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GASTONIA, N. C. — Florida State University broke its first-game jinx Friday, defeating Clemson's Tigers 5-3 in the first game of the NCAA Region 3 baseball tournament.

Auburn and West Virginia locked up in a real battle for 11 innings before the Southeastern Champions scored five in the 12th for an 8-3 victory.

Florida State and Auburn will meet at 6 tonight after West Virginia and Clemson battle to stay alive at 1:30. The winner of the FSU-Auburn game, which will be broadcast by WTNT beginning at 5:50, will advance to the finals which will be played Monday, while the loser of the afternoon game is eliminated.

The victor in the afternoon contest will meet the loser of the Auburn-FSU game at 9 tonight.

Florida State's junior lefthanded Wayne Vincent allowed to hits in going the distance and winning his ninth. He got hit support from his teammates, including a four-for-four performance by centerfielder Row Mewbourne.

The Seminoles jumped out in front 1-0 against the Tigers' righthanded ace, Bill Parmer.

Bob Canty lined the first Parmer offering to left field to

get things started. Mike Eason took a called strike and then rapped the next pitch to right. Canty going to third when right fielder Nelson Gibson bobbled the ball.

John Mason grounded into a double play, but meanwhile, Canty scampered across with the first run of the contest.

The lead held up until the bottom of the seventh when the Tigers got two.

After one out, Rusty Adkins got his second hit of the day, and Keith Waters followed with the second of his three hits for the game. Both runners moved up on an infield out and scored on a single to right center by Buster Smith.

Florida State bounced right back in the top of the seventh with three runs to wrap up the victory.

Dick Gold led off with a strike out, but was followed by five consecutive FSU singles. Mewbourne got it going, and Dean Duchak, batting for catcher Ed Yarnell, kept it alive with a single down the right field line. Mewbourne went to third on the single and Phil Spooner came in to run for Duchak.

Marv Stringfellow, hitting for Chuck Cone, hit a little pop

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up about 20 feet behind third that fell just out of reach of everyone. Mewbourne scored, and the throw to the plate after the speedy outfielder sailed over the catcher's head allowing the other runners to move to second and third.

Vincent then helped his own cause with a single to center scoring Spooner and putting runners on first and third. Canty lined his second hit of the day, scoring Stringfellow and sending Parmer to the showers. Charlie Watson took over and immediately cooled the Seminoles by getting Eason and Mason to pop out to short.

Both teams got a run in the eighth to wind up the scoring. Tom Whitaker scored the FSU run on Mewbourne's four hit after walking.

FLORIDA STATE

CLEMSON

	ab	r	b		ab	r	b
Canty 3b	5	1	2	Adkins 2b	5	1	2
Eason 1b	4	0	1	Waters rf	4	2	3
English c	3	0	0	Helmis ss	4	0	2
Mason rf	5	0	1	Smith lf	4	0	1
Whitaker lf	3	1	1	McCall 3b	3	0	1
Gold 2b	4	0	0	Gibson rf	3	0	0
Mewbourne cf	4	1	4	Sharmon rf	1	0	0
Yarnell c	2	0	0	Barbary c	4	0	0
Duchak ph	1	0	1	Zupa 1b	3	0	1
Spooner pr	0	1	0	Parmer p	2	0	0
Hogan ss	1	0	0	Watson p	2	0	0
Cone ss	1	0	0				
Stringfellow 1b	1	1	1				
Vincent p	4	0	1				

*Totals 36 5 11 Totals 35 3 10

FSU 1 0 0 0 0 3 1 0-5

Clemson 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 1 0-3

RBI — Smith 2, Stringfellow, Vincent,

Canty, Mewbourne, McCall, E — Gibson,

McCall, Barbary, DP — Clemson 1, LOB

— FSU 7, Clemson 7, 2B — Mason, SB —

Helmis.

IP H R ER BB SO

Vincent (W, 9-4) 9 10 3 3 2 6

Parmer (L, 8-1) 6 1 10 4 3 1 4

Watson 2 1 1 1 1 2 0

WP — Parmer, Watson, T — 2:04.