

# Florida International uses unearned runs to beat FSU

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MIAMI — This isn't quite the way Florida State wanted to start this final stretch of the regular season.

The Seminoles gave up unearned runs in the seventh and eighth innings and scored only once after the first, and Florida International pulled off a 4-3 upset Wednesday night.

Golden Panther starter Paul Anderson got the victory, and former FSU pitcher Jerry Santos picked up his second save against his former teammates.

Santos, a Miami native, came in after Brian Gilliland's pinch-hit triple in the ninth and gave up a run before killing FSU's rally.

That gave the Golden Panthers a 2-1 win of the three-game season series.

FSU, ranked No. 6 by Collegiate Baseball-ESPN and No. 9 by Baseball America, fell to 40-11 on the season.

Unranked Florida International, playing for its first Division I playoff bid, improved to 37-18.

The Seminoles are on a 12-day stretch of 10 games, including this weekend's

three-game series with Miami.

They will also face Metro Conference leader Virginia Tech on the road for three games before closing out at home with three against Metro rival Cincinnati.

Wednesday night wasn't exactly a momentum-builder.

In addition to three errors that spoiled a promising start by Gary Painter, the Seminoles wasted several scoring opportunities.

Chris Brock struck out with runners on first and third in the fifth, followed by Eddie Perez's foul pop-out after the bases were loaded.

Marc Ronan was thrown out trying to score from second on Rob Bargas' single in the third.

"We made a couple of mistakes, and had some chances we didn't come through on," said FSU coach Mike Martin. "I'm very disappointed right now. FIU did the little things well, and we walked six or seven batters, and you can't do that on the road.

"The main thing we need to do is keep

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our heads high and be tough," Martin continued. "It is crucial that we win this series with Miami."

FSU was hoping to get out of this game by using No. 4 starter Painter (3-1), keeping the top three pitchers rested for top-ranked Miami. Painter, recovering from shoulder surgery, struck out five and scattered four hits over six-plus innings, but he walked five.

He tripped up in the third, giving up a leadoff home run to Fausto Tejero and a run-scoring walk to Michael Warner and loading the bases later in the inning.

Painter exited in the seventh after giving up a single and building a 2-1 count on No. 9 hitter Roger Bowman.

"The home run never really bothered me," said Painter, who beat Florida International 5-0 in Tallahassee on Feb. 20. "I was just off today. I'm disappointed that I could've done better for us."

FSU's offense supported Painter with eights; all four of Florida

International's hits were off Painter.

Cleanup hitter Chris Brock, who came into the game with a .275 batting average, no home runs and nine runs batted in, went 0 for 5 with a fielder's-choice grounder for an RBI.

It wasn't easy against Anderson, who struck out 11 but still got the loss in a 5-0 decision in Tallahassee.

Santos, who transferred from FSU after last season, backed up Anderson with his school-record ninth save.

FLORIDA STATE					FIU				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Bevis, 2b	5	0	1	1	Cruz, ss	3	0	0	0
Ronan, lf	3	1	1	0	Pelaez, 2b	3	0	0	0
Painter, p	1	0	0	0	Harvey, lb	2	1	1	0
Harrison, ph	1	0	0	0	Torres, rf	4	0	0	0
Bargas, 3b	4	1	3	0	Warner, cf	3	0	0	1
Brock, rf	5	0	0	1	Yseloniz, dh	4	0	0	0
Parker, dh	3	0	0	1	Ramos, 3b	4	0	0	0
Perez, lb	3	0	0	0	Tejero, c	3	2	2	1
Cribb, lb	1	0	0	0	Bowman, lf	2	1	1	0
Grifol, c	2	0	1	0					
Roberts, cf	3	0	1	0					
Rau, ss	3	0	0	0					
Gilliland, ph	1	1	1	0					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>

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 Left—Florida International 6, Florida State 10.  
 DP—Florida State 1, 2B—Bevis. 3B—Gilliland.  
 HR—Tejero. SB—Tejero, Bowman. CS—Perez,  
 Grifol.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
<b>Florida State</b>						
Painter, L (3-1)	6	4	3	2	5	5
Kimball	2	0	1	0	1	2
<b>Florida International</b>						
Anderson, W (11-5)	8½	7	3	3	5	5
Santos, S (9)	½	1	0	0	0	0

WP—Kimball, Anderson. BK—Painter.