

Hurricanes slip past Seminoles 3-2

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Flirting with defeat over the last four innings, the University of Miami hung on to defeat Florida State 3-2 Saturday night before a season-high crowd of 3,188 at Seminole Field.

Miami ace Neal Heaton collected his 11th victory of the year without a defeat as he held the Seminoles to eight hits and struck out eight. Heaton pitched out of jams in the sixth, seventh and ninth innings as the Hurricanes, ranked No. 2 in the country, improved to 48-5.

Though he wasn't nearly as spec-

tacular, Florida State pitcher Rick Hatcher was impressive. Pitching what FSU coach Mike Martin labeled "his best game of the year," Hatcher limited the potent Hurricanes to six hits.

But Miami made them count, scoring two runs in the first inning on one hit and adding what proved to be the winning run in the fifth on a bunt single and looping RBI single.

"It was an excellently played college baseball game," said Martin, whose 11th-ranked Seminoles fell to 43-19. "You have to give Heaton a great deal of credit. We had two

chances with the bases loaded and he got us out. And we had a chance in the ninth and he got us out there, too."

With two out in the ninth, Florida State got the tying run in scoring position on a stroke of luck. FSU short-stop Don DeLoach popped up in front of the plate with what appeared to be the final out. Catcher Farnk Castro, a usually reliable fielder, positioned himself under the ball, but apparently lost his concentration as Heaton ran toward him. The ball grazed Castro's glove and took a bounce into foul territory. The ball rolled back to the fence as DeLoach moved to sec-

ond base.

The error set the stage for Heaton and Florida State slugger Mike Fuentes. With the crowd on its feet and in a near frenzy, Fuentes took a ball before swining at a Heaton slider. The ball took two bounces before third baseman Mike Pagliarulo scooped it up and fired to first for the final out of the game.

"I was just trying to get a piece of the ball," said Fuentes, who struck out his first two times against Heaton. "He had me guessing the first two times up. That last pitch I hit was a slider. It was a good pitch — down

and in."

Heaton enjoyed the encounter.

"Fuentes is the best hitter in college baseball — there's no doubt about that," Heaton said.

The Hurricanes wasted little time taking the lead as they took advantage of Hatcher's early control problems for two first-inning runs on just one hit.

Doug Shields opened the game with a walk and stole second. Mike Kutner walked, and Scott Parsons moved the runners up with a sacrifice bunt to the mound.

| MIAMI | | | | | FLORIDA STATE | | | | |
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| | ab | r | h | bi | | ab | r | h | bi |
| Shields cf | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Martinez 2b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kutner lf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | DeLoach ss | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Parsons rf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | Fuentes cf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Castro c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | Licata lf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| DeJesus 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ledbetter 1b | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Sorce dh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ystrzmski rf | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pagliarulo 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Cawthon dh | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Seoane 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Figueredo 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Wrona ss | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | Totals | 33 | 2 | 8 | 2 |
| Totals | 29 | 3 | 6 | 3 | | | | | |

Miami 200 010 000—3
 Florida State 010 100 000—2

E—Castro. DP—Florida State 1. LOB—
 Miami 4, Florida State 10. 2B—Figueredo.
 HR—Cawthon (10). S—Shields, Parsons.

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
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| Miami | | | | | | |
| Heaton (W, 11-0) | 9 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9 |
| Florida State | | | | | | |
| Hatcher (L, 5-4) | 9 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 6 |

HBP—by Heaton (Ramsey), by Hatcher
 (Pagliarulo). T—2:10. A—3,188.