

Tribe Loses 6-3 Tussle

Special to the Democrat

GASTONIA, N. C.—Florida State's baseball team, ahead 3-0 in the early going, fell to Mississippi State 6-3 here this morning in an opening game of the District 3 playoffs.

The Seminoles scored three times in the first inning after loading the bases with none out.

Mississippi State came back with one. Then the Bulldogs erupted for three in the top of the seventh to go in front to stay 4-3.

The Seminoles will play again this evening at 6, meeting the loser of an early afternoon game between Furman and Maryland.

Should FSU lose the 6 p.m. game it will be out of the double-elimination tournament.

In Mississippi State's big seventh, the Bulldogs rattled off three straight hits after one first baseman Del Unser doubled to bring home all three runners. Starting pitcher Marvin Stringfellow was relieved by Eddie Howell at this point.

The Bulldogs added single runs in the eighth and ninth. Dick Fernandez led off with a single. Monty McBryde lived on an error. Tom Thomas walked. Randy Brown singled

through the box, bringing in two runs. Thomas was thrown out trying to go to third on the play. Brown stole second, went to third as Moose Hopkins grounded out. Gary Nichols walked. Then Nichols and Brown pulled a double steal, Brown scoring.

That was it for the Seminoles as righthander Ken Tatum allowed only two base runners the rest of the way.

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Florida State 300 000 000-3 4 1
Tatum and Smith; Stringfellow, Howell (6) and Brown.

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MISS. STATE		FLA. STATE	
Bell, ss	4 1	1 Fern'dez, 2b	4 1 1
Unser, 1b	5 1	2 McBryde, lf	3 1 0
Burns, cf	3 1	6 Serron, ph	1 0 1
Portera, lf	5 0	1 Bearse, pr	0 0 0
Tatum, p	3 1	2 Mewb'ne, if	0 0 0
Gatlin, rf	4 0	0 Thomas, rf	3 0 0
Bragan, 3b	4 0	0 Brown, c	3 1 1
Smith, c	4 1	2 Hopkins, ss	3 0 0
Bacon, 2b	3 1	1 Nichols, 1b	3 0 0
		Wilcox, cf	3 0 0
		Lawrence, 3b	3 0 0
		String'low, p	2 0 1
		Howell, p	1 0 0
Totals 35 4 9		Totals 29 3 4	
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FLORIDA STATE		300 000 000-3	
2b—Unser, Portera, 3b—Tatum, 5B—Unser, Brown, 2, Nichols, HP—Bell (b-stringfellow), LOB—Miss. State 9, Fla. State 3, DP—Florida State 2, Mississippi State 1.			
IP H R ER BB SO			
Tatum (W 7-1)		9 4 3 1 4 8	
Stringfellow (L 6-3)		6 7 4 4 2 4	
Howell		2 2 2 2 3 4	
Umpires: Newsome, Blackburn, Drummond, Mallory. Time—2:15, Att.—500.			