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Ohio State Stops FSU In Opener, Wins 2-1

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OMAHA, Neb. — Luckless in the draw, Florida State's baseball team continued its battle in the College World Series.

Losers to Ohio State by 2 to 1 in the opening game Monday, the Seminoles were scheduled to take on tournament-tough Texas at noon today.

If they lose, the Seminoles fly home Wednesday. If they win, they play at 3 o'clock tomorrow.

Texas, a 12-5 loser to Washington State Monday, is playing in his series for the 13th time. The Longhorns have twice won the national championship.

Florida State's chances of going all the way are now slim, but the odds are not precisely prohibitive. In three of the 18 previous losers first-day losers went on to championships.

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Another fact is that among the 18 previous champions all, save two, were beaten at one time or another during the tournament.

Florida State was unfortunate enough, however, to get lodged in the tournament-tougher bracket at the start. Ohio State is ranked number two in the nation, now stands 27-11 after eight consecutive victories.

Washington State and Texas, in the same bracket, with 31-6 and 18-5 records, rank 4th and 3rd in the land.

Left-hander Marvin Stringfellow went the distance for FSU. Rapped for 11 hits, Stringfellow, now 7 and 4, was in frequent trouble but pitched out of it, save for that fourth frame.

Tom Thomas made a big catch of a hard-hit ball in right field with a run on base in the second. Ohio State got its first two batters on base in the third, but Stringfellow worked through safely. Pete Sarron made a fine catch of a ball hit to left field in the fifth. First two Buckeyes up in the sixth rapped hits, but catcher Randy Brown picked one off first base.

First baseman Arno Chanko, top hitter of Ohio State, had an 0-4 day against Stringfellow, failed to hit with runners on base three times.

Held hitless the first three innings, and hitless in seven innings all told, the Seminoles threatened in the fourth.

Sarron got the game's first off Arlin, a leadoff shot over the shortstop's head in that inning. After Brown — particularly baffled by Arlin's tight pitching — flied out, Thomas bounced out an infield hit.

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and in the land.

By contrast, Arizona State, the top rated team in the country, is in a bracket with St. Louis (No. 6) Lafayette (9) and Connecticut (13).

Texas finished the regular season with a team batting average of 300, and has a pitching staff with a collective earned run average of 2.55.

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FSU's loss to Ohio State was primarily a case of too much Steve Arlin.

A sensational sophomore left-hander, the 6-3 Arlin, restricted Florida State to four hits as he won his 12th game of the year. He has lost just one.

Fastballer Arlin's control was splendid. He walked just four. Rosenblatt Stadium is a pitcher's park, all the way. It's 343 feet down each foul line.

Only one home run was struck in all of the games of last year's series here.

The Seminoles got fairly good wood from Arlin's pitches. He had managed 136 strikeouts in 115 previous innings. He fanned just 7 Seminoles.

But Ohio State's errorless

But Denny Jacobs, a slick-fielding second baseman, gobbled up Gary Nichols' grounder and turned it into a double play. Thomas led off the seventh with a deep center, and Nichols immediately brought him home with a single.

Coach Fred Hatfield sent out two left pinchhitters against the right handed Arlin at this point. Rick Hutchinson flied out to deep center. McBryde Walked.

But Arlin got Stringfellow and Dick Fernandez on a pair of grounders.

The Seminoles had no more chances. Arlin set them down in one-two-three fashion in both the 8th and 9th.

Hatfield will pitch his 6-5 right-hander Cliff Ranew (9-3) against Texas today.

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Ohio State will start John Durrant, left-hander with a 5-2 record and 2.22 earned run average, against Washington State lefty Joe MacLean, 3-0 and 2.79, at 7 p.m., EST. Arizona State will use Ron Lea, a right-hander who stands 11-2 and 2.92,

just 7 Seminoles.

But Ohio State's errorless fielding was too much when coupled with Arlin. A relatively light-hitting team, Ohio State finished 9th in Big Ten team hitting, but was second in the league in both pitching and stealing.

The Buckeyes got both runs in the fourth inning. Chuck Brinkman lashed a double down the left field line. After two outs, Jim Graham singled to left, scoring Brinkman. Jim Reed walked. Bo Rein singled to right, and Graham scored.

FLORIDA STATE		OHIO STATE	
	ab r h bi		ab r h bi
Fern'ez 2b	3 0 0 0	Graham 3b	4 1 2 1
Hopkins ss	4 0 0 0	Reed lf	3 0 1 0
Sarron lf	2 0 1 0	Rein ss	3 0 2 1
Brown c	4 0 0 0	Chonko 1b	4 0 0 0
Thom's rf	4 1 2 0	Harkins lf	3 0 2 0
Nichols 1b	4 0 1 1	Nagel'n cf	4 0 0 0
Wilcox cf	2 0 0 0	B. Brink c	4 1 2 0
A. Hul'son	1 0 0 0	Jacobs 2b	4 0 1 0
Mew'ne 3b	0 0 0 0	Arlin p	4 0 1 0
B. McK'ey	1 0 0 0		
Law're 3b	2 0 0 0		
C. McB'ide	0 0 0 0		
Chl'ski 3b	0 0 0 0		
String'w p	3 0 0 0		
Totals	30 1 4 1	Totals	33 2 11 2

A—Lined to center for Wilcox in seventh.
B—Struck out for Mewbourns in ninth.
C—Walked for Lawrence in seventh.

Florida State	000 000 100—1
Ohio State	000 200 00x—2

E—Sarron. PO—FSU 24-9, OSU 27-10.
DP—OSU; LOB—FSU 6, OSU 1;
2B—Brinkman; 3B—Thomas; SB—Rein.
IP H R ER BB SO
Stringfellow (L) 9 11 2 2 3 5
Arlin (W) 9 2 1 1 4 7
H—Labrosse, Stanek, Daup. T—2:04.

will use Ron Lea, a right-hander who stands 11-2 and 2.92, against St. Louis southpaw Tom Tocco, 5-1 and 1.65, at 9:30.

In the loser's bracket, FSU's Ranew faces Gary Moore of Texas, a lefty who stands 5-3 and 2.85, at 12 p.m.

Connecticut will start Tommy Lawton, sophomore lefty who is 3-1 and .36, against Lafayette right-hander Preston Denby, 3-2 and 2.28 at 3 p.m.

The first four games produced five homers, compared to one for the entire 1964 tournament. The St. Louis-Connecticut game was played mostly in light windblown drizzle, but the field was covered overnight.

Arizona State, deep in pitching and power hitting, remains the tourney favorite.

Connecticut 001 000 00—1 3 4
St. Louis 000 101 00x—2 4 4
Gulyas and Carroll; Marcum and Gegg.
W—Marcum 9-2. L—Gulyas 5-2.
Home run—St. Louis, Beehner 3.

Ariz. St. 201 120 404—14 16 0
Lafayette 000 000 100—1 3 5
Pavlik, Schmelz (9) and Alesci, Stadler (9); Ireland, Jasper (7), Loftis (7) and Hosenlopp, Waller (9). W—Pavlik (11-0). L—Ireland (5-2).

Home run—Arizona State, Bando (4).

Wash. State 202 218 203—12 17 1
Texas 001 000 003—5 12 4
Avey, Lukens (9) and Olerud, Collier, Wells (5), Moore (9) and Thompson, Scheschuk (7). W—Avey, 4-0. L—Collier, 10-2.

HR—Washington State, Fry (3), Thomas, Brandy (3), Scheschuk (1).