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GASTONIA, N. C. — Florida State University pushed over a run with two out in the bottom of the ninthth inning after three relief pitchers had turned in sparkling performances in the top of the ninth for a 3-2 victory over Duke University in the NCAA District 3 baseball playoffs here last night.

It followed a 5-3 triumph over George Teachers in an afternoon game and moved the Seminoles into the championship game at 9 tonight.

Duke and Georgia Teachers will meet at 6:30 to determine FSU's final opponent. The District 3 winner will advance to the "college world series" at Omaha, Neb.

KOCH SCORES

Centerfielder Owen McCarron slammed a sharp single to left-centerfield scoring third baseman Dale Koch with the winning run against Duke. Koch had worked

Duke ace Dick Smallwood for a walk and catcher Johnny Shepard sacrificed him to second.

Trailing 2-0 after Duke got single runs in the fourth and eighth, the Seminoles rallied for two runs in the bottom of the eighth. Then Coach Danny Litwhiller used some pitching strategy that came through in perfect fashion.

SLUSSER GOES IN

Rudy Hagle opened the inning but second baseman George Hoover led with a double and right-fielder Dave Mine walked. Expecting a sacrifice, Litwhiller sent in Frankie Slusser, his best fielding pitcher.

Andy Cockrell then attempted a sacrifice but Slusser fielded the bunt quickly and fired to Koch at third base. A wet ball caused a bad throw but Koch grabbed the ball on the first bounce and nabbed lead runner Hoover.

Pete Maynard, most valuable

player in the FSU spring tournament in March, then stepped to the plate. Litwhiller sent in southpaw Bobby Walls against the left-handed hitting Maynard and Walls got him on strikes.

The next batter, Lou Bonnyak, was a righthanded hitter so Litwhiller pulled Walls and sent in fireballer Jerry Bower, a righthander. Bower got Bonnyak on a dribble to the mound.

GARCIA IS WINNER

Two home runs and six-hit pitching by righthander Tommy Garcia paced the Tribe to the victory over Georgia Teachers. Garcia struck out nine and walked only one for his 15th victory in 16 college decisions.

Shortstop Dick Howser, the FSU batting champion two years running, cracked a homer in the first inning after McCarron drew a walk. Second baseman Phil Hunt belted a 300-foot solo homer in the

fifth.

The Seminoles got late runs in the second and third. Singles by Koch and Sheppard and Garcia's outfield fly produced in the second. Three walks and an error scored Riley Seavers in the third.

Koch, filling in for ineligible Captain Carlos Hendrix one of four seniors unable to make the trip, got three hits in six trips yesterday to lead all hitters.

George Washington, fourth team in the two-day tourney, lost to both Duke and Georgia Teachers yesterday and was eliminated.

FSU				TEACHERS			
ab	r	e	a	ab	r	e	a
McCarthy, c	1	1	1	Warnack, c	4	0	1
Seavers, lf	1	1	1	Griffin, lf	2	0	0
Howser, ss	2	1	1	Edwards, rf	4	0	1
Phillips, lb	1	0	1	Wallace, rf	4	0	0
Hunt, 2b	2	1	1	McNeill, lf	4	0	0
Koch, lb	4	1	2	Warren, cf	4	0	1
Rosell, rf	4	0	1	Berryhill, c	4	2	2
Sheppard, c	3	0	1	Fyler, lb	4	1	1
Garcia, p	3	0	0	Alwine, p	3	0	0

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