

**GASTONIA, N. C.**—Bat-  
tling back from an early  
two-run deficit, Florida  
State's favored Seminoles  
had their College World Se-  
ries hopes shattered here  
last night when West Vir-  
ginia scored two runs after  
two outs in the ninth in-  
ning.

The 4-3 loss to the Southern  
Conference Mountaineers elimi-  
nated FSU from the District 3  
NCAA playoff. The Seminoles had  
trimmed West Virginia, 3-1, before  
dropping a 7-2 decision to Duke  
on Thursday.

West Virginia enters tonight's  
championship round against Duke  
needing a double-header sweep to  
become the team to represent the  
district in the national tourna-  
ment at Omaha, Neb. Duke is now  
a solid favorite.

It was a heartbreaking loss for  
Coach Danny Litwhiler's Semi-  
noles, who previously had won  
five of seven one-run decisions  
this season. The setback, first  
post-season loss ever for a Semi-  
nole nine against a Southern Con-  
ference team, leaves FSU with a  
final 21-7 record for the year.

Both FSU and the Mountaineers  
collected eight hits and left eight  
men on base. Lefthander Jack  
Ross pitched well enough to win  
for FSU, leaving in favor of re-  
liever Jim Daniel with one out  
and two on in the ninth.

Daniel wild pitched the runners  
up to second and third before  
getting pinch-hitter Jim Procopio  
on a fly to right. Only one out  
away from victory; FSU's hopes  
went up in smoke as leftfielder  
Bob Peyton singled home the ty-  
ing run and Daniel uncorked an-  
other wild pitch that enabled the  
winning run to scamper home  
from third.

Catcher Buddy Teagle paced  
FSU's eight-hit attack with three  
singles. The Seminoles stole five  
bases, with second baseman Jack  
Dull and centerfielder Bob Madi-  
son, who batted in two FSU runs,

getting a pair of stolen bases  
apiece.

West Virginia gave the eventual  
winning pitcher, Craig Mankin, a  
two-run lead with single runs in  
the third and fourth innings. A  
walk to Bill Smith, a sacrifice by  
Peyton and Frank Paczewski's  
single accounted for the first.  
With one out in the fourth, catcher  
Bob Stone doubled and scored on  
the first of three hits by Joe Ha-  
talla.

It stood 2-0 until the sixth when Florida State's Jim White opened with a triple to right. After Doug Walker grounded out, Dull walked. A double steal was executed, White scoring and Dull going to second. When shortstop Tom Stepp threw wild at home, Dull took an extra base and then scored on a sacrifice fly by Madison.

The Seminoles added another run in the eighth. With one out, Dul singled, stole second and

as scored on a hit by Madison.

The Seminoles left Gastonia at 8:30 this morning on the return trip to Tallahassee.

FSU	AB	R	H	W. VA.	AB	R	H
Martin,rf	3	0	0	Smith,rf	2	1	0
White,lf	4	1	1	a-Shafer	0	0	0
Walker,7b	4	0	0	Procopio,rf	1	0	0
Dull,2b	3	2	1	Peyton,lf	3	0	1
Madison,cf	3	0	2	Pazwsky,cf	4	0	1
Zimmerman,ss	3	0	0	Tekavec,lb	3	0	0
Ross,p	4	0	1	Stepp,ss	4	0	0
Daniel,p	0	0	0	Stone,c	3	1	1
Mangin,3b	3	0	0	Hatalla,2b	4	1	3
b-Hutchins	1	0	0	Vreigilio,3b	4	1	1
Teagle,c	4	0	3	Mankin,p	4	0	1

Totals 32 3 8 Totals 32 4 8

a-Announced for Smith in 9th;

b-Filled out for Mangin in 9th.

West Virginia ——— 001 100 002—4

Florida State ——— 000 002 010—3

RBI—Madison 2, Peyton, Paczewski, Hatalla. E—Smith, Stepp, Stone, Zimmerman. PO—A—W. Virginia 27-13; FSU 27-14. DP—Dull, Zimmerman, and Walker. LOB—W. Virginia 8, FSU 8. 2b—Stone. 3b—White. SB—Madison 2, Dull 2, White. S—White, Peyton. SF—Madison.

	IP	H	R	er	bb	so
Ross (L—1-2)	3½	7	4	4	5	6
Daniel	¾	1	0	0	0	0
Mankin (W—5-0)	9	8	3	2	4	2

WP—Ross, Daniel 2. U—Fite, Smith, Bergman. T—2:35. A—384.