

Special to the Democrat

GASTONIA, N. C.—Florida State's baseball team fell to Florida, 1-0, here this morning in an opening game of the NCAA District 3 college playoffs.

The Seminoles remain "alive" in the double-elimination tournament, were scheduled to play again at 6 p. m. today, meeting the loser of this afternoon's Wake Forest-West Virginia game.

Florida plays the winner of the afternoon game at 8:30 tonight.

The duel between rivals Florida and FSU was a well played gem.

Lone run of the game came in the first inning. Al Lopez Jr., son of the Chicago White Sox manager, led off with a walk. Outfielder Gary Elliott misplayed Tom Moore's fly ball, and it sailed over his head for a triple that scored Lopez.

With Moore on third and none away, FSU Pitcher Larry Hawkins got out minus further damage. One Gator grounded out, a second struck out, a third flied out.

Elliott had a busy day in the FSU outfield, handling six other chances in flawless style.

The Seminoles threatened in the second inning, leaving the bases loaded.

Woody Wooddard led off with a single. After Billy Williamson popped up and Hal Mangin forced Woodward, Buddy Teagle singled and George Fergusson walked.

But shortstop Ron Birchall grabbed Hawkins' hard liner for the third out.

FSU left two on base in the ninth. Woodward lived on Birchall's error and Williamson singled — the 18th straight game he has hit safely. Then Mangin struck out on a 3-and-2 pitch, and Teagle's line drive to deep right was speared by Bernie Haskins, who banged into the wall after the catch.

Each side got four hits. Two of Florida's came in the fourth inning, both after two outs.

Lefthander C. W. Price went the distance for the Gators, winning his seventh against three losses. He walked only two, struck out seven.

FLORIDA				FSU			
	ab	r	h		ab	r	h
Lopez, cf	2	1	0	Elliott, cf	4	0	0
Moore, 3b	4	0	1	Wilcox, rf	4	0	0
Ringgold, lf	3	0	0	Beccaccio, 2b	4	0	1
Lanoux, 2b	4	0	0	Woodward, ss	4	0	1
Haskins, rf	4	0	0	Williamson, lf	4	0	1
Birchall, ss	3	0	0	Mangin, 1b	4	0	0
Braddy, 1b	4	0	0	Teagle, c	3	0	1
Scheinhoff, c	4	0	2	Ferguson, 3b	2	0	0
Price, p	2	0	1	Hawkins, p	2	0	0
				Madison, a	1	0	0
				Davis, p	0	0	0

Totals	30	1	4	Totals	32	0	4
a. Grounded out for Hawkins in 8th							
Florida	100	000	000—1				
FSU	000	000	000—0				

RBI—Moore. PO—A—Florida 27-8, FSU 27-10. E—Birchall 2, Hawkins. 2B—Beccaccio. 3B—Moore. LOB — Florida 7, FSU 7. DP—Ringgold and Moore.

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Price (W—7-3)	9	4	0	0	2	7
Hawkins (L—3-3)	8	4	1	1	3	5
Davis	1	0	0	0	1	0
WP — Price. PB — Scheinhoff.						
HBP—Price (Hawkins). U — Fite, Bergmann and McMannus. A—200.						
T—2:01.						