

FSU hangs on for 7-6 triumph behind Keeler

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TAMPA — Florida State reliever Jay Keeler struck out South Florida's Steve West with the bases loaded in the ninth inning Thursday to preserve the Seminoles' 7-6 baseball victory over the Brahmanas.

The victory boosted the Seminoles to 37-18 and marked the first time they have won the final game of a road trip this season. South Florida dipped to 16-24.

The teams travel to Tallahassee for a doubleheader Saturday at 3 p.m. and single game Sunday at 2 p.m.

Florida State scored five runs in the second inning. Mark Lacy singled, and two outs later, Mike Yastrzemski and Rick Figueroa walked to load the bases. Danny Dowell drilled a two-run single between shortstop and third base.

After Lionel Martinez walked, Don DeLoach drove in two more runs with a single, and Martinez raced around to score on a throwing error by short-stop Tim Carr.

The Seminoles added runs in the fifth and eighth. In the fifth, Mike Fuentes beat out an infield single and continued to second on a throwing error, then scored on a single by Lacy.

In the eighth, Jeff Ledbetter walked and was replaced by pinch-runner Ken Huff. Huff stole second, continued to third on a throwing error and scored on a single by Figuereido.

South Florida coach Robin Roberts was ejected in the sixth when he pro-

tested an umpire's reversal of a "fair" call on a play that would have driven in two South Florida runs for an 8-6 lead.

The umpires originally signaled that Jon Cook's smash down the right-field line was fair, but reversed their decision after Florida State coach Mike Martin questioned the call. South Florida's Tom Hiltner also was ejected in the ensuing argument.

FLORIDA STATE					SOUTH FLORIDA				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Martinez 2b	3	1	1	0	Cox cf	5	1	0	0
DeLoach ss	4	0	1	2	West lf	5	1	0	0
Fuentes cf	5	1	1	0	Clement rf	0	0	0	0
Lacy dh-1b	5	1	2	1	Del Greco rf	4	1	1	0
Licata lf	4	0	0	0	Hiltner 2b	3	1	3	2
Ledbetter 1b	2	0	0	0	Eriksen 2b	1	0	0	0
Huff pr	0	1	0	0	Wilson dh	5	1	3	1
Keeler p	0	0	0	0	Grasso c	2	1	0	0
Ystrzmski rf	2	1	0	0	Roberts 1b	4	0	0	0
Figueredo 3b	3	1	1	1	Bench pr	0	0	0	0
Barineau ss	0	0	0	0	Cook 3b	5	0	2	1
Dowell c	4	1	2	2	Carr ss	3	0	1	2
Totals	33	7	8	6	Totals	37	6	10	6

Florida State 050 010 010-7
South Florida 020 013 000-6
E—Martinez 2, DeLoach, Licata, Grasso, Carr 2, Grubbs. DP—South Florida 1.
LOB—FSU 8, South Florida 14. 2B—Dowell.
SB—Martinez, Huff, Barineau. S—Grasso.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida State						
Fischer	5	7	4	4	6	3
Smalley	0	2	2	0	0	0
Keeler (W, 4-4)	4	1	0	0	2	6
South Florida						
Walters	12½	3	5	4	3	0
Grubbs	4½	4	1	0	3	2
Deptulski (L, 0-2)	3	1	1	0	2	5

WP—Deptulski, Smalley, Keeler. HBP—by Deptulski (Martinez), by Keeler (Grasso). T—3:15. A—200.