Curveballing Tom Seybold handcuffed Florida State's Seminoles on two hits last night to spark the University of Florida to a 4-1 baseball victory at Seminole Field.

The 6-3 lefthander, who was hit hard by FSU last week in a 7-2 Seminole victory in Gainesville, struck out 10 and allowed only a triple by Ron Cash and an infield single by Larry Cocks as he ran his record to 7-6.

The victory tied the seasonseries between the two arch rivals at 2-2 after FSU had won the first two on the Gators' field last week. The two teams clash again tonight in the final game of the season for both.

Seminole freshman Marty Rice and Seybold were locked in a brilliant pitching duel until the Gators' seventh-inning uprising. Rice didn't allow a hit until that frame, while Seybold at one point retired 15 men in a row.

Florida State jumped out front in the first inning when Cocks walked on four straight pitches and Cash followed with a line-drive over the first baseman's head into a wide-open right field. UF rightfielder Nick DeVirgilis was playing the right-handed hitting Cash toward rightcenter, and when the ball rolled into the corner, the FSU batter had a standup triple.

Harry Saferight followed with a base on balls, but Seybold struck out Ken Doria for the third out in the inning, then put the Seminoles down

one-two-three for the next four innings before Cocks reached with his single with two out in the sixth.

Tony Dobies opened the Gators' half of the seventh with a sharp single to rightcenter ending Rice's bid for a no-hitter. John Sutton followed with a tap to third baseman Herb Sikes, who tried to get the runner at second and threw the ball into centerfield for an error.

Dobies went to third on the miscue and trotted home as DeVirgilis ripped a single into left field. The ball was hit dead-center to the shortstop position, but Sutton was running on the play and FSU shortstop Dave Nichols was moving to second to cover the bag.

Sutton went to third on the single and DeVirgilis moved to second as Rick Scarborough grounded to third.

Then the most unusual play of the game—maybe of the season for FSU. Catcher Len Fuller, son of UF Coach Dave Fuller, put down a perfect squeeze bunt to score Sutton, and when Rice fielded the ball and threw to first to get the runner there, DeVirgilis kept going around third and beat the return throw to the plate for a two-run squeeze bunt.

Seybold kept the rally going by walking on four straight pitches and moved to third on

Glen Hurst's pop-fly single into center.

Dave Fernald replaced Rice on the mound and Mark Hedgecock greeted the sophomore righthander with a single to right which scored the final Gator run.

Fernald worked the next inning and ace reliever Mac Scarce came on in the ninth.

Rice, in the first six innings, was able to keep his hitless antics going thanks to two big plays by shortstop Nichols. In the fourth inning the little junior went deep in the hole to backhand a Dobies smash and fired to second to cut down

Hedgecock who had reached base just moments earlier on a Nichols throwing error.

In the fifth DeVirgilis led off with a smash up the middle which Nichols fielded behind second base and threw him out at first.

The Seminoles were a different story at the plate, however.

Seybold allowed just two base runners after the first inning—Cocks in the sixth and Cocks again in the ninth when he reached base on an error by third baseman Scarborough.

Florida State couldn't get the ball out of the infield the last four innings, popping up to the infield four times, hitting six infield grounders and four batters struck out. All tolled the Seminoles hit just six balls to the outfield.

"I could've gone all night," the bespectacled Seybold said after the game.

Florida State is slated to pitch sophomore Bill Fuller tonight. Fuller won the 7-2 game in Gainesville last week which Seybold lost.

The game will be the career finale for a dozen Seminoles—outfielders Cash, Greg Gromek and Rick Moss; infielders Cocks, Dave Grimes, Doug Kasimier, and Mike Vasquez; catchers Saferight, John Keith and Greg Zera; and pitchers Robin Flake and Mac Scarce.

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