

GASTONIA, N. C.—Florida State University was scheduled to go after its second victory over Duke in the first round of the NCAA District 3 baseball tournament here this afternoon at 3:30.

A two-hitter by Tony Avitable and four timely double plays led the Seminoles to a 2-1 triumph over the Blue Devils yesterday afternoon.

The second contest was slated last night but was postponed because of rain.

Mississippi edged Tennessee Tech, 4-3, in the first game yesterday. They were to meet at 1 this afternoon.

GAMES AHEAD

If either Duke or Tennessee Tech wins this afternoon, the rubber game will be played tonight. If not, Florida State and Mississippi will open the championship series tonight.

If at least one rubber game is played tonight, the final two-out-of-three series will begin Sunday afternoon.

FSU scored both its runs on sacrifices yesterday as the Seminoles collected only five singles off Dick Smallwood, Duke's ace lefthander.

Avitable's squeeze bunt scored Bob Rosell with the first run in the second inning. Rosell led off with a walk, took second on Phil Hunt's bunt single and moved to third on Johnny Sheppard's fly.

WINNING RUN

Rosell's sacrifice fly scored Fred Twomey for the winning run in the sixth with one out. Twomey lined a one-bagger to center. He went to third on a single by Lee Corso.

The Seminoles "gave" Duke its lone run in the seventh. With two out, Bill Domhoff doubled to the rightfield fence. Avitable then struck out Bernie Blaney, but Sheppard hesitated about throwing to first after scooping up the low pitch.

When Blaney took off for first, Sheppard fired to Twomey but Blaney beat him to the bag. In the meantime, Domhoff had rounded third and scampered across the plate.

Avitable fanned ten—but ten walks kept him in trouble. It rained early in the game and rained harder during the last three innings.

DOUBLE PLAYS

The four double plays saved the day. Second baseman Carlee Hendrix pulled the first one by himself with two on in the second. Hunt made a nice stop over the bag, forced a runner at third and fired to first for the third out in the sixth.

A Dick Howser-to-Hendrix-to-Twomey double play preceeded Domhoff's two-bagger. Avitable dived off the mound to catch an attempted sacrifice bunt and doubled a runner off first to halt a rally in the eighth.

Hunt added a single to left to his bunt and led the tribe with two hits.

Rightfielder Joe Gibbon blasted a home run, triple and single to spark Mississippi. Both the Rebels and Tennessee Tech got five hits.

FSU Coach Danny Litwhiler was expected to pitch lefthander Jack Bristol (2-1) this afternoon and save righthander Tom Garcia (3-0) for tonight or tomorrow.

DUKE	AB	R	H	PO	A
Domhoff, lf	4	1	1	5	0
Elaney, cf	2	0	0	2	0
Cockrell, 3b	4	0	0	4	1
Bonczek, ss	2	0	0	0	0
Bass, rf	4	0	1	1	1
Atkinson, 1b	2	0	0	3	0
Moynihan, 2b	2	0	0	4	0
Crilfield, c	1	0	0	5	0
Smallwood, p	4	0	0	0	1
a-Fatzinger	1	0	0	0	0

Totals	26	1	2	24	3
FSU	AB	R	H	PO	A
McCarron, cf	4	0	0	0	0
Hendrix, 2b	4	0	1	4	3
Howser, ss	3	0	0	2	1
Twomey, 1b	4	1	1	8	0
Corso, lf	4	0	1	0	0
Rosell, rf	1	1	0	2	0
Hunt, 3b	3	0	2	1	2
Sheppard, c	3	0	0	9	0
Avitable, p	2	0	0	1	3

Totals	28	2	4	27	9
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a-Struck out for Crilfield in 9th.

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RBI-Avitable, Rosell, 2B-Domhoff.

SB-Hunt, Howser, S-Avitable, SF-

Rosell. DP-Hendrix (unassisted);

Bass to Crilfield; Hunt to Twomey;

Howser to Hendrix-to-Twomey; Avit-

able to Hendrix. Left-Duke 9, FSU

6, BB-Smallwood 2, Avitable 10, SO

-Smallwood 4, Avitable 10, R&ER-

Smallwood (2-2), Avitable (1-0), HBP

-Avitable (Crilfield). WP-Avitable.