

FSU's Loynd strikes out 14 to complete Tulane sweep

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Just about everybody at Seminole Stadium thought Mike Loynd pitched a pretty good game Sunday. Everybody except Loynd, that is.

What he did was hold Tulane to five hits and Florida State beat the Green Wave 4-2 in front of a crowd of 2,103 at FSU. Loynd picked up 14 strikeouts on his way to out-dueling Tulane ace Mike Borgatti. He struck out the side three times and improved his record to 10-1.

All that might lead one to think the senior right-hander had one of his better outings.

"I don't believe it was," said Loynd. "My arm's still tired and I'm not throwing the way I want to."

And that might lead one to think Loynd is either blowing smoke or is just a hard guy to impress. Whichever, he had good enough stuff to hand Tulane its eighth loss of the season against 31 wins. The game improved the Seminoles' record to 38-6 and gave them a two-game sweep over their Metro Conference rivals.

It wasn't your typical Seminole Stadium win for FSU. Most games turn into three-hour hit parades, but Loynd and Borgatti, now 7-1, teamed up to get it over in two hours and eight minutes.

The hits were scarce early on. FSU didn't get its first one until the fourth inning when Jose Marzan hit a routine infield fly that Tulane first baseman John Reich and third baseman David Smith each thought the oth-

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er would catch. Neither did, and Marzan was on first.

Marzan later scored on a Borgatti balk. Bien Figueroa scored FSU's second run on a fielders' choice off Paul Sorrento's bat. Eric Mangham added a solo home run in the fifth, which seemed as if it would be an insurance run the way Loynd was pitching.

Tulane's Gary Desjardins made it the winning run in the seventh inning when he hit a two-run homer. It was the third straight game in which the Tulane catcher had hit a home run. It took a guy in that kind of groove to figure out Loynd on Sunday.

"He got us guessing breaking ball and then he'd throw the fastball by us," said Desjardins. "Of course, we helped him out by swinging at some pitches that were out of the strike zone."

FSU threatened to blow it open in the seventh when it loaded the bases with two out. Marzan hit a drive to deep center field, but Tulane's J.B. Mahoney made a diving catch to keep the Green Wave in the game.

Sorrento didn't take any chances with Mahoney one inning later. He hit a Borgatti pitch over the center-field wall to make it 4-2. That was more than enough help for Loynd, who now has 117 strikeouts for the season, one more than teammate Richie Lewis.

"That was just some great pitching," said Coach Mike Martin.

"Loynd was obviously just in total control."

Loynd said pitching on three days the past three starts hurt his curveball and fastball on Sunday. His slider, however, was pure poison to Tulane.

"I'm really happy right now. If I can go out there without my best stuff and still win, it shows I can pitch and that I'm not just a thrower," he said. "I'd like to go out there one time when I'm really cooking."

If all goes as planned, that chance might come Friday night when FSU meets Miami.

• Third baseman Barry Blackwell, whose left arm was injured when it was hit by a pitch on Saturday night, is out indefinitely. An initial examination revealed a possible fracture. Team physicians are scheduled to examine Blackwell today.

TULANE					FLORIDA STATE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Mahoney,cf	4	0	0	0	Marzan,1b	4	1	2	0
Rapp,rf	3	0	0	0	Alicea,2b	3	0	0	0
Wagner,lf	4	0	1	0	Figueroa,ss	4	1	1	0
Rivette,dh	3	0	0	0	Sorrento,rf	4	1	2	2
Smith,3b	4	0	0	0	Fulton,c	3	0	0	0
Marigny,2b	4	1	2	0	Taddeo,dh	4	0	1	0
Reich,1b	4	0	0	0	Clayborne,lf	4	0	1	0
DesJardins,c	3	1	2	2	Mangham,cf	2	1	1	1
Mitchell,ss	3	0	0	0	McClellan,3b	2	0	0	0
Leaveall,ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	33	2	5	2	Totals	30	4	8	3
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E—Figueroa. DP—Tulane 1. LOB—Tulane 7, FSU 6. 2B—Marigny, Clayborne. HR—Mangham (4), DesJardins (6), Sorrento (12).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tulane						
Borgatti L, 7-1	8	8	4	4	4	4
Florida State						
Loynd W, 10-1	9	5	2	2	3	14
BK—Borgatti, T—2:08, A—2:103.						