

Loynd's 13 strikeouts help smash Spiders

Mike Loynd and Richie Lewis have a little bet at stake. But opposing hitters are the ones who are paying.

The two Florida State pitchers are waging a strikeout war. Loynd struck out 13 in seven innings Saturday as FSU again pummeled the Richmond Spiders 13-3 with 2,037 watching and enjoying the sunshine at Seminole Stadium.

The Seminoles, 22-2, have a day off before Pittsburgh, another snowbird favorite, arrives for a four-game series beginning Monday. The unfortunate Spiders, who return home after going 0-for-Tallahassee, are 2-9.

As in the three previous games of this series, there was little drama. The Seminoles went up 1-0 in the third inning on a solo home run by Bien Figueroa. They added another run in the fourth and four more in the fifth. With two outs in the fifth, Paul Sorrento lined his team-leading seventh homer to center. Then Craig Saxner, Greg Clayborne, Eric Mangham, third baseman Doug Little (filling in for Barry Blackwell) and Jose Marzan followed with consecutive singles for a 6-0 lead.

FSU's five-run sixth was fueled by two Richmond errors and highlighted by Luis Alicea's two-run double. Jose Marzan capped the day with a two-run homer in the eighth.

The main question was just how many Spiders Loynd would whiff. He struck out the first three batters, one more in the second, one in the third and two in the fourth. Then, working his sliders and curves, he struck out the side in the fifth and sixth.

"I'm not worried about the strikeouts," said Loynd, who could do nothing but smile when a teammate overheard and said, "Yes, you are." "I like them, but I'm not worried about it. You saw in the second

and third innings. I'll take ground balls anytime."

Loynd, 5-1, was hit for two runs in the seventh inning when he yielded two of his three walks. Mike Lee finished.

Loynd, a senior, has struck out 62 in 42 innings this season. Lewis, who struck out 12 Spiders in seven innings Friday night, has fanned 63 in 41 innings.

But Lewis has walked 24 this season compared to 20 for Loynd. According to their rules, that difference of four is subtracted from Lewis' strikeout total. That leaves Loynd up by three. And he has another edge.

"Richie was popping off, and he spotted me 20," said Loynd with a smile. He declined to mention the terms of the bet.

"I don't know," he said, "but Richie mentioned something about the family farm back home in Indiana."

Richmond					Florida State				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Paris, 2b	5	0	2	1	Marzan, 1b	5	1	2	2
Zanbo, ss	3	0	0	0	Alicea, 2b	6	0	1	2
Sickinger, dh	2	0	0	0	Figueroa, ss	6	2	2	1
Wicz, 1b-ph	1	0	1	0	Fulton, c	4	1	0	0
Malloy, 1b	4	1	1	0	Sorrento, rf	3	2	1	1
Jordan, cf	4	1	1	0	Saxner, dh	2	1	2	0
Merridith, dh	2	0	1	0	Taddeo, ph-lf	2	0	1	0
Vossier, 3b	1	0	0	0	Clayborne, lf	5	2	3	3
Reid, rf	3	0	1	0	Mangham, cf	4	3	2	1
Rogers, ph	1	1	1	0	Freeman, ph	1	0	0	0
Blanton, c	2	0	0	0	Little, 3b	2	0	1	2
LeRose, lf	1	0	0	1	Lewis, 3b	0	1	0	0
Harding, lf	1	0	0	0					
Anderson, c	3	0	0	1					
Totals	33	3	8	3	Totals	40	13	15	12
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Florida State					001	145	02x-	13	

E—Zanbo, Loynd, Malloy, Paris, Lewis, Anderson. DP—Richmond. LOB—Richmond 8, FSU 11. 2B—Merridith, Clayborne, Figueroa, Rodgers, Alicea, Paris, Taddeos. HR—Figueroa, Sorrento, Marzan. SB—Alicea, Mangham, Saxner. CS—Marzan, Sorrento. SH—Zanbo. SF—Little.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Richmond						
Walker (L 1-1)	4 1/3	8	6	6	4	3
Merritt	1/3	3	1	1	0	0
Sickinger	1	2	4	0	1	0
Dip	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cressy	1	1	3	3	1	1
Florida State						
Loynd (W 5-1)	7	5	2	2	3	13
Lee	2	2	1	0	0	2

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