Eduardo Perez's single in the second, Reboin lined a two-out single to score Perez from third.

FSU chased Roundtree in the third, when Rob Bargas hit his first home run of the season to put FSU up 4-0. South Carolina's Charlie Young relieved Roundtree and

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yielded an RBI single by Gilliland.

FLORIDA ST.					SOUTH CAROLINA				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Bevis 2b	5	1	2	1	Brown rf	3	0	0	0
Reboin lf	4	1	2	1	Bricker rf	2	0	1	0
Mueller lf	0	0	0	0	Gmitter pr	0	0	0	0
Cribb dh	3	0	0	1	McGee cf	4	0	1	0
Harrison dh	0	0	0	0	Williams cf	5	2	2	1
Blanton pr	0	0	0	0	Thomas dh	5	1	2	1
Grifol c	5	0	2	0	Mack 1b	4	1	2	0
Parker 1b	4	1	1		Welch 3b	4	1	2	1
Bargas 3b	5	1	1	1	Cromer ss	3	0	1	1
Keller rf	4	1	1	0	Taylor 2b	4	0	1	0
Brock rf	1	0	1	0	Witt c	4	0	1	0
Perez cf	5	2	2	0					
Gilliland ss	5	0	2	1					
Totals	41	6	14	6	Totals	38	5	13	4
Florida St.					212	010	000	—6	
South Carolina					000	200	030	—5	

E—Grifol, Bargas, Cromer 3, Young, Finnvoid, Gilliland. DP—FSU 2, USC 1. LOB—FSU 12, USC 8. 2B—Bevis, Parker, Cromer, Bricker. HR—Bargas (1), Williams (2). SB—Reboin, Perez, Bevis, Williams. S—McGee. SF—Cribb.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida St.						
Finnvoid W,5-0	7½	11	5	5	0	6
Kimball S,3	1½	2	0	0	1	2
South Carolina						
Rountree L,2-3	2½	9	5	5	0	4
Young	6½	5	1	0	3	5

WP—Young, Kimball. T—2:38. A—2,200.