

Gators Oust Colorado State in Second Day of Competition

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Tampa, FL – The Gators defeated Colorado State by a score of 8-7 on Saturday afternoon, eliminating the Rams from the 2014 NCBA Division I World Series at The University of Tampa Baseball Stadium.

With elimination on the line, both teams came to the field with a ‘win or go home’ mentality. Both teams were determined.



The Rams were hot out of the gate, tallying a total of three hits and three runs off of three Florida errors to put up an early lead. The Gators fired back with a run of their own in the bottom of the first and the battle began.

Both teams exchanged offensive sparks to keep fans on the edge of their seats. Colorado State put up one more in the third and two in the fifth while Florida answered with a pair of runs in the third and the fourth innings. After six complete, Colorado State held a small 6-5 lead over the Gators.

Senior Christian Pierce came up big in the bottom of the seventh with a lead-off double to ignite the rest of the Gator offense and get the ball rolling. Junior Corey Graf reached on an error and Pierce scored on an overthrow from the catcher. Graf made his way into scoring position and sophomore Patrick Pinak roped a single down the first-base line to bring him home. The Gators capitalized on another Colorado State error and knocked in one more run before the end of the inning to lead by two.

Colorado State fought back to score one in the top of the eighth, but the Florida defense shut them down in the ninth to hold onto a one-run lead and take the game 8-7.

The Gators will play the loser of Utah State vs. Cal-Berkeley on Monday, May 26th at 3:15 p.m. After a 0-2 performance in the event, Colorado State is eliminated from the World Series tournament.

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](#).