

Seminoles Edge FAMU

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Fans showing up at Seminole Field — a baseball park — last night may have thought — for awhile at least — that they had

inadvertently wandered into the circus next door.

It all happened — from grand slam home run to bunt singles, from pickoffs to stolen bases while no one watched.

And, perhaps the most amazing thing was that it only took a few ticks under three hours to get it all accomplished.

In between the setting sun and the rising moon last night,

there also was a mixture of zinging base hits, misjudged pop fouls, heads up plays, a dozen errors, 14 strikeouts, 10 bases on balls and an assortment of other things too strange to comprehend.

And, oh yes, Florida State defeated Florida A&M, 12 to 10, at Seminole Field in what was billed as a baseball game.

And, some people took it so seriously they got themselves ejected from the happening.

Not being dismayed the least, Florida State will play again tonight at 7:30 when St. Leo visits.

Most of last night's action — 45 minutes worth — was jammed into the seventh in-

ning when the Seminoles outscored the Rattlers, 6 to 5.

It turned out to be decisive, but at the time it hardly seemed it would be.

And, as unfitting as it was, the Seminoles scored what proved to be the winning run on a line-drive single by first baseman Tim Sherrill.

Before that, and after that, things were strange.

Taking the ending first, the Seminoles cut off what easily could have been another A&M rally in the ninth when third baseman Denny Williams tagged out pinchhitter Gunsie Brunson sliding into second.

Williams was there to take the throw from the left fielder because the second baseman and shortstop had entangled themselves chasing the bloop single Brunson apparently, and without haste, decided it should be a double.

Taking it from the first inning, the Seminoles scored when Dave Nichols — who later took offense to a sliding Rattler, threw a punch and was ejected — beat out an infield single, stole second and scored on back-to-back throwing errors.

Incensed, Randy Gailey led off the bottom of the second with a home run, his third of the season, and the Seminoles scored twice more — one on Dan Roatche's double and Gary Huff's triple and again on a throwing error.

And, as might be expected, the Seminoles helped the Rattlers get started with a pair of walks — one charged to starter Dave Price and the other to Rick Colzie. An infield hit by Ernest Barron followed to load the bases and set the stage for Dave Robinson's grand slam.

After a ground rule double by Roatche, three straight walks produced one FSU run. A wild throw put two more home and a sacrifice fly got another in. Then Sherrill delivered the single that chased a pair home.

The Seminoles matched the one run in their half of the eighth when Williams chopped one back to the mound and reliever Tommy Holt threw the ball into the deep, dark shadows of the Seminole bullpen while Williams circled the bases.

You guessed it. Rosa was picked off second.

Florida A&M		Florida State				
	ab r h		ab r h			
Strong ss	3 3 0	Williams 3b	4 2 1			
Barron rf	5 1 2	Nichols 2b	3 1 1			
Robinson df	4 1 1	Rosa 2b	2 1 1			
Evans c	4 2 2	Snyder	4 0 1			
Bell lb	3 1 1	LiBrandi rf	4 1 1			
Franklin 3b	4 0 0	Gailey lf	3 1 1			
Ingram 3b	1 0 0	Smith ss	0 1 0			
Aaron 2b	4 0 3	Sherrill lb	4 0 1			
McCue lf	4 0 0	Roatche c	3 2 2			
Brunson ph	1 0 1	Huff ss	3 2 1			
Nicholson p	2 2 1	Frank p	0 0 0			
Gable p	0 0 0	Scarce p	0 0 0			
Holt p	1 0 1	Price p	1 0 0			
		Colzie p	0 0 0			
		Bankston lf	1 1 0			
Totals	36 10 12	Totals	32 12 10			
Florida A&M		012 001 510—10				
Florida State		130 010 61x—12				
E — Strong 2, Evans 3, Bell, Franklin, Holt, Williams, Sherrill, Huff, Price. LOB — A&M 7, FSU 4, RBI — Robinson 5, Evans 2, Aaron 3, Williams, Nichols, Snyder, Gailey, Sherrill 2, Huff, 2b — Roatche 2, LiBrandi, 3b — Huff, HR — Gailey, SB — Evans, Bell, Nichols, Rosa, S — Bell, SF — Robinson, Snyder.						
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Nicholson	6	6	7	4	3	4
Gable	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holt (L, 1-4)	2	4	5	4	4	1
Price	6	6	5	4	2	7
Colzie (W, 2-3)	1	3	4	3	1	2
Frank	1	2	1	0	0	0
Scarce	1	1	0	0	0	0
WP — Nicholson, U — Martin, Wood, T — 2:57, A — 800.						