

Gritty Edward Waters (now 34-19 overall) edged Florida Memorial (21-26) 3-2 in Game 8 of the Black College Baseball World Series presented by Tyson Foods at Riverwalk Park – home of the of the Class AA Montgomery Biscuits – Friday.

The Tigers are now 7-1 in eight games over the last eight days with technically three contests Friday following a suspended game from Thursday night and 3-0 verdict over Wiley Friday morning.

The pitching-fatigued EWU squad got a critical complete game showing from senior righty Alexander Davila (4-2 on the hill) with nine innings, six hits, five strikeouts, and two earned runs. His teammates chipped in nine hits and the go-ahead run in the bottom of the fifth. Losing pitcher Carlos Solano (2-6) was equally effective with six innings worked and three earned runs with four strikeouts.

EWU had the benefit of one RBI on a hit batsman and another on a bases-loaded walk by Leonard Garcia to force home the eventual winning third run as Torry Jones paced the hit parade with three singles and a run scored.

Eliminated FMU notched five singles and a double by Ulises Rodriguez off Davila in the hard-fought setback. Of note, the last time Memorial played a 3-2 game in the BCBWS was a 19-inning championship winning bout (longest college game in 2023) against Albany State.

The Tigers took a short respite before tangling with Bluefield State in the third elimination contests of the day and for the chance to face NAIA power Talladega in the finals Saturday.