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GASTONIA, N.C.—Ailing Ron Cash shook off a nagging virus with a four-for-four performance as Florida State stormed into the championship bracket of the NCAA district 3 baseball tournament with a rousing 10-1 victory over Maryland Friday night.

Cash, the Seminoles' third baseman, had been in the sick bed all day yesterday and was a doubtful starter just an hour before the game.

But Cash quickly showed he was up to the task, slamming three hits—a triple and two singles—driving in two runs and scoring four times himself.

The Seminoles will play the winner of today's Mississippi-Maryland game tonight at 7:30 in what promises to be the final. Mississippi State unleashed a 15-hit attack and swamped East Carolina 12-6 in Friday afternoon's contest.

Florida State showed four Maryland pitchers little mercy as it racked 13 hits in its second tournament try. FSU shutout ECU 2-0 on Thursday.

Lefty Pat Osburn limited the Terps to just five hits and whiffed nine to eclipse teammate Gene Ammann's season strikeout mark set Thursday against ECU. Osburn has now fanned 136 to Ammann's 132.

A lanky junior, Osburn got into a couple of jams as he walked seven batters, but the staunch Seminole defense backed him superbly in his eleventh win against two defeats.

Maryland opened the first inning with a pair of walks and a perfect bunt by Dave Sauve to load the bases. Gene Hiser's fielder's choice brought home Jim Norris with what was to be the Terps' only run. Osburn

got Jim Lawrence to fan before Joe Janysko grounded to second to end the inning.

The Seminoles came back fighting in the second when Cash led off with a walk. Larry Cocks struck out and Harry Saferight bounced out to shortstop.

Shortstop Greg Gromek then lined a single to center, and Cash dashed home with the Tribe's first score.

Cash made the Terps think he was really sick in the fourth when he rifled a triple to the

right field corner. Cocks flied out but Cash came home on Saferight's dragging grounder to short.

Ahead 2-1 in the fifth, the Seminoles went on the warpath with a three-hit, three-run uprising.

Dick Nichols walked and went to second on a throwing error by pitcher Mike Chaddick. Greg Schnute then smacked a double to the centerfield fence scoring Nichols.

After Schnute went to second on a wild pitch, John Grubb flew to right for the second out of the inning.

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It was Cash's turn once more, however. He rapped an rbi single to deep short, scoring Schnute, and Cox followed with a double to left center bringing home Cash with his third run of the evening.

Maryland threatened in the

bottom of the fifth when Norris and Mike Baier hit back-to-back singles with two out. But Sauve grounded to short to end the Terps' opportunity.

The Seminoles loaded the bases on three straight walks in the sixth, but with two outs Grubb was questionably called out when he didn't beat a grounder to second.

In the eighth FSU's Doug Kasimier led off with a triple to center and raced home on Osburn's sacrifice fly. Nichols then walked and stole second before Schnute also drew a base on balls which chased Terp pitcher Bob Grossman from the mound.

Grubb then hit the first pitch served him by Randy Kurtz into center field scoring Nichols. Cash followed with his third hit, a sharp single to left, plating Schnute. Larry Cocks hit a slow roller to second forcing Cash but allowing Grubb to sprint home with the Seminoles' final run.

FSU's record now stands at 43-7-1 for the season. Mike Slade, 6-1, is scheduled to be on the mound for the Seminoles tonight.

The Mississippi State-Maryland will begin at 2:30, with the winner meeting FSU at 7:30. WTNT will broadcast the Seminole game.

FLORIDA STATE					MARYLAND				
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H		
Nichols, 2b	3	2	0	Norris, lf	1	1	1		
Schnute, cf	3	2	2	Baier, ss	3	0	1		
Grubb, rf	5	1	1	Sauve, 2b	4	0	1		
Cash, 3b	4	4	4	Hiser, rf	3	0	0		
Porter, 3b	0	0	0	Lawrence, 3b	4	0	0		
Cocks, lf	5	0	1	Janyisko, 1b	2	0	0		
Saferight, c	5	0	1	Hopkins, cf	4	0	1		
G. Gromek, ss	5	0	3	Smith, c	4	0	1		
Kasimier, 1b	5	1	1	Chaddick, p	1	0	0		
Osburn, p	2	0	0	Welman, p	0	0	0		
				Morano, ph	1	0	0		
				Grosman, p	1	0	0		
				Kirch, p	1	0	0		
TOTALS	37	10	13	TOTALS	29	1	5		

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Maryland	100	000	000—1

E—Chaddick, Norris, Gromek, PO-A
—FSU 27-10, Maryland 27-14, DP—FSU
3, Maryland 1, RBI Schnute,
Grubb 2, Cash, Cocks 2, Saferight
2, Gromek, Osburn, Hiser, LOB—FSU
9, Maryland 8.

2B—Schnute, Cocks, 2B—Schnute,
Cocks, 3B—Cash, Kasimier, SB—Nichols,
S—Osburn, SF—Osburn

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Osburn (W, 11-2)	9	5	1	1	7	9
Chaddick (L, 3-2)	4	3	3	3	2	2
Welman	2	3	1	3	5	1
Kirch	1	2	3	1	0	1
WP—Osburn, PB—Smith, T—250.						