

1999 NCAA College World Series (Game 3)
Texas A&M vs Florida State
Jun 12, 1999 at Omaha, Neb (Rosenblatt Stadium)

Texas A&M 3 (52-17)

Florida State 7 (54-12)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Steve Scarborough ss.....	4	0	0	0	0	3	2	3
Shawn Schumacher c.....	5	1	1	1	0	0	4	1
Daylan Holt rf.....	3	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
John Scheschuk 1b.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	6	1
Steven Truitt cf.....	3	1	1	0	1	2	5	0
Sean Heaney 2b.....	4	1	1	0	0	2	1	0
Greg Porter dh.....	4	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Dell Lindsey 3b.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	1	3
Chad Hudson lf.....	4	0	2	0	0	1	2	0
Casey Fossum p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Chris Russ p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 34 3 8 2 3 12 24 10

Score by innings: R H E

Texas A&M	011 100 000	- 3 8 1
Florida State	130 020 01	- 7 7 1

E - Scheschuk(9); McDougall(7).

DP - Texas A&M 1; Florida St. 2. LOB - Texas A&M 8; Florida St. 8.

2B - Truitt(24); Heaney(27); Hudson(6).

HR - Schumacher(11); M. Diaz 2(20); Barthelemy(4).

SB - Jernigan(11); Groves(28).

SH - Smith(2). SF - McDougall(3).

Texas A&M	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Casey Fossum.....	7.1	7	7	7	8	4	27	37
Chris Russ.....	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2

Win - Chavez 7-5. Loss - Fossum 12-7. Save - None.

BK - Fossum(4).

HBP - by Stocks (Scarborough); by Fossum (Futrell).

Umpires - Home:Randy Bruns 1st:Rich Fetchiet 2nd:Tim Norman 3rd:Bill Davis

Start: 12:41 pm Time: 2:42 Attendance: 19745

Game Notes:

Weather: Cloudy, 74 degrees, 71% humidity, North Wind 9 mph

Pitches: Stocks (80), Fossum (144), Chavez (67), Russ (8)

Fossum establishes A&M career strikeout record with 404

Attendance of 19,745 Session Two record. (Old in 1998 of 19,470)

Stocks faced 3 batters in the 5th.

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Michael Futrell lf.....	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Chris Smith lf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall McDougall 2b.....	3	0	0	1	1	1	2	5
Matt Diaz rf.....	5	2	3	3	0	0	0	0
Kevin Cash 3b.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jeremiah Klosterman c.....	2	0	0	0	2	1	13	0
Karl Jernigan cf.....	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	0
Brett Groves ss.....	4	0	1	1	0	0	3	3
Chris Hart dh.....	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Bobby Spano pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan Barthelemy 1b.....	3	1	2	1	1	0	8	0
Nick Stocks p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Chavez p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 28 7 7 7 8 4 27 9

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Nick Stocks.....	4.0	7	3	3	3	6	19	23
Chris Chavez.....	5.0	1	0	0	0	6	15	15

Opening-day feast puts FSU in winner's bracket

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A win. Anything else that happened on Saturday for Florida State was like AI sauce on an Omaha steak.

Matt Diaz's two home runs added spice. And Chris Chavez's stellar work out of the bullpen left a good taste with every Seminole.

But it was a rare opening-round win that could have stood alone as a feast for FSU fans famished for a College World Series win.

After being eliminated from the CWS in two games last year and in three games in 1996, FSU is in the winner's bracket with a 7-3 win over Texas A&M on Saturday.

"You hear all the jokes about two and barbecue and I'm about tired of that," Diaz said. "So the first one was a big one."

It was just the third time in their last seven trips to the College World Series under Mike Martin that FSU won its opener. The next challenge for FSU is to make it past the third game, something accomplished just twice in Martin's 10 previous appearances in Omaha.

FSU will play either Stanford or Cal State Fullerton on Monday at 3:30 p.m. EDT.

Nobody, not even Diaz, came up bigger for FSU than reliever

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Chavez. The senior pitched the Seminoles out of a no-out, bases-loaded situation in the fifth inning on just 14 pitches, 11 of which were strikes.

"The ballgame came down to when Chavez came in and took control," Martin said. "Let's not lose sight of what Matt Diaz did, but it's still pitching and defense."

Chavez (7-5) allowed no runs and just one hit in five innings of relief. Texas A&M coach Mark Johnson said Chavez's sidearm motion gave his team fits, especially in the fifth.

"He bulldogged his way through," Johnson said. "The bases loaded was a critical one for us. He has good stuff. Unique stuff. He has a unique delivery we don't see very often."

Second-seeded FSU held a 4-3 lead when starter Nick Stocks was

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lifted after he walked three consecutive Aggies to open the fifth. Chavez protected the lead and Diaz and Company extended it with two runs in FSU's half of the inning.

"It was a big momentum shift in the game to come in and get three outs without them scoring," said Chavez, fifth nationally with a 2.20 ERA.

Diaz added: "We definitely had a little hop in our step after that, and I knew we wouldn't have to hear (Martin) yell 'dadgummit' so many times."

Chavez did what Stocks could not in quieting a Texas A&M team that had 42 extra-base hits, including 19 home runs, in eight regional and super regional games. The Aggies (52-17) had one home run and just three extra base hits on Saturday but got to Stocks early.

Stocks started to get his pitches up in the third inning and paid for it. Shawn Schumacher sent a Stocks fastball into the right-field bleachers to cut the lead to 4-2. That third-inning shot was the 14th Stocks has given up this season.

"Nick was just not sharp," Martin said. "We can't win a national championship with our starter going four innings."

An error by Marshall McDougall — Dell Lindsey's bouncer slipped under the second baseman's glove — allowed Texas A&M to cut the lead to 4-3 in the fourth inning.

Stocks was pulled after four innings. He threw 80 pitches, and the seven hits he allowed was the most since April 17 against Miami.

A win on Monday would guarantee FSU at least two more games in the CWS and give it two chances to move into the championship game on Saturday.

If the opener is any indication, this College World Series may finally be different for the Seminoles (54-12).

FSU overcame Stocks' shaky start by living up to the expectations of the national television audience, which had tuned in for a home run show. FSU hit three

home runs on Saturday, bringing its total to 101 for the season, making this team the fifth in school history to hit at least 100 in a season.

Diaz led the way with his third and fourth home runs in three games. Diaz, a sophomore, has ripped 13 home runs in 12 NCAA postseason games dating to last season. In addition to a solo shot to open the fifth inning, he put FSU ahead 4-1 in the second on a two-run blast into the right field bleachers.

FSU also picked up a home run from freshman Ryan Barthelemy in the second inning that preceded Diaz' home run.

Another key hit for FSU came in the fifth when Brett Groves added a two-out, RBI single as part of an effort that put FSU ahead 6-4.

FSU didn't chase Aggies starter Casey Fossum (12-7) until the eighth, after he had thrown 144 pitches.

The Seminoles and Aggies wasted no time getting on the scoreboard. Fossum walked in a run in

the first inning and Texas A&M used three hits, including Lindsey's RBI single, for a 1-1 tie at the top of the second.

TEXAS A&M				FLORIDA STATE			
AB	R	H	BI	AB	R	H	BI
Scarborough	4	0	0	Futrell	5	2	0
Schumacher	4	1	1	Smith	5	0	0
Holt	4	0	0	McDougall	2b	3	0
Schuchuk	1b	3	0	Diaz	cf	5	2
Truitt	cf	3	1	Cash	3b	4	0
Heaney	2b	4	1	Klosterman	c	3	0
Parler	dh	4	0	Jennigan	cf	2	0
Lindsey	3b	4	0	Groves	ss	4	0
Hudson	lf	4	0	Hart	dh	3	0
				Seano	pr	0	0
				Barthelemy	lf	3	1
Totals	34	2	3	Totals	28	7	7
Texas A&M	811	100	800	800	7		
Florida State	130	820	81x	800	7		

E—Texas A&M, Schuchuk; Florida State, McDougall. DP—Texas A&M, 1; Florida State 2. LOB—Texas A&M, 8; Florida State, 8. TB—Texas A&M, Truitt, Heaney, Hudson, HR—Texas A&M, Schumacher; Florida St., Diaz 2, Barthelemy. SB—Florida St., Jennigan, Groves. S—Florida St., Smith. SF—Florida St., McDougall.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas A&M						
Fossum, L 12-7	7 1/3	7	7	7	8	4
Rios	1 1/3	0	0	0	0	0
Florida State						
Stocks	4	7	2	2	2	4
Chavez, W 7-5	5	1	0	0	0	4

HBP—Texas A&M, by Stocks (Scarborough); Florida St., by Fossum (Futrell). Balk—Texas A&M, Fossum.