

**GASTONIA, N. C.**—Florida State eliminated University of Florida, 3-1, here Saturday afternoon in a rain-shortened game and moved into the finals of the NCAA District 3 college baseball playoffs.

The Seminoles meet Wake Forest on Monday in a championship showdown that will earn the winner the right to compete in the College World Series at Omaha.

FSU needs two victories over Wake Forest in the double-elimination playoffs to win the title. Wake Forest needs only one triumph over the Seminoles to nail down the crown.

#### **MORNING START**

Monday's game is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. If FSU wins, forcing a second game, the real showdown will start 20 minutes after the conclusion of the first game.

Wake Forest, the Atlantic Coast Conference champion, has a 2-0 record in the playoffs, with victories over West Virginia, 8-3, on Thursday, and Florida, 7-1, on Saturday morning.

The Seminoles are 2-1. They lost to Florida, 1-0, in Thursday's opener, came back to eliminate West Virginia's Southern Conference kingpins, 6-5, on Friday.

Rain has dogged the playoffs, which were scheduled for Saturday finals. A downpour idled Florida and Wake Forest on Friday, moving the game to Saturday.

More rain fell in Saturday afternoon's FSU-Florida game, shortening it to five innings, and rubbing out later activity that would have sent the winner against Wake Forest for a Saturday conclusion.

Florida had gone into the tourney as the favorite after winning the SEC title, and getting ranked No. 1 nationally in a recent college baseball poll. FSU figured as the darkhorse in the 4-team field.

The Gators got off to a threatening start against the Seminoles, loading the bases with none out in the first inning on three singles, the last of which was an infield scratch on an attempted sacrifice.

But FSU pitcher Ray McShane got C. W. Price on a pop to short, Don Ringgold on a pop to the catcher and fanned Bernie Has-kins.

In the second FSU moved ahead, 2-0. Woody Woodward doubled. Billy Williamson brought him in with a double down the third base line — one that took a bounce off thirdsacker Tom Moore's chest. Williamson moved to third on an infield out, scored on Hal Mangin's sacrifice fly.

The Seminoles made it 3-0 in the third on Bob Wilco's walk, theft of second, and Woodward's second double.

It stayed that way until the bottom of the fifth. With rain falling, FSU tried to hurry up things to get Florida out and make it an official game with five completed innings.

But McShane walked Moore and Earl Montgomery, after which righthander Tommy Davis was called on for relief duty in the FSU cause. Price walked, loading the bases, with none out.

Ringgold whacked a towering shot to left. But Florida runners held up, fearful that leftfielder Williamson would spear the ball. Williamson didn't. One run scored on the single.

Jim Duncan, pinch-hitting for Haskins, lined out to Williamson. Montgomery apparently scored from third on the play, but when Williamson relayed the ball to thirdsacker Hal Mangin, the umpire ruled that Montgomery had left the bag before the catch and called him out.

It was a double play.

Then Davis struck out pinch-hitter Carlie Bean to end the inning.

An incomplete sixth inning was rubbed off the books by rain. FSU batters had gone down, one-two-three. Florida had a first batter up in the bottom of the inning when the umpires halted action because of the rain. After an hour's delay, the game was called and ruled a complete one after five innings.

Florida left nine men on base, FSU only two.

Wake Forest scored six runs in a wild sixth inning in the day's first game to whip Florida, 7-1, and hand the pre-tournament choice its first defeat.

Southpaw Pat McDowell pitched seven-hit ball and received fine support from a Wake Forest defense that came up with three double plays.

Bob Coleman, who doubled, scored from third on a McDowell wild pitch for Florida's only run in the second.

An infield hit by Ringgold did not allow Coleman to stray from second, but he moved to third as Haskins rapped into a double play, then came in on the win.

Wake Forest tied the score in the third, then banged out four singles and took advantage of three errors for a six-run sixth. Don Nichols and Mike Budd each belted a run-scoring single and McDowell and Bob Worrell contributed one-basers in the big sixth.

FLA. STATE				
	ab	r	h	bl
ne Madison, 1b	3	0	0	0
rt, Wilcox, rf	1	1	0	0
he Becaccio, c	2	0	0	0
is- Woodward, ss	2	1	2	1
d Williamson, lf	2	1	1	1
U- Teagle, c	2	0	0	0
ht Mangin, 3b	1	0	1	1
ie G. Elliott, cf	1	0	0	0
k McShane, p	2	0	0	0
n Davis, p	0	0	0	0
d Totals	18	3	4	3
d FLORIDA	ab	r	h	bl
Lopez, cf-ss	3	0	2	0
Moore, 3b	2	1	1	0
Montgomery, 2b	1	0	1	0
Price, 1b	1	0	0	0
Ringgold, lf	3	0	1	1
Haskins, rf	2	0	0	0
Duncan, rf	0	0	0	0
Birchall, ss	2	0	0	0
a-Bean	1	0	0	0
Lado, cf	0	0	0	0
1 Scheinoff, c	2	0	0	0
J. Elliott, p	2	0	0	0
Totals	19	1	5	1
a-Struck out for Birchall in 5th.				
Fla. State 021 00-3				
Florida 000 01-1				
E-Woodward, Becaccio, McShane.				
PO-A-Florida State. 15-8; Florida				
15-6. Left-Fla. State 2, Florida 9.				
2B-Woodward 2, Williamson. 8B-				
Wilcox. 8R-Mangin. DP-Mont-				
gomery, Birchall and Price; Wil-				
liams and Mangin.				
	lp	h	r	er bb so
McShane (W, 6-3)	4	4	1	1 5 1
Davis	1	1	0	0 1 1
Elliott (L, 2-2)	5	4	3	3 3 3
U-McManus, Flite, Bergmann.				
T-1:25. A-300 (est.).				