

Seminoles split pair with Flagler College

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The great thing about cliches is their fallability.

Thursday night at Seminole Field, the Flagler Saints gave life to the old saw that holds: On any given day, any given team can defeat any other given team (which is a whole lot of givens), by defeating Florida State 4-3 in the first game of a doubleheader.

For the NAIA school with an enrollment of 750-800, that triumph was "a big win for our program," said Flagler coach Glen Aspinwall. It was also the St. Augustine school's 20th win against seven losses. But it was a tease.

Despite leading twice in the second game, the Saints were buried by an eight-run FSU burst in the fifth inning and fell 12-4. Another cliché gets hoist by reality.

"I'm definitely pleased, our kids played with a lot of heart," Aspinwall said. "But it's a little hard to catch a team like FSU when they score a bunch of runs like that."

FSU, 30-15, captured the second game by amassing 16 hits, nine of them in that fateful fifth inning (two short of the record for hits in an inning). But that old bat magic was a while in coming.

After allowing three runs on four hits through four innings of the opener, Flagler right-hander Joe Bernier

pitched hitless ball for four innings, giving way to submarine-style reliever Joe Zejavac after walking Mike Yastrzemski to open the bottom of the ninth. Zejavac induced a double play grounder out of Joe Licata, gave up a single to Chris Cawthon and got pinch-hitter Mike Cullen to ground out. Total FSU hits: six. Total Flagler hits in the extra-inning contest: 15; some questionable.

"Some of their hits weren't hits," said FSU pitcher Jay Keeler who was tagged with the loss (2-4) despite hurling an otherwise impressive six innings. After pitching his way out of a bases-loaded jam he inherited from starter Ken Fischer in the fourth inning, Keeler truly was roughed up only in the sixth when he gave up a run-scoring triple and run-scoring single to tie the game 3-3. With one out in the ninth a single off Keeler's glove, a walk and a bloop single conspired to make him a loser.

"I thought I pitched real well; that triple was the only real hit," said Keeler who felt he should have been charged with an error for not fielding the hit off his glove that eventually became the winning run. "But a couple of little chinky hits, some balls the fielders should have got and..."

The second game began with what seemed a portentous Flagler fielding
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play. With men on first and second, Mike Fuentes lined a shot along the first base line. First baseman Freddie Ford speared the line drive, stepped on first to double Don DeLoach and threw to second to catch Lionel Martinez: triple play.

On a day when it seemed that the Saints were indeed blessed, FSU could have folded up the tent right there. Instead, they matched a second-inning three-run burst by Flagler with three runs of its own in the same inning. Though reliever/winner Alan Swindle (2-0) permitted the Saints a fifth inning run, the tide refused to be held back. Sending 13 batters to the

plate in the fifth, the Seminoles scored eight runs.

FSU was notified Thursday that its protest of a 3-1 loss to Georgia State two weeks ago has been upheld. In that game, with FSU trailing 2-0 in the sixth inning of a nine-inning game, Martin protested that the Georgia State pitcher Keith Waits committed a balk. His complaint was overruled by the umpire, and FSU eventually lost.

First game

FLAGLER	ab	r	h	bi	FLORIDA STATE	ab	r	h	bi
Peaver 3b	4	1	2	1	Martinez 2b	4	1	1	0
Connelly dh	5	1	2	1	Barineau ss	2	0	0	0
McMann c	5	1	4	1	DeLoach ss	1	0	0	0
Ford 1b	5	0	1	0	Fuentes cf	4	0	1	1
Vncgra ss	4	0	2	0	Ledbetter 1b	3	0	0	0
Walker 2b	5	0	2	1	Lacy dh	4	0	1	0
Rodish cf	5	1	1	0	Huff pr	0	0	0	0
Rakyka rf	4	0	0	0	Ystrzmski rf	3	0	1	0
Conoscenti lf	3	0	1	0	Licata 3b	2	1	0	0
					Cawthon lf	4	1	2	2
					Dowell c	3	0	0	0
					Cullen ph	0	0	0	0
Totals	40	4	15	4	Totals	30	3	6	3

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 Florida State 100 200 000 — 3
 E—Fisher, Rakyka. DP—Florida State 1.
 LOB—Flagler 12, Florida State 7. 3B—Connelly.
 HR—Cawthon (7). S—Conoscenti. SB—Martinez 2, Fuentes.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Flagler						
Bernier (W, 4-1)	8	5	3	3	6	5
Zelevac (S)	1	1	0	0	0	0
Florida State						
Fischer	3	9	1	1	0	5
Keeler (L, 2-4)	6	6	3	3	2	5

HBP—by Zelevac (Cullen). T—2:20.

Second game

FLAGLER	ab	r	h	bi	FLORIDA STATE	ab	r	h	bi
Peaver 3b	2	0	0	0	Martinez 2b	3	1	1	0
Connelly dh	4	0	1	1	DeLoach ss	4	1	2	1
McMahon c	4	1	1	0	Fuentes cf	4	2	2	1
Ford 1b	2	0	0	0	Cawthon 1b	2	1	1	0
Vincorra ss	3	0	0	1	Lacy 1b	1	1	1	0
Walker 2b	3	0	1	0	Licata lf	3	1	1	3
Rodish cf	2	1	1	0	Ystrzmski rf	4	2	2	4
Kreuter rf	3	1	1	2	Huff dh	2	1	1	0
Conoscenti lf	3	1	1	0	Howser dh	2	1	1	0
					Figueredo 3b	2	0	2	0
					Dowell c	3	1	2	2
					Craig c	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	4	6	4	Totals	30	12	16	11

Flagler 030 010 0 — 4
 Florida State 030 081 x — 11
 E—Kreuter, Walker. DP—Flagler 1, Florida State 1. TP—Flagler 1. LOB—Flagler 5, Florida State 4. 2B—Walker, Rodish, Fuentes. 3B—McMahon. HR—Kreuter, Ystrzmski. SF—Licata.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Flagler						
Bruining (L, 2-3)	4 1/3	9	7	7	2	0
Greene	0	4	4	4	1	0
Eld	1 2/3	3	1	1	0	0
Florida State						
Gray	4	5	3	3	3	5
Swindle (W, 2-0)	2	1	1	1	1	1
Ferraro	1	0	0	0	0	2

WP—Bruining 2, Eld. T—1:49. A—687.