

Mike Loynd's better; Central Florida's not

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Ah, the wonders of modern medicine.

Until a few days ago, Florida State pitcher Mike Loynd was being constantly harassed by a virus that made him lightheaded whenever he pitched more than about five innings. Two blood tests and a load of antibiotics later, Loynd's the one who's spreading dismay.

Central Florida came down with a bad case of Loynd fever on Tuesday night as the Seminoles belted the Knights 12-0 at Seminole Stadium. The win was FSU's sixth straight and improved its record to 38-15. Central Florida dropped to 44-23-1.

This one was basically over before the thermometer dipped below about 40 degrees, which didn't seem to take long. Loynd pitched five innings or longer of no-hit ball while his teammates were pounding away on Central Florida pitching.

By the fifth inning the score had ballooned to 8-0 and the only question was whether Loynd could keep his no-hitter going. With one out, that question was answered, but the controversy started.

Central Florida's Wayne Schulz hit a sharp grounder to third baseman Barry Blackwell, who dove to his left to smother the ball. He recovered in time to get off a throw, which skidded past first baseman Jimmy Jones.

The scorekeeper ruled it a hit; judging from the boos, the fans ruled it an error. And Loynd? He was diplomatic but disappointed.

"I think Barry made a great play on the ball," he said. "If the throw would have been there, he

would have been out and it wouldn't have been a hit."

It was the only hit Loynd would give up before he was relieved in the eighth inning by Pete Brown, who allowed three more to quell the controversy.

"I wanted, I was praying, that I could stay in there just to keep the controversy alive," said Loynd.

But even lasting seven innings is something new to Loynd, who has been bothered by a bad back and the mysterious virus for much of the season.

"I went to the health center twice and had a couple of blood tests," he said. "The doctors just said I had some kind of virus and they gave me some antibiotics. Before, I was getting lightheaded after about five innings, but I'm over it now."

His resurgence couldn't have come at a better time for FSU, which has had an Achilles pitching heel for much of the season. It was the second strong pitching performance for FSU in two days, after Steve Gelmine shut down the Knights 6-3 on Monday night.

"I thought that after last night we'd come back strong, but we didn't," said Central Florida coach Jay Bergman. "You have to give the pitcher all the credit; he certainly dominated the game. After the first inning we were not in it, mentally or otherwise."

FSU was in it mentally and otherwise. The Seminoles worked over three Central Florida pitchers for 16 hits, including home runs by Dru Kosco and Frank Fazzini to give Loynd all the support he needed to run his record to 7-3.

The teams conclude their three-game series today at 3:30 at Seminole Stadium. Then fans are in for a thrill when old nemesis Miami comes to town for a three-game series beginning on Friday.

Central Florida					Florida State				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Cangelosi,cf	2	0	0	0	Alicea,2b-ss	5	3	2	0
Cable,c	2	0	0	0	Figueroa,ss	4	3	3	1
Barker,lf	4	0	1	0	Fazzini,lf	5*	2	2	2
Zawaski,1b	4	0	0	0	Jones,1b	3	2	2	2
Yochem,dh	4	0	0	0	Zoeller,dh	3	0	0	1
McHugh,3b	3	0	0	0	Sorrento,rf	4	0	2	2
Wright,rf	2	0	0	0	Blackwell,3b	3	0	1	0
Schulz,2b	2	0	1	0	Fulton,c	5	1	2	0

Koehnke,ss	4	0	0	0	Mangham,cf	3	0	0	0
Reese,lf	1	0	0	0	Pacetti,2b	1	0	0	0
Dawson,c	1	0	1	0	Lewis,lf	0	0	0	0
Maloney,3b	1	0	0	0	Kosco,dh	2	1	1	2
Blue,rf	0	0	0	0	Saxner,1b	1	0	0	0
Brown,ph	1	0	1	0	Calandra,3b	1	0	1	0
					Kidd,rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	31	0	4	0	Totals	41	12	16	10

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E—Zawaski, Jones, Cable, Alicea.
 DP—FSU 1. LOB—CF 9, FSU 8. 2B—
 Fazzini. HR—Kosco (4), Fazzini (19). SB—
 Alicea 2, Sorrento.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cent. Florida						
Santiago, L(2-2)	3 ¹ / ₃	7	8	6	2	2
Swanson	2	8	3	3	0	0
Colton	2 ² / ₃	1	1	1	1	2
Florida St.						
Lovnd, W(7-3)	7	1	0	0	4	10
Brown	2	3	0	0	1	1

WP—Santiago. T—2:50. A—897.