

TROWBRIDGE'S HOMER WINS

Shortstop Bob Trowbridge's dramatic three-run homer in the ninth with two out gave the Seminoles an 8-7 decision over the

Spartans in the series opener Friday afternoon.

Trowbridge's circuit clout climaxed a last ditch rally by Coach Charlie Armstrong's Indians who entered the final frame trailing 7-5, and nullified the fine relief pitching of Emil Rodriguez.

Lefty Sam Cox opened the ninth with a single, but was erased on a double play ball, as the Spartans moved within one putout of a victory.

With most of the fans on their way out of the park Lamar Brown gave the Indians a life when he dropped a single over second base.

Rip Collins singled sharply to left sending Brown to third and setting the stage for Trowbridge's game-winning clout.

The Seminole shortfielder alarmed his long drive over Ryan's head in center to end the tilt and give righthander John Witt his fourth win of the season against two defeats.

Witt limited the Spartans to eight blows, but wildness and loose support kept him in trouble throughout.

It was a great day for Trowbridge, a .196 hitter who had nine singles and only five runs-batted-in during the Seminoles first 12 games this season. In addition to his game-winning clout he singled in a run in the second, singled again in the eighth and handled 12 chances flawlessly in the field.

TAMPA	ab	r	h	FSU	ab	r	h
Grimsley, 3b	3	1	0	Allen, 3b	4	0	1
Stewart, 2b	4	1	1	Graham, rf	3	0	0
Ryan, cf	3	1	1	Cox, 1b	3	0	2
Salario, lf	3	1	1	Melton, c	3	1	0
Japp, ss	4	0	2	Brown, cf	3	2	1
Lakus, lb	3	0	0	Collins, lf	3	1	1
McLaney, rf	4	2	1	Trowbridge, ss	4	3	3
Garcia, c	3	1	2	Fann, 3b	3	0	0
Clements, p	1	0	0	Witt, p	6	0	0
Rodriguez, p	3	0	0				

Totals	28	7	8	Totals	34	6	11
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Score by innings:

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FSU	000	000	000	0	11	0

Runs batted in: Stewart, Ryan 2, Japp, Garcia 2, Collins, Trowbridge 2, Fann, Witt 2. Two-base hits: Ryan, Salario, Allen, Cox. Home runs: Garcia, Trowbridge. Stolen bases: Melton 2, Brown. Sacrifices: Fann, Witt. Double plays: Grimsley to Stewart to Lakus (3); Trowbridge to Cox. Left on bases: Tampa 7, FSU 7. Bases on balls, off: Clements 1, Rodriguez 2, Witt 4. Strikeouts, by: Witt 1. Hits, off: Clements 2 in 1 1/2 innings; Rodriguez 2 in 7 1/2. Wild pitch: Rodriguez. Losing pitcher: Rodriguez. Umpire: Brown.