NEW ORLEANS—Florida State scored five runs in the third inning Friday and went on to an 8-5 baseball decision over Tulane.

The Seminoles, playing for the first time in two weeks, now own an 18-9 record. Tulane is 6-10. The two teams play again today at 2 o'clock

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The Seminoles went into the big third inning with a 1-0 lead. The run came in the first when John Mason doubled, Tom Whitaker slashed an infield single off the pitcher's glove sending Mason to third, and the two runners pulled a double steal.

In the third, winning pitcher Lin Garrett singled, Roy Mewbourne reached first on an error, and Mike Easom hit ^t a towering home run over the right field wall. Whitaker kept things going with a single, followed by a one-bagger by Dick Gold. Dean Duchak singled to right, and when the right fielder bobbled the ball, both runners ahead of him scored.

Cone gave FSU a couple of insurance runs in the eighth with a home run after Gold had walked.

All the Tulane runs came on homers. In the third Johnny Arthurs hit a solo shot; in the sixth, Billy Fitzgerald hit a round tripper with Ronnie Scott, a base-on-balls runner, on board; and in the seventh, Stephen Martin hit a solo shot.

Garrett, now 4-2, was the starter. Mike Reibling relieved him and pitched to one man, walking him, and James Helm finished up, allowing just one hit over the last 2 1-3 innings.

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