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Jones, FSU stop Miami in 5-1 win

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MIAMI — Larry Jones fired a twohitter and Mark Coulter slugged a tworun homer to spark Florida State's baseball team to a 5-1 victory over the University of Miami here Monday night.

The Seminole victory, in front of a Mark Light Field capacity crowd of around 3,800, was FSU's third of the season. Florida State will square off with the 'Canes again tonight at 7:30, sending to the mound junior college transfer Jackie Smith.

FSU beat chilly, 60-degree weather, made colder by a strong wind blowing in from right field, and did it the same way the Seminoles beat Biscayne College twice Sunday - with power. Coulter connected for a two-run homer into the 20-mile an hour wind in the top of the sixth inning to send the Seminoles to a 2-1 lead.

Jones, except for a splurge of wildness in the bottom of the fifth, was powerful himself, setting the Hurricanes down on just two hits. The big senior went 8 2/3 innings, getting lastout help from Brooks Carey in the form of a strikeout.

He walked seven, striking out five. The touch of wildness, which bothered him slightly in last year's 15-1 season, helped the Hurricanes to their only run.

Coulter's home run scored Guillermo Bonilla, who had reached with the help of a controversial call on what appeared to be a swinging third strike.

With a count of one ball, two strikes, Bonilla appeared to swing at Chris Lynch's fourth pitch. But the umpire ruled he didn't go around, and the flustered Lynch walked him on the next two

Coulter, who had one of the five FSU home runs against Biscayne, then slapped a 1-0 pitch over the right field wall for FSU's first lead of the game. He also had another shot that appeared to be going out but was blown back into the park in the eighth inning.

Florida State added three insurance runs in the top of the ninth, two of them scoring on Chip Bifano's double.

Except for the controversy on the Bonilla call, the game was without incident involving the fans.

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