

Aggies Edge Florida in Elimination Match-up

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Tampa, FL – Utah State Club Baseball defeated the University of Florida team by a score of 10-9 in 13 innings on Monday night at The University of Tampa Baseball Stadium.



The Gators held-on to a strong 7-1 lead through the first four and ½ innings of play thanks to five hits and five runs scored in the top of the second inning. But as the clouds rolled in the skies started to turn dark, the Aggies felt the pressure and turned on the offense.

In the bottom of the fifth, Utah State rattled Florida starter Patrick Pinak and capitalized on four defensive errors alongside four timely hits to put up a six-spot and tie the game at seven.

Not long after the last pitch of the top of the sixth inning was thrown, lightning struck in the Tampa area and rain started to fall forcing the game into a rain delay that lasted close to 90 minutes.

When the skies cleared and the tarps were removed, it was a whole new ballgame. Both teams seemed to have pushed the ‘Reset’ button as they cleaned up their defense and started what would be a long game of back-and-forth baseball.

Utah State scored two more right off the bat to end the sixth inning with a lead of 9-7. Aggies’ starter Sixto Cabrera did hold off the Gators for as long as he could, but the Gators matched the same effort and scored two of their own in the top of the eighth to tie the ballgame at nine.

The two teams continued on in a stalemate for four full innings before Utah State made some noise in the bottom of the 13th inning. After five hours of baseball, the Aggies scored on two hits and one error to win it 10-9.

Utah State is now 2-1 in tournament play and will face Wisconsin Tuesday, May 27th at 3:15 p.m. for a chance to compete in the National Championship game. After a 1-2 performance on the week, the Florida Gators are eliminated from the 2014 World Series event.

For more details about today’s game, check out the complete [box score](#).

This is the second consecutive season that the National Club Baseball Association has hosted the season-finale event at the University of Tampa Baseball Stadium in downtown Tampa. Games will continue through Thursday, May 29th. For a full schedule of events, links to in-game broadcasts and play-by-play updates, head to the [NCBA World Series Website](#).