

Loynd stops Knights

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ORLANDO — Mike Loynd pitched seven innings of shutout ball and Bien Figueroa drove in two runs in Florida State's 3-1 baseball victory over Central Florida on Saturday night.

With the victory, the top-ranked Seminoles improved to 47-8 on the year while the Knights fell to 45-11 before an all-time record crowd of 4,206 at the Central Florida Baseball Complex.

Florida State scored two runs in the first inning. Jose Marzan led off with a walk, stole second and scored on a Paul Sorrento single. Sorrento went to second on a passed ball, advanced to third on Luis Alicea's fly ball to deep right, and scored on Figueroa's groundout to the right side of the infield.

FSU added a run in the sixth after Sorrento got an infield hit. He moved to second on a hit-and-run play by Alicea that kept the Seminoles out of a double play. With two outs, Figueroa singled up the middle off Central Florida starter Russ Manion to make it 3-0.

Loynd never allowed more than one runner on base in any inning. Now 14-1, Loynd struck out six batters to break Pat Osburne's 16-year-old record of 154 strikeouts in a season. Loynd now has fanned 155 in 108 innings.

By working seven scoreless innings, Loynd kept alive another impressive streak as he has not allowed a run in 27 consecutive innings.

But the junior tired in the seventh and was replaced by Richie Lewis in the top of the eighth inning. Second baseman Bobby Miller led off the inning with a triple off the right-field wall and Todd Rease followed with an RBI single. Odie Koehnke then drew a walk on a 3-2 pitch to put the tying runs on base with no outs.

Steve Kovensky replaced Lewis to face Knight's rightfielder Jose Soto. After working the count to 2-2, Soto tried to lay a bunt down the first base line, but it went foul for a strike out. Kovensky then struck out Scott McHugh and Vince Zawaski to end the threat.

Florida State returns to action on Tuesday night with a game against Florida International in Miami.

FLORIDA STATE					CENTRAL FLA.				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Marzan,1b	3	1	2	0	Koenke,ss	3	0	1	0
Sorrento,rf	4	2	2	1	Soto,rf	3	0	0	0
Alicea,2b	4	0	0	0	Zawaski,1b	4	0	0	0
Figueroa,ss	4	0	1	2	McHugh,3b	4	0	1	0
Mangham,cf	3	0	1	0	Malone,lf	4	0	1	0
Taddeo,dh	4	0	0	0	Riggin,c	1	0	0	0
Fulton,c	3	0	0	0	Motsinger,cf	4	0	2	0
Blackwell,3b	3	0	0	0	Miller,2b	4	1	1	0
Clayborne,lf	1	0	0	0	Rease,dh	3	0	1	0
Kidd,lf	1	0	0	0	Underwd,ph	1	0	0	0
McClellan,3b	0	0	0	0	Walters,c	1	0	0	0
Totals	30	3	6	3	Totals	32	1	7	1
Florida State					200 001 000—3				
Central Florida					000 000 010 —1				

E—Clayborne, Alicea. DP—2,2 LOB—3,7. 2B—Marzan. 3B—Malone, Miller. SB—Marzan, Figueroa.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida State						
Loynd W,14-1	7	4	0	0	2	6
Lewis	0	2	1	1	1	0
Kovensky S,4	2	1	0	0	0	5
Central Florida						
Manion L,8-5	7	5	3	2	2	4
Novak	2	1	0	0	0	0

WP—Manion, Loynd 2, Kovensky. PB—Riggin. HBP—Clayborne by Manion. T—2:55. A—4,206.