

# Special to the Democrat

**GASTONIA, N. C.** — Florida State, 6-3, lost to Mississippi State in first-round action of District III baseball playoffs, came back to bounce Maryland 7-3 here last night.

The Seminoles remained alive and will meet Mississippi State again tonight at 7:30.

In yesterday morning's opener, pitcher Ken Tatum wheeled a nifty four-hitter at Fred Hatfield's crew — the Seminoles'

lowest hit output of the season. However, lanky Cliff Ranew mastered the Atlantic Coast Conference champion Terrapins on six hits in a twilight feature of the first day's four-game schedule.

Ranew was also the hitting star in a game which saw the Seminole bats awaken from their morning lethargy.

The 6-5 pitcher highlighted a four-run second inning with a booming triple to right center which drove in two runs, and collected singles in his other two official trips to the plate.

As in the morning game, Florida State jumped to a first inning lead only to see it vanish. However, the Terps lacked the manpower and finesse to stay with the Seminoles for nine innings.

With one out in the first, Dick Fernandez drew a walk. Shortstop Maury Hopkins — whose fielding was of standout quality in both games — lined a single to right.

The ball rolled through Bill Siedling's legs and Fernandez scooted home with the first run. Hopkins was thrown out trying to make third on the throw in.

In the second, right fielder Tom Thomas walked with one out. Roy Mewbourne and Gary Nichols hit back-to-back singles,

then Ranew lined his triple. Gary Lawrence drove in the Seminole pitcher with a single off the shortstop's glove.

FSU picked up one more in the third and another in the seventh.

Bob Wilcox led off the third with a long triple and scored on a wild pitch. Ranew scored the final run when he singled, was bumped to second by Lawrence and came home on a single by Fernandez.

Hatfield expects to start right-hander Chuck Hawkins tonight.

Florida State, in the losers' bracket of the double-elimination tournament, will have to beat Furman twice Saturday in order to win the championship — if the Seminoles get past Mississippi State tonight.

Furman rallied in late innings last night to defeat the Bulldogs 5-2.

Paladin pitcher Andy Coe, sophomore from Silver Springs, Md., attempting to bunt in the third inning, tipped foul and was hit in the throat by the ball.

Coe, collapsed and swallowed his tongue, but recovered and went on to finish the game.

Furman, which won only one game in eleven outside the Southern Conference during the

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walk and Jim Lefebvre's infield hit and scored when Denny Lemaster issued a walk to pinch-hitter Al Ferrara.

Lemaster, now 2-5, locked in a pitching duel with Johnny Podres, 3-0, took a four-hitter into the ninth.

The Astros put it out of reach against the Cardinals in the first two innings, scoring three runs with only two hits off Ray Washburn.

Dick Groat's throwing error on an attempted inning-ending doubleplay in the second inning

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regular season, but suddenly it in 12 innings.  
is the team to beat.

The once upset Maryland 4-3  
in an afternoon game.

Purman, 10-12 over-all in the

## Gulf Coast Nine Guns For Honors

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo.  
(AP) — The eight top junior  
college teams in the nation blast  
off in a double eliminataion  
championship baseball tourna-  
ment today. The action will last  
through Monday.

FLA. STATE					MARYLAND				
	ab	r	b	bi		ab	r	b	bi
Lawrence 3b	4	0	2	1	Breslow 3b	3	1	1	1
F'ndex 2b	4	1	1	1	Wright p	1	0	0	0
Hopkins ss	4	0	1	0	Seidling rf	4	0	1	0
Wilcox cf	4	1	1	0	Davis 1b	4	0	2	1
Brown c	1	0	0	0	McCarthy M	2	0	0	0
H'mond c	2	0	0	0	Long cf	4	0	1	0
Thomas rf	2	1	0	0	Bichy 2b	3	0	1	0
M'bourn lf	4	1	1	0	Sauve c	2	0	0	0
Nichols 1b	4	1	1	1	M'M'l'n phs	3	1	1	0
Ranew p	3	2	3	2	Krelsig ss	3	1	1	0
					Zi'ern'n phc	1	0	0	0
					Bark p	2	0	0	0
					Miller ph	1	1	1	1
Totals	32	7	10	5	Totals	31	3	9	3

Florida State	141	800	100	—7
Maryland	100	800	200	—3

E—Seidling. PO—A—Florida State 27-  
11; Maryland 27-11. LOB—Florida State  
4; Maryland 9. 3B—Ranew, Wilcox, Mil-  
ler. SB—Breslow 1. S—Lawrence, Thom-  
as. DP—Florida State, Maryland.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Ranew (W, 8-3)	9	8	3	3	4	2
Bark (L, 4-3)	7	9	7	6	2	2