

Homer beats Tulane

Jones' 3-run shot
breaks tie in 8th

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It was floundering just a few days ago, but all seems well again with the Florida State baseball team.

Getting home runs from Frank Fazzini and Jimmy Jones and solid relief pitching, the Seminoles scored a 9-6 comeback victory Friday night over Tulane at Seminole Stadium.

A crowd of 897 ignored the threatening skies. FSU, 34-15, will host its Metro rivals for a double-header today beginning at 1. Tulane is 25-8.

As the Seminoles rolled the tarp over the field in anticipation of rain tonight, there were more smiles than have been seen lately.

"There's not a doggone thing wrong with this ballclub," said FSU Coach Mike Martin. "We think we can play with anybody in the country. We know we can play with anybody in the country."

They showed they could play with Tulane, which came out in a typical manner — swinging. They pushed two across in the first inning.

A few fans were razzing Green Wave third baseman Tookie Spahn — "Is that Tookie or bookie," they said referring to the basketball point-shaving scandal that has rocked the school. A few seconds later he ripped a two-run double. That crack was not heard again.

In the fifth Tulane scored four times against FSU starter Mike Loynd, who was unusually wild. He walked four and hit three batters in his six innings. Three of the walks and two hit batsmen came in the fifth.

The Seminoles got three right back. Luis Alicea lined a homer to the opposite field to lead off the

inning. With Bien Figueroa aboard, Fazzini hit a massive homer (his 17th) to right to make it 6-4.

"The key hit of the game, I thought, was Fazzini's homer," said Tulane Coach Joe Brockhoff. "That was the downfall of (Tulane starter) Tommy Little. We lost control and never recovered it."

Tulane never scored again. Lefty Paul Thomas came out of the bullpen and pitched a perfect seventh. Richie Lewis, 7-3, overpowered Tulane the rest of the way to earn the victory.

Meanwhile, Little lost it in the sixth. One single, one hit batsman and three walks made the score 6-6.

FSU's hitters did their part in the eighth against reliever Sam Amarena, who also happens to be the Tulane football team's punter. He had two punts blocked at Campbell Stadium last fall to key a Seminole victory.

Instead of the usual chant of "rag arm," the animals of Section B chanted "rag foot" and "block that kick."

Jones, who had been battling a wrist injury and a slump, had seen his average fall all the way to .230. But with two on in the eighth, he

lined a rare homer to the opposite field in left for the winning hit.

"I needed one to drop in," Jones said. "I'm happy one dropped in over the fence. They've been catching everything I hit."

Tulane					Florida St.				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Marigny,ss	5	1	1	0	Alicea,2B	4	3	2	1
Rapp,rf	3	2	0	0	Figueroa,ss	4	1	3	0
Wagner,lf	3	1	0	0	Fazzini,lf	4	2	2	3
Spahn,3B	5	0	2	2	Sorrento,rf	4	0	1	0
Reich,1B	3	1	1	0	Saxner,ph	0	0	0	0
Rivette,dh	4	1	1	2	Pacetti,pr	0	1	0	0
Desiardins,c	3	0	0	0	Jones,1B	4	1	1	3
Lefort,2B	3	0	1	1	Kidd,rf	4	0	1	0
Mahoney,cf	3	0	2	1	Blackwell,3B	5	0	0	0
					Fulton,c	4	0	1	0

					Mangham,cf	4	1	1	0
Totals	32	6	8	6	Totals	37	9	12	7

Tulane	200	040	000	—	6	8	1
Florida St.	100	032	03x	—	9	12	2

E—Reich, Fulton, Mangham. 2B—Marigny, Spahn. HR—Alicea (10), Fazzini (17), Jones (9). SB—Mahoney 2.

					IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tulane										
Little					5 ¹ / ₃	9	6	5	2	5
Amarena, L(4-3)					2 ² / ₃	3	3	3	3	5
Florida St.										
Loynd					6	8	6	6	4	5
Thomas					1	0	0	0	0	0
Lewis, W(7-3)					2	0	0	0	0	3

WP—Little, Amarena 2. PB—Desiardins. BK—Loynd. HBP—Wagner (Loynd), Desiardins (Loynd), Alicea (Little), Mahoney (Lewis). T—3:23. A—897.