

## Seminoles edge UM in 11

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It was perhaps only fitting and just that the final meeting between the two college powers, Florida State and Miami, be drawn out past the regulation end.

And some might say there was justice in the result, a 3-2 Florida State victory in the 11th inning Thursday night at Seminole Field.

For that evened the season series at two games apiece. Each team won twice at home. If there is any difference in the abilities of these clubs, it must be measured with a very small ruler.

No matter what anyone may say about the teams, this game will live on and be grist for further discussion.

People will talk of the pitchers, FSU's Dick Wiggins, who threw all 11 courageous innings, despite allowing 14 Hurricane hits.

**THEY WILL TALK** of Miami pitcher Neal Heaton, just a freshman, who heated the ball across the plate for 10 innings.

And they will talk of Bruce Huff, the slap-around hitter for the Seminoles, who slapped a two-out pitch with the bases loaded in the eleventh. Miami shortstop Pat Patterson made the try, but the ball was too slow, and had bounded too high. Jack Emerick crossed the plate with the winner.

Miami (36-8), which had played poorly in the previous evening's 9-2 loss, came out this night intent on proving its national reputation justified.

For 10 innings, the Hurricanes played airtight defense, seemingly oblivious to the large, hostile crowd and the unfamiliar sod.

**BUT IN THE 11TH**, Miami finally cracked. After Emerick led off with a single, Heaton came out to a large ovation and super-reliever Rob Rajsich came in. The first hitter he faced was David Mobley, who swings big. But Mobley bunted, and well. The ball bounced in front of home, where Hurricane catcher Ron Batter jumped on it. The throw to first was low and it skipped into rightfield.

Instead of one out and a runner on second, there was none out and Seminoles at first and third. Then Jeff Ledbetter, hitting for Craig Ramsey, was intentionally walked, filling the bases.

Rajsich, a senior righthander, appraised the situation, and did the only thing he could. He fanned Don Milner and got pinch-hitter Ronnie Traylor on a weak fly to left.

**IF NOT FOR THE** miscue, the game would have been rolling into the 12th. But there was still one out to go.

Huff came to the plate. In the ninth, he had been up with runners on first and second, and popped up for the rally-killing third out.

"I felt really bad about that," Huff said. "I very seldom swing at a 2-0 pitch, but I was so pumped up. I took a good cut and popped it straight up.

"I was praying that I'd get another chance. I watched the line-up card after that."

Huff saw that the line-up card still had his name on it, so with the near-3,000 rooters howling, he again came up with a chance to end it.

The count ran to 1-2, then 2-2. And then Huff took a poke at a Rajsich curve.

"I JUST WANTED to hit it on the ground," Huff said. "Hit the ball anywhere.

Anywhere was to Patterson, the Miami shortstop. The ball took one bounce as Patterson started in. He fielded it on the short hop, while Huff was blazing down the line.

"When I saw the first baseman come off the bag and heard the people yelling," was when Huff said he knew he was safe.

This was a night of courage for Wiggins, a bulldog righthander who won his seventh of the year.

"I just kept thinking that I wasn't going to lose," said the junior, who was beaten 4-3 by the Hurricanes at Miami two weeks ago. "Losing down

there was too tough. I wasn't going to lose another."

He said he wasn't especially tired, though the only times he had pitched 11 innings previously was in American Legion baseball.

**HE POINTED TO** his hip and said, chuckling. "Everyone says I've got this little roll of fat around my stomach. I tell them that's for extra innings."

But if Wiggins could be overshadowed, Heaton was the one to do it. Just 18-years-old, the lefthander was a No. 1 pick by the New York Mets in the January draft.

Except for giving up a sacrifice fly to Emerick in the first and a run scoring double to DeLoach in the fifth, Heaton (4-1) was a difficult load for the 'Noles (31-8), holding the sluggers to just seven hits.

"I feel for the guy," Wiggins said of his counterpart, and his 10-strikeout

performance. "It was his ballgame."

Miami, remaining in town, visits Florida A&M today for a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m.

Miami					Florida State				
	AB	R	H	BI		AB	R	H	BI
Shapiro 2b	6	1	3	0	B.Huff	6	1	2	1
Batter c	5	0	2	0	DeLoach ss	5	1	2	1
Brewer rf	4	1	2	1	Patterson 2b	5	0	0	0
Guerra 1b	4	0	0	0	Fuentes cf	4	0	1	0
DeJesus dh	3	0	0	0	Emerick c	4	1	1	1
Pazo ph	0	0	0	0	Mobley 3b	4	0	1	0
Tyner ph	1	0	1	0	Ramsey dh	3	0	0	0
Kutner lf	3	0	1	0	Ledbetter ph	0	0	0	0
Pag'ulo 3b	5	0	3	1	K.Huff pr	0	0	0	0
Patterson ss	5	0	1	0	Milner 1b	3	0	1	0
Gullette cf	5	0	1	0	Gagnon lf	2	1	0	0
					Traylor ph	1	0	0	0
					Totals	38	3	8	3
Totals	41	2	14	2					

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 Florida State 100 010 000 01-3

E — Wiggins, Batter. LOB — Miami 11, FSU 11. DP — FSU 1. 2B — Kutner, DeLoach. SF — Emerick. S — Pazo, Mobley.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Heaton (L, 4-1)	10	7	3	3	3	10
Raisich	$\frac{2}{3}$	1	0	0	0	0
Wiggins (W, 7-2)	11	14	2	2	3	6

HBP — Milner (by Heaton). U — Rosa, Raven, Davis, Batts. T — 2:38. A — 2,832.