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GASTONIA, N. C. — The Seminoles of Florida State play a baseball game here today against Furman. If they do their job right, they get to play another one tonight. Two straight victories would add up to one trip to Omaha and a crack at the College World Series crown.

That's exactly what the irrepressible charges of Fred Hatfield are aiming at after last night's come-from-behind 6-2 triumph over Mississippi State in a put up or shut up situation.

The Seminoles put up.

Marvin Stringfellow threw a four-hitter and Maury Hopkins hit a massive two-run homer and the rest almost boiled down to so much icing on the cake.

FSU, a 6-3 loser to the Bulldogs in the opening round of this District 3 NCAA double elimination playoff Thursday, seemed destined for a repeat performance as Mississippi State scored once in the third inning and again in the fourth while the Seminoles were looking nothing like their pre-tournament powerhouse billing.

But the Tribe evened things up in the sixth on Hopkins' 375-foot blast over the left field fence which sent Dick Fernandez scampering on in home ahead of him.

That was all the lead Stringfellow needed as he retired the Bulldogs with little strain in the seventh.

With the game a 2-2 affair and time running out, Mississippi State starter Del Unser gave up a base on balls to FSU leadoff batter Randy Brown. Stringfellow promptly singled sharply through the pitcher's box, allowing his battery mate to make second. That was enough for

Unser, who had given up six hits to that point. In came reliever Frank Chambers. Chambers, fielding a bunt by Gary Lawrence, attempted to force Brown sliding into third, but the speedy Seminole receiver beat the throw as Stringfellow took second and Lawrence reached first. Fernandez, with the bases loaded, sent a grounder skimming to second baseman Bill Bacon who tried unsuccessfully

to catch Brown at home as the  
Seminole went ahead 3-2.

Shortstop Maury Hopkins,  
with the sacks still full, struck  
out. Rightfielder Bob Wilcox un-  
loaded a screaming liner down  
the right field chalkmark, driv-  
ing in Lawrence and Fernandez  
to make it 5-2. Stringfellow  
came across with FSU's sixth  
and final tally on a wild pitch  
by the frantic Bulldog hurler.  
Stringfellow, winded by his

dash home in the previous in-  
ning and unrested by a short  
stay on the bench, quickly gave  
up two singles to the first two  
men to face him.

Hatfield, with everything to  
lose and nothing to gain, called  
in reliever Eddie Howell from  
the Seminole's bullpen.

Howell, a big portsider from  
Sarastoa, needed only to face  
six men in his mound stint to  
restore order.

Mississippi State's lone run in  
the third came on a combination  
of an error by Stringfellow who  
dropped a throw to first trying  
to catch leadoff batter Gary  
Washington, a passed ball and a  
pair of sacrifice flies.

Unser opened the fourth with  
a double and scored after a  
grounded and a sacrifice fly.

FLORIDA STATE		MISS. STATE	
ab r h bi		ab r h bi	
Lawrence 3b	3 1 0 0	Bell ss	4 0 1 0
Fernandez 2b	3 2 0 0	Unser p-lb	3 1 1 0
Hopkins ss	4 1 2 2	Burns cf	4 0 0 0
Wilcox cf	5 0 4 2	Tatum rf	3 0 0 1
Thomas rf	5 0 1 0	Portera lf	4 0 1 0
Mewbourne lf	5 0 1 0	Bragan 3b	4 0 0 0
Nichols 1b	3 0 0 0	Wash'g't'n lb	2 1 0 0
Hammond c	1 0 0 0	Speed ph	0 0 0 0
Bearse ph	1 0 0 0	Hamilton ph	1 0 0 0
Brown c	1 1 0 0	Smith c	2 0 0 0
Stringfellow p	3 1 1 0	Bacon 2b	2 0 1 1
Totals	34 4 9 4	Totals	29 2 4 2

Florida State	000 002 400-4 9 2
Mississippi State	001 180 000-2 4 1

E-Stringfellow, Hopkins, Bacon, DP-  
Mississippi State, LOB-Florida State 9,  
Mississippi State 5. 2B-Unser, HR-  
Hopkins, S-Smith, Unser, Lawrence,  
SF-Bacon, Tatum.

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x-Stringfellow (W 7-3)	7	4	2	1	1	2
Howell	2	0	0	0	0	3
y-Unser (L 0-1)	6	6	3	2	2	7
Chambers	1	2	3	3	0	2
Carroll	2	1	0	0	3	2

x-Faced two batters in 8th

y-Faced one batter in 7th

HBP-Hopkins by Unser, WP-String-  
fellow, Unser, Chambers, PB-Hammond,  
T-2:30. A-2,000.