

Tar Heels surprise Seminoles 9-8

The show was good stuff. It was the script and ending that weren't quite what the Seminoles had in mind.

The typical Seminole Stadium finish would have the home team coming from behind to win with the screaming crowd on its feet. But with ESPN beaming this one live to the nation, North Carolina rallied from an 8-4 deficit to beat Florida State 9-8 Sunday night.

The Seminoles, 57-21 after taking two of three in the series, will now rest until Thursday when they begin play here in an NCAA regional tournament. The Tar Heels, 40-17-1, will wait by the phone and hope for an at-large bid today when the NCAA fills out its tournament field.

The victory left North Carolina with a faint hope. For that the Tar Heels must thank relief pitcher Gordon Douglas. He worked five shutout innings of relief, closing with a flourish by striking out the dangerous duo of Frank Fazzini and Paul Sorrento.

The crowd of 4,170 — many of whom were admitted free to help provide TV atmosphere — seemed disbelieving at the finish. Something heroic, something Hollywood was surely in order for the home team.

But unlike the first two games of the series, North Carolina matched FSU big hit for big hit, big pitch for big pitch. And went them one better.

There were any number of heroic deeds for the cameras. In the second inning, the Tar Heels got a two-run homer by Mike Jedziniak and a two-run double by shortstop Walt Weiss, who along with teammate B.J. Surhoff will likely be among the first 10 players drafted by the pros in June.

That quick 4-0 bolt, fazed FSU just a little. They know the way runs pile up in Seminole Stadium. Two runs were quickly recovered on a two-run homer by Vince Calandra in the bottom of the inning.

Urged on by the crowd that was hamming it up for the TV audience, the joint started rocking in celebration when the Seminoles scored six times in the fourth inning to take an 8-4 lead. As he has much of the season, Fazzini provided the critical blow with a grand slam. After just missing a home run that sliced foul to right, he hammered his 33rd homer of the season to left-center.

That type of heroism is hard to top. North Carolina managed. In the sixth, Carolina put the hammer on Smith and then reliever Ray Revak. Jim Steeds hit a

two-run homer to knock out Smith. Then Revak was tagged for two singles and a walk to load the bases. Right fielder Chris Lauria fell behind in the count 0-2 and spoiled off four tough Revak curveballs. Then he lines a double into the left-center gap for three runs and a 9-8 lead.

"They had been pitching me all series with slow curves on the outside corner. With the bases loaded and one out, I just wanted to get the ball in the air," said Lauria. "He finally got a curveball up where I could drive it."

With four more turns at bat, a one-run lead hardly seemed enough. FSU reliever Paul Thomas held that margin with 3½ innings of sparkling relief. Surely, the churned-up crowd figured, the Seminoles hadn't finished scoring.

But with one out and two on in the seventh, catch-

er Ed Fulton rammed a hard ground ball that was turned into a double play. From there, Eric Mangham was the only FSU baserunner with his fourth single of the night.

"Playing on ESPN is great in itself," said Douglas, 2-2. "This is one of the biggest thrills of my life."

FSU coach Mike Martin didn't find it all that depressing. He was going through recruiting benefits in his head.

"I'm always disappointed when we lose, but this certainly was a good show for national TV," he said. "We're proud of the way we played."

"This will have a tremendous impact on recruiting. We've got three or four guys we're after who saw the excitement of the fans and the atmosphere."

N. Carolina					Florida St.				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Stone,cf	4	2	1	2	Alicea,2b	5	1	1	0
Weiss,ss	5	1	4	2	Figueroa,ss	5	1	1	0
Surhoff,c	4	1	1	0	Fazzini,lf	4	1	1	4
Johnson,lf	4	1	0	0	Sorrento,rf	4	0	0	0
Lauria,rf	5	0	2	3	Jones,1b	4	0	1	0
Chandler,dh	4	0	0	0	Fulton,c	2	2	0	0
Bell,1b	4	1	1	0	Blackwell,c	0	0	0	0
Jedziniak,2b	5	1	2	2	Calandra,3b	3	2	1	2
Taylor,3b	4	2	3	0	Zoeller,dh	4	0	1	1
					Mangham,cf	4	1	4	0
Totals	39	9	14	9	Totals	35	8	10	7
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E—Fulton, Jones. DP—N.C. 2, FSU 1. LOB—N.C. 8, FSU 5. 2B—Figueroa, Weiss, Lauria. HR—Bell (5), Calandra (12), Fazzini (33), Stone (1). SB—Weiss, Taylor, Fazzini, Jedziniak.

		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
N. Carolina							
Williams		4	7	8	8	4	3
Douglas, W(2-2)		5	3	0	0	1	5
Florida St.							
Smith		5½	10	6	6	4	0
Revak, L(3-4)		0	3	3	3	1	0
Thomas		3½	1	0	0	0	4

T—3:10. A—4,170.