

OMAHA—Arizona pitcher Jim Nichols' sparkling performance proved decisive as the Wildcats edged striving Florida State 4-3 in an 11-inning thriller that highlighted the College World Series' second round of play Tuesday night.

Nichols, a righthander, struck out 12 Seminoles in going the route for the winning Wildcats. From the third inning to the

eighth — with the exception of the sixth, when Mike Augustine reached first on balls — Nichols retired the Seminoles in order.

He kept the Wildcats in contention in the crucial extra-innings with a fine exhibition of control, then won his own game in the eleventh by whacking a single to drive home the deciding run.

FSU, now 1-1 in series play, meets UCLA tonight at 6:55 EST. The game will be broadcast by WTAL Radio. The Californians eliminated Holy Cross 6-5 Tues-

day with a six-run inning in losers' bracket action. Loser of the UCLA - FSU game will be out of the double elimination series.

In other Tuesday action, Penn State ousted Western Michigan from the series in a 2-0 game.

The Michigan team's previous loss had come at FSU hands Monday. Missouri, pegged No. 1 in the nation, whipped Texas 3-2 in Tuesday's nightcap.

Missouri and Arizona, the only undefeated teams left in the series, meet today.

Arizona opened the scoring in the bottom of the first inning. Bob Maxwell was walked by Al Thomas. He went to second on a throwing error on an attempted put out by All-America catcher Buddy Teagle. Ron Theobald cracked a single to center, sending Maxwell home.

The Tribe came back in the second to knot things, when George Rountree singled, then stretched it out to second base on a throwing error by the Wildcat shortstop on the pickup. Billy Williamson's single scored Rountree.

The next six innings featured a pitching duel between Nichols and Thomas, with both keeping S the game in strict control. In only one inning did Nichols face more than three batters, and in

Thomas allowed no more than four Arizona batters to reach the plate.

The Wildcats came back big in the eighth. Max Saul started the rally with a single. Ron Theobald grounded one to third baseman Larry Johnson, who over-throw Rountree at first base, allowing Saul to take third and Theobald second. A two-out single by cleanup hitter Bill Brown scored the two, sending Arizona into a 3-1 lead.

The top of the ninth was the Seminoles' last chance for a comeback, and Augustine's lead-off single started the Tribe in that direction. Woody Woodward whacked a towering double into right center, to give the Seminoles runners on second and third. Rountree struck out, and the two-out count left hinges to Teagle. He came through with a clutch single, scoring Augustine and Woodward to tie the game.

Thomas found himself in deep trouble when the first Wildcat batter, Hector Bernatche, cracked a triple, setting up the potential winning run. Coach Danny Litwhiler had Thomas walk the next two men intentionally, giving the Seminoles a potential force play at any base.

Litwhiler then brought the Seminole infield and outfield in close,

laying all his hopes on a force play. A long fly at that time would have decided the game for Arizona.

Nichols came to bat and swiftly bunted the ball toward the mound in a suicide sacrifice play. Thomas made a desperate throw, flipped the ball, and headed to Teagle for the force play at the plate.

Thomas struck out pinch hitter Saul for the second out. Maxwell came to bat, belted a sharp one-hopper to Johnson at third. Johnson snared it, jumped to touch third for the force out, ending the Arizona threat and sending the game into extra innings.

The Seminoles put runners on second and third in their part of the tenth, but were unable to score. Thomas sent the Wildcats down in order in the bottom of the tenth. Nichols followed suit to keep the Tribe scoreless in the top of the eleventh.

In the bottom of the eleventh, Bernatche — whose triple had started the threat in the ninth — initiated another Arizona rally with his single to right. Auggie Acuna hit a single that went out of Rountree's reach. Thomas threw wild in a desperate attempt after fielding the ball. The runners made it to third and second before Reed recovered the ball.

It was then that Nichols ended the game in a dramatic manner driving one between third and shortstop. Woodward dove for it, but it was too late to keep Barnette from scoring.

Probable starting pitcher for the Seminoles tonight will be sophomore Marty Howell, who was credited with the opening series win over W. Michigan after relieving starter Al Beccaccio in the seventh. Howell has a 2-3 record.

FSU				ARIZONA			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Reed	5	0	0	Hawgood	3	0	0
Augustine	3	1	1	Samll	2	1	1
Dahlen	3	0	0	Maxwell	4	1	0
Woodward	4	1	1	Theobold	5	1	1
Rountree	5	1	0	Brown	3	0	1
Teagle	4	0	1	Long	0	0	0
Williamse	4	0	1	Morrison	5	0	0
Johnson	3	0	0	Bernetteh	5	1	2
Thomas	4	0	1	Acuna	2	0	1
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				Nichols	5	0	1
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A—Strigled for Hawgood in 8th.							
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Arizona	100 000 020 01—4 8 2						
E—Teagle, Maxwell, Johnson, Theobold, Thomas; RBI—Teagle 2, Thomas, Theobold, Brown 2, Nichols; PO—A—FSU—31-10 (one out when winning run scored); Ariz.—33-15; DP—Woodward, Reed, Rountree (2); Theobold, Brown; LOB—FSU—6; Ariz.—10; 2B—Peters, Woodward, Brown; 3B—Bernetteh. Thomas (L 9-3) 10½ 8 4 1 8 7 Nichols (W 10-3) 11 5 3 2 5 12 PB—Peters; U—LaBlesse, Baut, Ylkeaki; T—3:21; A—7,049.							