

Special to the Democrat

GASTONIA, N. C., June 1—Wildness by Jerry Boxer helped Duke to five runs in the first inning and the Blue Devils went on to defeat Florida State, 8-6, in a semi-final game of the NCAA District 3 playoffs here Saturday night.

The two teams meet again Monday night at 8 for the championship and the right to enter the national tourney at Omaha.

An FSU victory last night would have sewed up the title. The Seminoles had beaten Duke, 3-2 Friday night in the double elimination tournament.

Boxer walked four batters and uncorked a wild pitch in the opening inning. Two singles did further damage.

FSU bounced back to rout Duke, starter O. K. Niess with five runs that tied it up in the third. Mike Copp' 2-run double was the big blow.

The Seminoles went ahead 6-5 with a run in the fourth but Duke tied it in the bottom of that frame then went ahead with a single run in the seventh. The Devils added an insurance run in the eighth.

Bobby Walts, third FSU pitcher, was the loser.

FSU rapped out 10 hits, including a double and two singles by Dick Howser. Duke got only five.

Earlier in the evening Duke had eliminated Georgia Teachers by an overwhelming 21-2 score.

Duke Captures Pair To Send NCAA Play Into Extra Day

Play FSU For Title Monday

GASTONIA— (UP) —The Duke Blue Devils broke a deadlock with Florida State in the seventh inning to defeat the Seminoles, 8-6, in the NCAA District 3 baseball playoffs here Saturday night.

The win gives Duke another chance at district honors when they meet the Seminoles again Monday night. Each team has now lost one game in the double-elimination competition.

The winner of the Monday game will represent the district in the collegiate "World Series" in Omaha.

Duke's big spurt came in the seventh when a double by George Atkinson scored Lon Bonczek and broke the tie.

Florida State's leading hitter was Dick Howser with a double and two singles. The Seminoles ran into trouble when Duke sent pitcher Dick Smallwood to the mound in the fourth. In his 5 1-3 innings of relief pitching he gave up only two hits.

Smallwood was winning pitcher. Losing hurler was Bob Waits.

Duke, earlier Saturday, put on its best hitting performance of

the year to swamp Georgia State Teachers College 21-2 in the fifth game.

The contest was fairly decent for the first five innings, with the Devils boasting a 4-2 edge on the strength of two-run third and fifth innings.

In the sixth though, the ACC champs batted around, connecting for nine runs on eight base hits and two Georgia Teacher errors.

George Hoover, Dave Sime, Andy Cockrell, Pete Maynard, Lon Bonczek and George Atkinson each rapped out three hits apiece for Duke. Bonczek's blows included a double and a three-run homer.

Righthander Harleigh Fatzinger scattered eight hits to gain credit for the win.

FLORIDA STATE				DUKE			
	Ab	R	H		Ab	R	H
Rosell, rf	3	0	0	Blaney, cf	4	1	0
M'Carron, cf	5	1	0	Hoover, 2b	5	0	0
Howser, ss	5	2	3	Sime, rf	4	2	0
Philp, 1b	5	1	1	Cockrell, 3b	2	1	1
Hunt, 2b	4	1	2	Maynard, lf	5	1	1
Copps, lf	4	1	1	Bonczek, ss	3	2	1
Seever, lf	0	0	0	Atkinson, 1b	4	1	1
Koch, 3b	4	0	2	Crichfield, c	1	0	0
Sheppard, c	3	0	1	Niess, p	1	0	1
Boxer, p	0	0	0	Thrumell, p	0	0	0
Kenney, p	3	0	0	Smallwood, p	2	0	0
Waits, p	1	0	0				
Slusser, p	0	0	0				
Totals	37	6	10	Totals	31	8	5

Florida State 005 100 000—6
Duke 500 100 11x—8

E—Atkinson, Koch 3, Copps, Bonczek, Cockrell, Hunt. RBI — Copps 2, Koch, Hunt, Howser, Philp, Niess 2, Cockrell, Bonczek, Atkinson, Maynard. 2B—Howser, Copps, Hunt, Atkinson. SB—Sime, Cockrell. DP—Bonczek, Hoover and Atkinson; Hunt, Howser and Philp. Left—Duke 11, Florida State 7. BB—Niessi, Thrumell 2, Boxer 3, Kenney 5, Waits 2, Smallwood 1. SO—Niessi, Boxer 1, Kenney 1, Thrumell 1, Smallwood 6, Waits 1, Slusser. HO—Boxer 2 in 2-3, Niess 5 in 2 2-3, Kenney 1 in 4, Thrumell 3 in 1, Waits 2 in 2 2-3, Smallwood 2 in 5 1-3, Slusser 0 in 2-3. HBP—Waits (Crichfield). WP—Thrumell. Balk—Kenney. WP—Smallwood. L—Waits.