

Florida State's defending champions gained the lead in the FSU Invitational baseball tournament last night by outlasting Yale 11-8, in a three and a half hour 11-inning marathon.

The Seminoles have only to get by tough Duke, upset by Michigan State yesterday afternoon, tonight to walk off with their second straight tourney title.

Should Duke beat the Seminoles, who topped the Blue Devils 2-0 Wednesday night, and Michigan State beat winless Yale, the tourney could end up in a three-way tie for first.

Seminole coach Danny Litwhiler will send ace fireballer Jerry Boxer, who blanked Yale on one hit Tuesday, to the hill. Duke coach Ace Parker will use Dick Burton who lost the 2-0 duel to FSU Wednesday.

#### WALK, ERROR

Three singles, a walk and an error by Yale pitcher Ray Carlsen led to the Seminoles' three 11th inning tie breakers against Yale last night.

After sophomore catcher Mike Copps opened the frame with a

single, Carlsen threw wild on a bunt by soph hurler Rudy Eigle. Owen McCarron singled to left to score Copps and give the Tribe a 8-8 margin.

Carlee Hendrix sacrificed the runners along. Dick Howser walked and then first baseman Bobby Waits singled up the middle to put the contest on ice.

#### COUCH HOMERS

It took a ninth inning pinch homer with two on by sophomore catcher Jerry Couch to keep the Seminoles in the contest, though, after Yale took an 8-5 margin into the final frame.

Bob Rosell walked to open the ninth, then Riley Seevers, pinch-hitting for Pfil Hunt, lined a single to left-center. Copps filed out, but Couch, batting for hurler John Ash, drove one over Yale right fielder Ted Greenfelder's head, and legged it home with a round-tripper.

It was definitely a sophomores' night for the Tribe, as Couch hit the homer to tie the game up. Eigle blanked Yale in the last three frames for the win, and Copps had two hits, including the single that started the victory rally.

## SCORE IN FIRST

The Seminoles scored in the top of the first on singles by Hendrix and Fred Twomey, sandwiched around an error by Yale first baseman Bill Colville.

The Bulldogs got two back in the bottom of the third, against Fred Kenney, though, scoring on a triple by Carlson. FSU made it in the fourth, then went ahead 4-2 with two more in the sixth.

In the last of the sixth, the Seminoles infield defense fell apart and four errors led to six Yale runs to finish the Bulldog scoring for the night.

## HOWSER GETS THREE

Dick Howser broke out of a hitting slump for the Seminoles with three hits, while Tim Brown cracked as many for the losers.

Michigan State's Ron Perranoski won his second game of the tournament in the afternoon battle, stopping Duke 3-2, on an eighth inning Spartan tally. He beat FSU Monday, 8-3.

A walk to Gerald Stifler, a single by Gary Warner and a run-scoring bingle by second sacker Frank Palamara brought in the winning score against the Blue Devils' O.K. Niess, who allowed the Spartans only six hits.

A two-run homer by Duke outfielder Dave Sims in the top of the first was the only scoring damage against Perranoski, who blanked Duke with six bingles the rest of the way.

FLORIDA STATE	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
McCarron, cf	7	1	2	3	0	0
Hendrix, 2b	6	1	1	1	4	1
Howser, ss	6	0	3	2	0	1
Twomey, 1b	3	0	0	2	0	0
Waits, 1b	3	0	1	3	1	1
Rosell, rf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Hunt, 3b	3	1	1	2	0	1
a-Seever	1	1	1	0	0	0
Koch, 3b	1	0	0	1	0	0
Copps, c	5	1	2	10	0	0
Kenney, p	3	0	0	0	5	0
Slusser, p	0	0	0	0	0	1
b-Dyer	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ash, p	0	0	0	0	2	0
c-Couch	1	1	1	0	0	0
Eagle, p	0	1	0	0	0	0

Totals	48	11	14	33	12	5
YALE	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Brown, lf	6	2	3	2	0	0
Hodgett, 2b	6	0	1	1	2	1
Lamontagne, cf	4	0	1	4	0	0
Molumphy, ss	5	0	1	1	1	1
Colville, 1b	6	1	1	0	0	1
Greensfelder, rf-c	5	1	0	2	0	0
Bober, 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1
Morrison, c	1	0	0	0	0	0
d-Levering	0	1	0	0	0	0
Gracey, c	2	0	0	3	2	0
Clay, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carlson, p	5	2	2	0	3	1
Irving, p	0	0	0	1	2	0
Totals	44	8	10	33	15	3

a-Singled for Hunt in 9th.  
b-Struck out for Slusser in 7th.  
c-Hit home run for Ash in 9th.  
d-Ran for Morrison in 6th.  
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**RBI**—McCarron 2, Howser, Waits 2, Hunt, Copps 2, Couch 3, Brown, Molumphy, Bober, Carlson. **3B**—Carlson.  
**HR**—Couch. **SB**—Howser, Corso, Hunt, Brown 2. **S**—Hendrix, Eagle, Twomey.  
**Left**—Florida State 15, Yale 9. **BB**—Kenney 3, Ash 2, Carlson 7, Irving 1.  
**SO**—Kenney 3, Ash 3, Slusser 1, Eagle 1, Carlson 11. **HO**—Kenney 5 in 5th, Slusser 2 in 3rd, Ash 2 in 2nd, Eagle 1 in 3rd, Carlson 14 in 10th, Irving 0 in 1st.  
**R-ER**—Kenney 6-3, Slusser 2-0, Ash 0-0, Eagle 0-0, Carlson 11-10, Irving 0-0. **FB**—Copps 2. **W**—Eagle (1-0). **L**—Carlson (0-2). **U**—Schenk, Howard and Bothel. **A**—400.