

Two runs in ninth lift Seminoles past USF

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TAMPA — Florida State scored two runs in the top of the ninth inning to break a 4-4 deadlock and give the Seminoles a 6-4 victory over South Florida Tuesday night.

The win makes it 11 straight for the Seminoles, and puts their overall record at 19-4.

In the ninth, centerfielder Mike Fuentes led off with a double, his second of the game. South Florida took out starter Nick Krsnich and replaced

him with Keith Schrimcher.

The first batter Schrimcher faced was third baseman Doug Casey, who sacrificed Fuentes to third. Ronnie Traylor then doubled, scoring Fuentes with the tie-breaking run.

After Craig Ramsey bounced out, sending Traylor to third, USF second baseman Tim Hulett booted Jeff Ledbetter's ground ball, allowing Traylor to score the insurance run.

Winning pitcher Jim Riley, pitching a complete game for his fourth

win of the year without a loss, set the Brahmins down in order in the bottom of the ninth.

FSU opened the game with two runs in the top of the first. Ken Schimchak led off with a double, and went to third on a single by Don DeLoach. Craig Patterson's infield out scored Schimchak, and DeLoach came in on Fuentes' double.

The Brahmins closed the score to 2-1 in the second on a run-scoring infield out by Scott Clement.

The Seminoles made it 4-1 in the third. Schimchak led off with a double, and when third baseman Tom Hiltner booted DeLoach's grounder, FSU had runners on first and third.

Patterson grounded to short, forcing DeLoach at second, but scoring Schimchak. Second baseman Tim Hulett then kicked Don Milner's grounder and Fuentes hit a sacrifice fly, sending Patterson home.

From that point, Krsnich got stingy

with the Seminoles, giving up just two hits until the ninth.

His teammates, meanwhile, pecked away at FSU, scoring single runs in the fourth, seventh and eighth, before the 'Noles won the game in the ninth.

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AB	R	H	B	I	AB	R	H	B	I
Hil'tnel cf	4	0	0	0	Schimchak rf	5	2	3	0
Simon ss	4	0	1	0	DeLoach ss	4	1	1	0
Perna lf	3	1	0	0	Patterson 2b	4	1	0	2
Hiltner 3b	3	1	1	0	Milner 1b	4	0	0	0
Llerandi pr	0	1	0	0	Fuentes cf	3	1	3	2
Williams 1b	4	0	2	2	Casey 3b	3	0	0	0
Hulett 2b	3	1	2	0	Traylor lf	4	0	1	1
Clement dh	4	0	0	1	K. Huff pr	0	1	0	0
Corcoran c	3	0	0	0	Ramsey c	4	0	0	0
Harrington rf	4	0	1	0	Ledbetter dh	4	0	2	0
Totals	32	4	7	3	Totals	35	6	10	5

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E — Milner, Fuentes, Hiltner, Hulett 2. 2B — Schimchak, Fuentes 2, Traylor, Hiltner, Williams, Hulett 2. SF — Fuentes. S — Casey. SB — Fuentes. LOB — FSU 4, South Florida 5. DP — FSU 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Riley (W, 4-0)	9	7	4	3	4	4
Krsnich (L, 2-1)	8	8	5	3	0	4
Schrimsher	1	2	1	0	0	0

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