

GASTONIA, N. C. — Florida State eliminated West Virginia, 6-5, in the NCAA District 3 baseball tournament yesterday, but rain postponed other action.

Thursday's first-round winners, Wake Forest and Florida, were scheduled to meet at 11:30 this morning. The loser was to take on FSU at 2:30.

If the Seminoles win the afternoon game, they will play the Wake Forest - Florida winner at 7:30. If FSU loses the afternoon game, it will be eliminated and there will be no night game.

The title game will be played Monday.

West Virginia, beaten by Wake Forest in opening day action Thursday, came roaring back after spotting the Tribe six runs.

The Mountaineers opened with three runs in the third inning, and Tom Shafer hit a solo homer in the fourth.

In the eighth, FSU's Al Beccaccio made a defensive gem that killed another threat. The Mountaineers, now trailing by two runs, got Joe Stepp on first with a single. Craig Makin's fly ball was dropped, putting runners on first and third. Dave Wilson's single drove in Stepp.

With runners on first and second, FSU Coach Danny Litwhiler brought in pitcher Frank Davis. West Virginia's Ed Tekavic hit a blooper behind second, Beccaccio made a leaping catch, his back to the plate.

Tumbling to the grass, he recovered and fired to shortstop Woody Woodward, covering at second, doubling off Mankin, who was already across the plate with the apparent tying run.

FSU scored two in the first on a sacrifice fly and a 380-foot homer by Woodward. Two more runs scored in the second on a walk and singles by Hal Mangin and George Roundtree, plus a sacrifice fly by pitcher Allen Thomas.

In the third, Bob Madison and

Mangin singled and a walk and error did the damage for two more and a 6-0 lead, sufficient to knock out West Virginia starter Joe Jeran.

Jack Ross was the winning pitcher. He gave up two hits and a run, struck out three, walked one in 3 1-3 innings.

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	AB	R	H		AB	R	H	
Augustine	5	1	3		Mataw	4	1	0
Madison	5	1	1		Procopio	4	1	1
Elliot	0	0	0		Thorn	3	1	1
Beccaccio	4	0	0		Stepp	4	1	1
Woodward	5	2	1		Mankin	4	0	2
Williamsn	5	0	0		Smith	2	0	0
Teagle	2	1	0		Wilson	2	0	1
Mangin	4	1	3		Verciglio	2	0	0
Roundtree	3	0	1		b-Tekavic	1	0	0
c-Smith	0	0	0		Jones	4	0	0
Ferguson	0	0	0		Jeran	0	0	0
Thomas	1	0	1		a-Schaefer	4	1	2
Ross	2	0	0					
Davis	0	0	0					

Totals 36 6 10 Totals 34 5 7

a—Filed out for Jeran in 3rd;

b—Walked for Verciglio in 6th; c—

Ran for Roundtree in 8th.

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E—Jeran, Verciglio, Wilson, Mad-

ison. RBI—Beccaccio, Woodward,

Roundtree, Tho Thomas, Thorn,

Mankin, Wilson, Schafer. PO—A—

Florida State 27-11; West Virginia

27-10. DP—Beccaccio and Wood-

ward. LOB—Florida State 9; West

Virginia 5. 2B—Thorne, Thomas.

HR—Woodward. SF—Beccaccio,

Thomas.

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Jeran (L) 3 6 6 4 2 2

Wilson 6 4 0 0 0 3

Thomas 4 5 4 4 2 4

Ross (W) 3½ 2 1 5 1 3

Davis 1½ 0 0 0 0 0

HBP—Roundtree (by Wilson). WP

—Jeran. PB—Procopio, Teagle. U—

Carter, McManus, Fite. T—2:29.