

Seminoles sweep Tulane series

Doubleheader victory extends streak to four

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Tulane Coach Joe Brockhoff got himself thrown out of one game, and his team got clubbed out of another. Not much of a day.

"I think we helped Florida State get back on track, unfortunately," said the Tulane baseball coach after his team lost a doubleheader to the Seminoles 4-1 and 9-4 Saturday.

A beachy crowd of 1,679 watched the Seminoles get strong pitching from Doug Little and Kevin Smith and home runs from Jimmy Jones and Frank Fazzini. The sweep of the two seven-inning games gave FSU a clean sweep in the three-game series. That will mean something when it comes down to determining seeds for the Metro Tournament.

It also gave the Seminoles, 36-15, a four-game winning streak. That comes on the heels of a four-game losing streak. Tulane, 25-10, has lost five straight.

"I certainly feel good about the ballclub," said FSU Coach Mike Martin. "But I've never felt bad about it."

People believe such assessments a little more when things are going as smoothly as they did Saturday. Little, making his first start since he was suspended last Monday for disciplinary reasons, breezed in the opener.

"I'm just glad to be back," said Little, who raised his record to 9-1 and lowered his ERA to a sparkling 1.90. "I've got a great ballclub behind me. They gave me a 3-0 lead. Eric Mangham made two great catches. Frank Fazzini made a great catch."

Little was given his lead when FSU scored three times in the second inning. Two of the runs came on two walks, a wild pitch and a two-run single by catcher Ed Fulton, who also scored on a wild pitch.

The Seminoles' other run scored on a long home run by Jones.

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The second game was much easier. FSU scored two in the first with hits by Fazzini and Tommy Zoeller. Shortstop Bien Figueroa was in the middle of it as he has been most of the season. If he isn't sticking a single to right, he walks or finds another way to get on.

Figueroa, now hitting .393, kept the FSU third inning alive with a walk. One run was already in and

two were on. Fazzini got something from Tulane starter Mike Borgatti up in the strike zone and hit it two tons to left for a three-run homer.

"That one was out of any park. That one was out of Yellowstone," said Martin.

Jones, with his third homer in three games, hit another home run on the next pitch. Tulane was dazed.

The Wave tried to come back, but could get no closer than 7-3 against FSU starter Kevin Smith, 6-1. Their only ex-

tra-base hits were a pair of doubles, and it's tough to win in Seminole Stadium without home runs.

It was a particularly frustrating day for Tulane's Brockhoff, who was thrown out of the first game by umpire Bruce Ravan for arguing balls and strikes.

"What can you say," Brockhoff said, "when you get beat three times in a row and had five or six homers hit on you, and you don't hit any in return?"

You say sweep.

First game

Tulane					Florida State				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Marigny,ss	3	0	1	0	Alicea,2b	4	0	0	0
Rapp,rf	3	0	1	0	Figueroa,ss	2	0	1	0
Wagner,lf	3	1	1	0	Fazzini,lf	3	0	1	0
Spann,3b	3	0	0	0	Jones,1b	3	1	1	1
Reich,1b	3	0	1	0	Sorrento,rf	3	0	1	0
Rivette,dh	2	0	0	1	Calandra,dh	2	1	0	0

Deilev,c	3	0	0	0	Blackwell,3b	1	1	0	0
Lefort,2b	3	0	0	0	Fulton,c	3	1	1	2
Mahoney,cf	3	0	1	0	Mangham,cf	3	0	1	0
					Kidd,rf	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	1	5	1	Totals	24	4	6	3

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E—Mahoney, Figueroa. LOB—Tulane 5, FSU 6. HR—Jones (10). SB—Mangham. SF—Rivette.

Tulane					Florida State				
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Grinnell, L(4-2)	6	6	4	3	4	3			
Little, W(9-1)	7	5	1	0	0	3			

Second game

Tulane					Florida State				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Marigny,ss	4	2	2	0	Alicea,2b	4	0	0	0
Rapp,rf	3	1	1	1	Figueroa,ss	2	2	0	0

Wagner,lf	3	0	0	2	Fazzini,lf	4	2	3	4
Spann,3b	4	1	2	0	Jones,1b	2	1	1	2
Reich,1b	3	0	1	0	Zoeller,dh	3	0	1	1
Rivette,dh	1	0	0	1	Kidd,rf	3	1	0	0
Desjardins,c	3	0	0	0	Blackwell,3b	3	1	1	0
Lefort,2b	2	0	1	0	Fulton,c	3	0	0	0
Mahoney,cf	2	0	0	0	Mangham,cf	2	2	2	1
McClosky,2b	0	0	0	0	Kosco,ph	1	0	0	0
Amarena,ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	26	4	7	4	Totals	27	9	8	8

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E—Spann, Figueroa. DP—Tulane 1, FSU 1. LOB—Tulane 6, FSU 5. 2B—Mangham, Rapp, Marigny. 3B—Mangham. HR—Fazzini (18), Jones (11). SB—Zoeller, Fazzini. SF—Rivette, Wagner.

Tulane					Florida State				
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Borgatti, L(6-2)	5	8	9	4	4	6			
Burdine	1	0	0	0	1	0			
Smith, W(6-1)	7	7	4	2	3	2			

WP—Gorgatti, Smith. T—1:45. A—1,679.