

# Seminoles sweep Tulane to clinch division title

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NEW ORLEANS — Florida State's Paul Sorrento homered and drove in four runs as the Seminole baseball team clinched first place in the South division of the Metro Conference with a 9-3, 5-2 doubleheader sweep of the Tulane Green Wave on Saturday.

Pitchers Doug Little and Mike Loynd each earned his 12th victory, and the Seminoles won their fifth and sixth consecutive games on the road.

FSU is 50-18 overall and 12-4 in conference play. Tulane dropped to 35-20 overall and 5-10 in the conference.

"Before we left, I set an unrealistic



Sorrento

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goal of six wins on this trip," said FSU head coach Mike Martin. "The fact that we have accomplished that goal makes me so proud of our kids. We are playing with a lot of enthusiasm right now and appear to be peaking at the right time. This was a great day for us."

In the first game, the Seminoles used a two-run home run from Sorrento and a two-run error by Tulane third baseman Tookie Spann to break open a 2-1 contest.

Little, now 12-2, fell behind early, allowing two runs in the first. But the Seminoles chipped away, scoring one run in the third, before erupting for three more in the fourth.

With the score tied 2-2 and runners on first and third, Spann failed to handle Eric Mangham's hard-hit ball down

the third-base line. The ball rolled to the left-field fence, allowing two runs to score for a 4-2 FSU lead.

Sorrento widened the lead in the fifth inning, hitting a two-run homer to deep right field against a stiff wind, to make it 6-2. It was the ninth home run on the year for Sorrento, who went 3 for 4.

Bien Figueroa went 2 for 3 and drove in one run for the Seminoles, who had four RBIs and four earned runs in the game. Jimmy Jones accounted for FSU's other first-game RBI. Florida State bunched its eight hits and was aided by three walks and two Tulane errors.

Richie Lewis, pitching in relief of Little, pitched three scoreless innings to earn his second save. Lewis struck out two and gave up only two hits. Little struck out three but walked five in his four innings of work.

In the second game, Loynd, 12-3, pitched a six-strikeout complete game

and allowed only one earned run. Figueroa's and Sorrento's two-RBI hits helped FSU score five times in the second inning to give Loynd all the cushion he would need.

With one out in the second, Barry Blackwell and Craig Saxner each singled. Eric Mangham then flew out to center, before Luis Alicea walked to load the bases. Figueroa then doubled in the inning's first two runs, and Frank Fazzini drew an intentional walk to re-load the bases.

Sorrento delivered a single for two more runs to make it 4-0 and Tommy Zoeller added a run-scoring single off reliever Sammy Amarena to top off the Seminole scoring.

Loynd then took over, scattering five hits the rest of the way, to earn his sixth consecutive win. The Seminole defense turned three double plays to aid in the effort.

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Alicea went 2 for 3, the Seminoles' only multi-hit performance. FSU had nine hits in all, with Figueroa's double accounting for the only extra-base hit.

Barry Grinnell, 5-6, took the loss in the first game for the Green Wave, and Don Herry, 2-2 and in his first college start, lost the nightcap.

Florida State closes out its road trip today with a 3 p.m. game with Tulane before returning home to host the Metro Conference tournament which runs Thursday through Sunday. Al Ashmont, 4-0, is slated to go for the Seminoles in today's game against either Mike Borgatti, 8-3, or Tommy Little, 6-1.

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Tulane	200 100 0 — 3 6 2

Game Winning RBI—none.

E—Sorrento, Spann, Mahoney. DP—FSU 1. LOB—FSU 3, Tulane 6. 2B—Spann. HR—Sorrento (9). SB—Alicea.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida State						
Little W, 12-2	4	4	3	3	5	3
Lewis S, 2	3	2	0	0	0	2
Tulane						
Grinnell L, 5-6	7	8	9	4	3	5

WP—Little. PB—Deiley. T—2:03.

## First game

Florida State	ab	r	h	bi	Tulane	ab	r	h	bi
Alicea, 2b	4	0	1	0	Mahoney, cf	3	0	0	0
Figueroa, ss	3	2	2	1	Desjardins, ph	1	0	0	0
Fazzini, lf	4	0	0	0	Marigny, ss	3	1	1	1
Sorrento, rf	4	3	3	2	Wagner, lf	4	1	1	0
Jones, 1b	4	1	1	1	Spann, 3b	2	0	1	2
Fulton, c	3	1	0	0	Reich, 1b	2	0	0	0
Zoeller, dh	3	1	1	0	Rapp, rf	2	0	0	0
Blackwell, 3b	2	0	0	0	Rivette, dh	2	1	1	0
Mangham, cf	3	1	0	0	Lefort, 2b	3	0	0	0
					Deiley, c	3	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>

# Second game

Florida State					Tulane				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Alicea,2b	3	1	2	0	Marigny,ss	3	2	2	0
Figueroa,ss	3	1	1	2	Rapp,cf	4	0	2	1
Fazzini,lf	3	1	1	0	Wagner,lf	3	0	1	0
Sorrento,rf	3	0	1	2	Spann,3b	4	0	1	0
Zoeller,1b	3	0	1	1	Reich,1b	4	0	0	0
Jones,1b	1	0	0	0	Rivette,rf	0	0	0	0
Calandra,3b	3	0	1	0	Lefort,2b	3	0	0	0
Blackwell,c	3	1	1	0	Amarena,dh	2	0	0	0
Saxner,dh	2	1	1	0	Desiardins,c	3	0	1	0
Pacetti,pr	0	0	0	0					
Mangham,cf	3	0	0	0					
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>

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Game Winning RBI—Figueroa.

E—Wagner, Zoeller, Loynd. DP—FSU 3, Tulane 3. LOB—FSU 7, Tulane 9. 2B—Figueroa, Rapp. SB—Pacetti.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
<b>Florida State</b>						
Loynd W,12-3	7	7	2	1	6	6
<b>Tulane</b>						
Herry L,2-2	12½	6	5	5	3	1
Amarena	4½	3	0	0	3	0
Mmahat	1	0	0	0	0	1

WP—Herry. T—2:13. A—929.