

Schnellenberger says Lawton to get into game

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his head," Schnellenberger said. "He can't stop remembering he's supposed to limp. It does become a habit."

Freshman Troy Mike and junior Arthur Alexander retained their starting spots at cornerback. But Walter Wise, an NCAA Bylaw 5-1-(j) casualty last year, jumped from the fourth team to No. 2 behind Mike.

There were some other significant changes in the secondary. Anthony Wiggins, a regular last season at strong-side cornerback, dropped from No. 2 to the fourth team, and freshman Joey Smith and senior David Miller vaulted into contention for playing time at free safety, Miller moving over from strong safety.

Schnellenberger met with the defensive players before practice yesterday to tell them he wants more intensity at the start of workouts.

"Maybe they've been laboring under a misapprehension," he said. "They've been allowing the scout team to set the tempo, and obviously the scout team is going to come out at a very slow tempo to see what the varsity does.

"At the other end of the field, the offense goes at game velocity and the defense has to catch up or get killed. I've got to get them to understand that they must set the velocity. If they don't, when they get into the game everything will be moving

faster than they're used to."

Linebacker Chris Sellars attributed U of L's slow start against Tulane — a 37-14 deficit early in the third quarter — to "first-game jitters" and said the Cards will take a different approach against Cincinnati.

"We're aware of what we did wrong and that we didn't play as good as we should have," Sellars said. "This time, everybody needs to start intense, get after it and keep it that way."

Although no starters were juggled besides the secondary, Schnellenberger indicated he plans to use Chris Thieneman and Kevin Harvey more at defensive tackle. That would mean less action for outstanding freshman prospect Ted Washington.

"Ted played well for a guy who's only been around for a month, but we expected a little more out of him," Schnellenberger said.

Everything will stay the same on offense, although Schnellenberger hopes to get a look at backup quarterback Eric Lawton. The coach had planned to use Lawton against Tulane, but with Gruden being rusty in the first half and the Cardinals falling behind 31-14, he didn't get a chance.

"I wanted to give Jay all the work I could, because he needed it," Schnellenberger said. "Now that the

second half is behind him, we'll get Lawton some work."

Gruden's sterling second half culminated with a one-yard touchdown pass to tight end George Williams on a play he talked Schnellenberger into using. Don't be surprised if Gruden calls some more big plays.

"Jay knows our offense almost as well as our offensive coordinator," Williams said. "So when he feels something will work, we usually give it a try."

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