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OMAHA, Neb. — Florida State's baseball team was travelling the long road back to Tallahassee today after being bounced from the National Collegiate tournament, 3-5, by Connecticut University here yesterday.

Trailing 5-0 entering the last inning, the Seminoles scored three on a bases-loaded triple by pitcher Frank Slusser. They got the tying runs on bases with only one out, but couldn't count again.

The Seminoles had fallen 7-0 to Penn State on Saturday. Following their second loss yesterday in the double elimination affair, the team was feted with a steak dinner by the Omaha Jay-

cees, who "sponsored" them in the tourney.

BEHIND EARLY

Connecticut went ahead 1-0 in the first inning on two walks and a single by Ken Cullum.

With two out in the fifth, Connecticut erupted for four big runs.

The bases were loaded and it looked like the Seminoles were safely out of it when Dick Howser received an easy grounder at shortstop. He started to throw to second for the force but Phil Hunt was absent from his post and Howser ran for the bag instead. His effort wasn't in time—all runners had been moving on a 3-2 pitch. Howser then threw to first, but that bid to get the batter was also late. One run scored.

Bill Stephens singled and two more runs crossed. Then center-fielder Owen McCarron erred on Nick Briante's fly and the fourth run came in before Tommy Garcia finally pitched his way out of it.

Garcia gave way to Slusser after pitching the sixth.

ONE-OUT RALLY

With one out in the ninth pinch-hitter Jerry Couth started the rally, drawing a base on balls batting for Johnny Shepard. Bob Robell singled and McCarron beat out a drag bunt for a hit that loaded the bases. Slusser then slashed a 2-bagger that cleared the sacks.

Howser walked to keep things going. But Hunt flied out and Mike Copps popped to the catcher.

The Seminoles left 10 runs stranded, Connecticut nine.

Penn State, along with California, remained unbeaten in the tourney. They meet each other tonight. Iowa State takes on Connecticut and Notre Dame faces Texas in afternoon games.

California toppled Iowa State, 8-2, last night. Penn State handed favored Texas a 4-1 setback. Notre Dame collared Colorado State, 23-2, piling up the highest one-game total by a single team in tourney history.

| FSU | | | | CONNECTICUT | | | |
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| AB | R | H | | AB | R | H | |
| McCart, cf | 4 | 1 | 2 | Morhart, lb | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Seevers, rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | Burns, 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| a-Boxer | 1 | 0 | 0 | Cullum, cf | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Slusser, p | 1 | 0 | 1 | Boehle, rf | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| Howser, ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | Stephens, lf | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Hunt, 2b | 4 | 0 | 1 | Briante, 3b | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| Copps, lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | Musco, ss | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Koch, 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | King, c | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Philp, lb | 3 | 0 | 0 | Wedin, p | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Sheppard, c | 3 | 0 | 0 | Butterfield, p | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| b-Couch | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| c-Irwin | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | |
| Garcia, p | 2 | 0 | 1 | | | | |
| Rosell, rf | 2 | 1 | 2 | | | | |

Totals 33 3 9

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a-Struck out for Seevers in 7th.

b-Walked for Sheppard in 9th.

c-Ran for Couch in 9th.

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E-McCarron, Howser, Briante. RBI

—Stephens 2, Boehle, Wedin, Slusser 3.

2B-Koch; 1B-Slusser. SH-Seevers.

DP-Howser, Hunt and Philp; Hunt,

Howser and Philp; Musco, Burns and

Morhardt. Left-FSU 10, Connecticut

9. BB-Garcia 4, Slusser 1, Wedin 4,

Butterfield 1. SO-Garcia 1, Slusser 1,

Wedin 7. HO-Garcia 6 in 6 innings;

Slusser 1 in 2; Wedin 2 in 3½; But-

terfield 0 in ½. HBP-Garcia (Cul-

lum). W-Wedin. L-Garcia. A-2,000.