

# Pollack pitches Seminoles to an 8-3 win over Miami

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They played immaculate defense. They delivered clutch hits. But Florida State continued to show that the way to the top of the college baseball charts is with strong arms.

Chris Pollack pitched FSU past the Miami Hurricanes 8-3 Sunday under blue skies and the smiling eyes of 5,113 fans at Seminole Stadium. The victory gave Florida State the series two games to one, a series that saw an impressive 16,151 click through the turnstiles.

The fans saw the Seminoles commit an error on the first play of their 6-1 win Friday night and not make another the rest of the series. They saw FSU hitters outscore the defending national champions 17-8 in three

games with major contributions by star types such as Luis Alicea (a three-run triple Sunday) and Paul Sorrento and by role types such as walk-on third baseman Chad McClellan (five hits in the series, three Sunday) and Greg Clayborne.

But more than anything else, this series was strong testimony to the strength of the Seminoles' starting pitching. Three games against Miami. Three complete games by Mike Loynd, Richie Lewis and Pollack.

"I can't remember anybody throwing three complete games in a series against us ever," said Miami coach Ron Fraser. "We knew going in that the key was getting into their bullpen, and we couldn't do it."

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relievers when your offense produces 17 hits in three games and is given only six walks. Loynd stifled Miami on seven hits, walked one and struck out 13 Friday night. Richie Lewis threw a four-hitter, struck out nine Saturday night and still lost 4-3 to Rick Raether. In his tidy six-hitter, Pollack walked only one and struck out eight in a game he said was the biggest of his life.

Pollack's father Bernie, a famed Hollywood costume designer, had flown in to see his son pitch at Seminole Stadium for the first time.

"It was my biggest win ever," said Pollack, a 6-foot-5 left-hander who mixed big, slow curves with fastballs and changeups to maximum effect. "You just don't beat Miami every day. I was shaking out there for three innings. But my dad had flown 3,000 miles to see me pitch. I wanted to last more than a few innings."

McClellan, one of the surprises of the season, was the one who got the Seminoles going. Miami starter Gus Meizoso, a left-hander, looked tough the first 2½ innings. McClellan reached him for a single that ignited a four-run third inning. His single was followed with hits by Jose Marzan and Paul Sorrento.

With the bases loaded and one out, Meizoso made the mistake of throwing switch-hitting Alicea a fat 1-0 fastball. As the Seminole Stadium fan participation song goes, "Luis, Luis, oh, oh, slap that ball." He did, driving it to left-center for a triple.

"I hit it where I should have hit it, on the nose and in the gap," said Alicea, now the team's RBI leader with 55.

With the game basically gone, the Hurricanes made one more effort to get into the depleted FSU bullpen, limited by the loss of injured Mike Lee. A Joe Nelson single and Rick Richardi double with one out in the eighth got FSU relievers stirring. But Pollack pitched out of it with two ground balls, one of them that had shortstop Bien Figueroa's gunning down Mike Fiore from deep in the hole.

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