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GASTONIA, N. C. —

Scramble is sports parlance for aggressiveness — the ability to come up off the floor and do the job to be done.

That "S" in Seminoles could easily stand for scramble, for that what's Florida State displayed here Saturday in whipping a courageous Furman team twice, 2-1 and 7-5, to win the District 3 NCAA baseball playoffs and a trip to College World Series in Omaha on June 7.

Scramble was the word for the Seminoles from start to finish.

Florida State, touted to breeze through the double elimination tournament with ease because of a powerhouse lineup and easily the most impressive pre-tourney record, failed to follow the formbook.

An opening round 6-3 loss to SEC champion Mississippi State on Thursday found the Tribe halfway out of things on the first day.

But Fred Hatfield's boys, unwilling to roll over and play dead, came charging back from behind Friday night to knock out the Bulldogs 6-2.

Furman, the Southern Conference champ and the team rated most likely not to succeed because of a less than thrilling 10-12 slate of credentials, meantime had surprised both Maryland and Mississippi State to breeze into Saturday's finals.

The Seminoles, shut out for eight horrible innings in the afternoon game, finally found the key for a storybook 2-1 come-from-behind victory.

The Seminoles jumped right off to a 1-0 lead in the night game in the first inning after shortstop Maury Hopkins doubled. Pete Sarron, three for three in the game and four for four in the tourney, tripled off the right field fence bringing in Hopkins.

Seminole starter Cliff Ranew, who picked up the victory, hit a roller to short to start the third frame and then went all the way aound to third base on a throwing error by Mike Tale. Hopkins brought him in with a deep fly to center and Sarron promptly homered to dead center for another tally.

FSU's big inning was the sixth in which the Tribe picked up four big runs and virtually put the game out of Furman's reach. It went this way: Sarron got a double... to the same

spot as his previous two safeties. Andy Coe, pitching for the Palladins at this point, walked Tom Thomas and Gary Nichols to load up the bases. That was all for Coe, and Ralph Harwood

was given the sticky chore of patching things up. But Bob Wilcox, the first man to face him, singled to center field where Wayne Floyd let it roll through his legs all the way to the fence.

In came Sarron, Thomas and Nichols. Gary Lawrence brought in Wilcox with another one-base blow.

Furman scored twice in the fourth on a two-run homer by Tom Moody. The Palladins picked up a single run in the seventh on two walks, a passed ball and a double by Phil King.

Furman's last two markers came in the ninth on a triple and an infield grounder, but Jim Ward, who had relieved reliever Ken Creely, settled down to cap the uprising.

In the afternoon game, right-hander John McCormick and a Little Lady called Luck forced the Seminoles to scramble for two runs in a do or die ninth inning.

McCormick, who defeated Maryland on Thursday, baffled Florida State's powerful left-handed lineup with a collection of pitches which had Fred Hatfield's men swinging when they should have been looking, and looking when they should have been swinging. That, plus some uncanny fielding efforts on the part of Furman, kept the Seminoles tied in knots behind a one run deficit for eight full innings.

Furman jumped on starter Chuck Hawkins in the first when Fred Cotney hit a leadoff single and raced home on a long triple by center fielder Wayne Floyd. Those were the only two hits Furman was to get.

Florida State managed only six hits in the pitchers' duel between Hawkins and McCormick, but three of these came in the ninth inning.

Maurry Hopkins, Friday night's home run hero, went down swinging on three straight pitches to start the inning, but left fielder Pete Sarron rifled McCormick's first pitch into right field for a single. Speedy Bill Bearse came in to run for Sarron.

With Bearse on first, catcher Randy Brown slammed a hit past first baseman Phil King, and Bearse raced to third.

Then Tom Thomas broke out of a slump in a big way. The Seminole right fielder, who had only one hit in three games up until Saturday, hit a screamer over the bag at first. Bearse scored the tying run, Brown moved to third, and Thomas rounded first digging for second.

The throw came from right fielder Ray Newsome and Thomas stopped, caught in a rundown. First baseman King dropped a throw from second baseman Cotney, and Brown put his head down and dashed for home.

Baseball and Brown arrived at the same instant, but the stocky Seminole catcher piled into Furman's Tom Rhoades and rolled across the plate with the tie breaking run.

With Thomas on second and only one away, Furman coach Jack Powers went to the bullpen for Andy Coe, Friday's winner over Mississippi State.

Coe got Gary Nichols on a fly to center and Bob Wilcox on strikes.

However, Jim Ward, who got the Seminoles out of a ticklish eighth inning after Ken Creely wild pitched McCormick to third, set the Paladins down in order.

A pop to first got King. It

(le Roy Mewbourne, the best fielding Seminole outfielder, raced into foul territory after Mike Pate's long drive.

The FSU sophomore went through the Seminole bullpen, hit the waist high fence at full stride and tumbled over. He arose on the other side with the ball clutched tightly in his glove hand.

Ward got Newsom on a called third strike to end the game.

Hawkins was untouchable after his shaky beginning, mowing the Paladins down with his fast ones. Creely came on in the eighth after Hawkins was lifted for a pinch hitter, but the Bradenton junior could not find the plate. He got Rhoades on a pop to first, but walked McCormick on four straight pitches, then wild pitched him to second and third.

Ward came on with a 3 - 0 count on Cotney, completed the walk, then bore down to get a force at second on Floyd's grounder to short, and Ingram Haley on a pop fly to first. He picked up his second victory of the year against one loss.

FLORIDA STATE FURMAN

	ab r h bi		ab r h bi
Fernandez 2b	4 0 0 0	Cotney 2b	1 1 1 0
Hopkins ss	4 0 0 0	Floyd cf	4 0 1 1
Sarron lf	4 0 2 0	Haley 3b	4 0 0 0
Bearse pr	0 1 0 0	King 2b	4 0 0 0
Brown c	3 1 1 0	Pate ss	4 0 0 0
Thomas rf	4 0 1 1	Moody rf	2 0 0 0
Nichols lb	4 0 1 0	Newborn rf	1 0 0 0
Wilcox cf	3 0 0 0	Turner ph	1 0 0 0
Lawrence 3b	3 0 1 0	Russell lf	2 0 0 0
Hawkins p	1 0 0 0	Rhodes c	3 0 0 0
McBryde ph	0 0 0 0	McCormick p	2 0 0 0
Creely p	0 0 0 0	Coe p	0 0 0 0
Ward p	0 0 0 0		
Totals	30 2 6 1	Totals	30 7 2 1

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F-Russell, King, LOB-FSU 3; Furman 5. 2B-Nichols, 3B-Floyd, SS-Brown, S-Hawkins.

	ip	b	r	e	r	b	b	so
Hawkins	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Creely	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ward (W)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McCormick (L, 2-1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coe	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
WP-Creely 1, T-2, 14.								

NIGHT GAME

FURMAN FLORIDA STATE

	ab r h bi		ab r h bi
Cotney 2b	3 0 0 0	Fernandez 2b	4 0 0 0
Floyd cf	4 1 0 1	Hopkins ss	2 1 1 1
Haley 3b	4 0 1 0	Sarron lf	4 2 3 2
King lb	3 0 1 1	Brown c	4 0 1 0
Pate ss	3 1 1 0	Thomas rf	3 1 0 0
Russell lf	3 0 1 0	Nichols lb	3 1 1 0
Moody rf	4 1 2 2	Wilcox cf	4 1 1 1
Rhodes c	4 0 0 0	Lawrence 3b	4 0 1 1
Lanford p	1 0 0 0	Raney p	2 1 1 0
Cot p	1 0 0 0	Duchak ph	1 0 0 0
Harwood p	1 0 0 0	Ward p	1 0 0 0
Turner ph	0 1 0 0		
Harkdale ph	1 1 1 1		
Totals	34 5 7 5	Totals	32 7 9 5

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E-Hopkins, Tate, Lawrence, Floyd, DP-FSU 1, LOB-Furman 9, FSU 3. 2B-Hopkins, Raney, Sarron, King, 3B-Sarron, HR-Sarron, Moody, SS-Cotney.

	ip	b	r	e	r	b	b	so
Lanford (L, 2-1)	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
Cot	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
Harwood	2	3	2	1	2	2	2	2
Raney (W, 9-3)	4	4	2	2	2	3	3	3
Creely	2	1	1	1	2	0	0	0
Ward	2	3	2	2	1	1	1	1
WP-Harwood, PR-Brown, T-2, 15, A-7, 000.								