

Loynd, Lee lift FSU with 14 strikeouts

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When you get two nationally ranked teams together, there are expectations of college baseball at a higher plane.

That didn't happen Sunday. The 2,513 fans who came to Seminole Stadium to spend a sunny afternoon saw seven errors, 13 walks, 24 men left on base and an all-out search for a lost contact lens jammed into 3½ hours.

Completing a two-game sweep of Georgia Tech, however, left few people this side of Atlanta in a complaining mood. The Seminoles won 9-4, largely on the strength of pitchers Mike Loynd and Mike Lee. They combined to strike out 14.

The Seminoles, ranked No. 2 by Baseball America, are 9-1. They travel to Gainesville for a two-game series with Florida beginning Tuesday night. Georgia Tech, ranked No. 21 by Baseball America, starts its season at 0-2.

The reasons for the FSU victory were two, said Seminole coach Mike Martin.

"The two big keys were Mike Loynd getting out of that bases-loaded situation and the other was the poise we showed when we had that really bad inning," he said.

Trailing 1-0 with one out and the bases loaded in the third inning, Loynd stood at the edge of a cliff.

"I said to myself, 'Man, this is not where you want to be. Get working. Get out of this inning.' I was real happy," said Loynd, who charged off the mound after he struck out Tech cleanup hitter Mike Fowler and Frank Bolick to get out of the inning without further damage.

In fact, if you are looking for reasons for Georgia Tech's tough weekend, look no further than 4-for-42 production by the top five hitters in the lineup. Look no further than the 17 walks Tech pitchers issued, 10 on Sunday. FSU pitchers walked five in the two games. Look no further than 37 strikeouts in the two games, five on Sunday from the No. 4 spot in the order. The Seminoles, on the other hand, struck out just three times in the two games.

"Most of them are pull hitters who love the fast-ball. They try to hit the ball as far as they can," said Loynd, who fanned 12 in eight innings to nearly top Richie Lewis' 13-strikeout effort Saturday. "This was only their second game, and they haven't seen many breaking balls. It worked for Richie and we kept throwing it."

The Seminoles countered with two runs in the bottom of the third on hits by Jose Marzan, Bien Figueroa and a two-out, two-run single by Luis Alicea.

Alicea also played a central role in the top of the fourth. Riccardo Ingram hit a two-run homer over the screen in right. Tech went up 4-2 on a short fly to center that bounced away from sliding Deion Sanders, an Alicea error on a double-play ball and a botched pop that got away from Alicea.

"The guys were able to keep their composure," said Martin.

Loynd did. He prevented further damage by striking out Jeff Distasio, the No. 3 hitter who hit three homers in the NCAA playoffs here last May but went 0-for-Tallahassee this time through.

FSU took the game back with three runs in the fourth inning. As he did to begin a two-run Seminole fifth inning, Eric Mangham walked to start it off. Barry Blackwell, working out of a slump, doubled. Fowler looked like he might kill the inning with a terrific running catch in center, but a booted double-play ball by freshman second baseman Ty Griffin led to two more runs. The offense was led by Figueroa's three hits, and two apiece by Marzan, Alicea and Blackwell.

"I don't think we were really

ready today," said Griffin, who had two hits and stole three bases. "This was only our second game

and we have a lot of young guys. And they have pretty good pitching."

Georgia Tech					Florida State				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Griffin, 2b	5	0	2	0	Sanders, cf	4	1	0	1
White, lf	5	0	0	1	Marzan, 1b	5	2	2	0
Distasio, 1b	3	0	0	0	Figueroa, ss	5	1	3	1
Fowler, cf	4	0	0	0	Zoeller, dh	1	0	0	1
Parham, ph	1	0	0	0	Taddeo, pr	0	1	0	0
Bolick, 3b	5	0	1	0	Sakner, c	0	0	0	0
Sitler, rf	5	1	2	0	Alicea, 2b	5	0	2	2
Ingram, dh	4	1	1	2	Fulton, c	4	0	0	1
Kerver, ss	3	2	2	0	Mangham, 3b	2	2	0	0
Stephens, c	3	0	1	0	Blackwell, 3b	2	2	2	0
					McClellan, 3b	1	0	0	0
					Kidd, rf	2	0	1	2
					Clayborne, ph	0	0	0	0
					Sorrento, rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	38	4	9	3	Totals	32	9	10	8
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Florida State					002 321 10x—	9			

E—Fulton, Distasio (2), Alicea (2), Griffin. DP—none. LOB—Georgia Tech 11, FSU 13. 2b—Kerver, Blackwell, Marzan. HR—Ingram. SB—Griffin (3), Stephens, Figueroa, Taddeo, Marzan, Mangham (2). SF—Kidd, Sanders, Fulton.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Georgia Tech						
Kinard (L, 0-1)	3½	6	5	4	4	2
Erwin	2½	2	3	2	4	0
Kohl	1½	2	1	1	1	1
Roddy	1	0	0	0	1	0
Florida State						
Loynd (W, 3-0)	8	9	4	3	2	12
Lee	1	0	0	0	1	2

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