

# Gregory stops Miami

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CORAL GABLES — In this tale of two pitchers, Brad Gregory gave Florida State more than enough. And, true to form, Greg Knowles didn't give Miami nearly enough.

Gregory, making his 1990 debut as a starter, struck out six and scattered nine hits, and FSU shut down top-ranked Miami 6-2 before 6,375 fans Saturday evening at Mark Light Stadium.

Knowles, with a history of trouble against FSU, spotted the Seminoles a 5-0 lead that put the burden on the Hurricane offense.

FSU, ranked No. 6 by Collegiate Baseball-ESPN and No. 9 by Baseball America, improved to 41-12 in tying this three-game series that concludes today at 1:30 p.m.

Miami fell to 46-7, snapping a 10-game winning streak. FSU snapped a two-game losing streak that got this final 10-game stretch off to a poor start.

But the Seminoles committed only one error, compared to four in Friday night's 7-3 loss.

Gregory came into the game with 11 saves and a 1.44 earned-run average as the team's closer. But FSU coach Mike Martin decided to switch Gregory and

Ricky Kimball after Kimball posted a 1-3 record and a 10.59 ERA over his last starts.

Kimball, a preseason all-American as a reliever, was moved into the rotation this year both to showcase his talents to pro scouts and to give the team another consistent starter.

That job is now Gregory's, and he responded with typical consistency. He opened the season with a streak of 30½ innings of no earned runs allowed over 18 appearances.

The only question was whether Gregory could give a quality start, since his longest appearance this season was 3¾ innings. No problem. The senior righthander went 7¾ innings, walking two while throwing 128 pitches.

Kimball, the man he replaced in the bullpen, came in and notched his second save of the year.

"Brad was just what this ball club needed," said Martin, who has said the move will be key in the team's postseason success. "He was very gutsy, and didn't want to come out of the ball game. He's a first-class bulldog."

"I'm cautiously happy," Martin said of the win, "because as of now we have not done anything. (Today's) game will be a big game."

In reality, Gregory has been like a yo-yo on a string as coaches have tried to find a place for Kimball. This final move put the burden on Gregory to adjust to pitching longer and more consistently down this final stretch.

He said he tired in the fifth, but "kept pitching to my spots. I was real nervous because I wanted to

do good and show that this was a good move by the coaching staff.

"It certainly looks like it's better for the team," Gregory said of the move.

Kimball agreed.

"Hopefully, we're going to jell now," Kimball said. "I was talking to a scout, and he said that I'm a better talent in short relief. I guess I'm just tougher in short relief."

The happiest man on the field was pitching coach Mike McLeod, who's been pulling teeth trying to find a dependable group of weekend starters after Gar Finnvoold. He thinks he's done it.

"I feel good," McLeod said with a broad grin. "I feel things are coming together. I think we've done what we had to do to pitch to the caliber of competition we'll be facing."

And then, there was Greg "How 'Bout Them" Knowles — who came in with a lifetime ERA of 18.32 against FSU in five appearances.

Compared to his earlier appearances, Knowles was downright dominating early, though FSU led 3-0 after four innings.

Rocky Rau led off the third with a single to left and went to third on Allen Bevis' ground-rule double to right-center.

Rau scored on Marc Ronan's ground-out to second, moving Bevis to third. Brad Parker's sacrifice fly to left scored Bevis before Chris Roberts flied out to first to end the inning.

Chris Brock gave FSU another run in the seventh with a triple behind rightfielder Donald Robinson to score John Marc Tamayo. One out later, Knowles was lifted for reliever Steve Daye.

That gave Knowles 6½ innings — his longest outing against FSU. But it gave the Seminoles a 4-0 lead.

Daye's wild pitch scored Brock, though the run was charged to

Miami will counter with righthander Shawn Purdy (10-1, 1.93), who beat FSU 8-3 in Tallahassee.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida St.						
Gregory W, 1-1	7.2	9	2	2	2	6
Kimball S, 3	1.1	0	0	0	0	1
Miami						
Knowles L, 10-3	6.1	8	5	5	0	2
Day	2.2	2	1	1	1	3
WP—Knowles, Day 2						
HBP—Perez (by Knowles).						