

Special to the Democrat

GASTONIA, N. C.—Florida State's baseball team was homeward bound today after being bounced from the double-elimination NCAA District-3 playoffs yesterday by University of Florida and Clemson.

The Gators dealt FSU a 2-1 reversal. Then Clemson won, 2-5, in 10 innings.

Thus the Seminoles, who won the district title last year, ended the season the same way they started it—by losing two straight. Going into yesterday's games, FSU had won 13 in a row. Final record for the season: 21-7.

BLUSSER FALLS

FSU pitching ace Frank Blusser, who had not been beaten all season while winning eight, was handed losses twice within a 4-hour span yesterday. He pitched the entire first game against Florida, allowing only four hits and striking out 11. He was a reliever in the 10th inning against Clemson, and the Tigers begged him for three runs.

Danny Litwiler's squad was five runs behind going into the bottom of the seventh against Clemson.

Then Charley Rodgers smashed a 409-foot home run with two mates on base and the Seminoles ended the inning with four runs.

They tied it at 5-5 in the ninth. Dick Howser tripled and Rodgers moved him home with his fifth straight hit.

Blusser opened the 10th on the mound. First batter beat out an easy chance back to him. But the pitcher threw the ball wildly to first, and the batter ended up on third base.

With none away, the next two batters, both left-handers, were intentionally walked. The strategy failed as shortstop Bud Spears, a

righthander, slapped Blusser's first pitch to him for a double that cleared the bases.

Clemson now faces Florida for the playoff title on Monday. The Tigers, 2-1 in the tourney, now would have to beat Florida in two straight defeats in order to win.

DECISIVE RUN

In the twilight game with Florida, the Seminoles knocked in the eighth inning as the Gators broke a 1-0 deadlock.

Perry McOriff's walk earned it. Bobby Gansinger sacrificed him to second. Bobby Rodgers drew an intentional walk. After McOriff scored, Rodgers an a passed ball, an intentional walk was given. Charley Rodgers who had hit a sacrifice fly in previous games at home, scored.

With the bases loaded, Ellsbury doubled a runner off the wall in left. One run came in. Ellsbury's strange base-running, dialing for home, as he reached third base automatically put Florida's manager out of the game. Venable, the pitcher, and Ellsbury, the batter, both finished the game with four strikeouts each.

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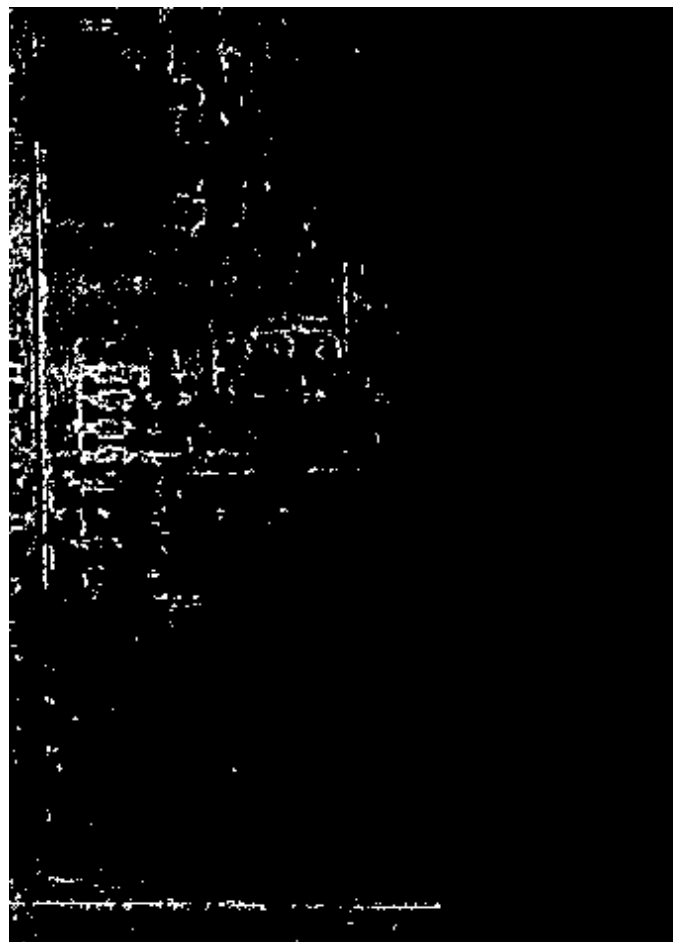
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FSU threatened in the ninth when Neil Martin slapped a pinch-hit double after one out. But Howser bounced out. Then McGriff speared Rodgers' sharp drive down the first-base line for the final out.

Sophomore Ray Ostricher pitched the distance for Florida, winning his sixth against one loss. Both he and Slusser allowed five walks. Slusser struck out 11, Ostricher four.

Earlier in the day, Clemson eliminated George Washington from the tournament with a 4-1 victory. GW had held a 2-0 lead in the second inning against Clemson on Friday, before the game was postponed by rain.



CLEMMSON

	AB	R	E
Hendley, J	1	1	0
Stow, J	0	1	0
D'Barry, Jb	2	1	1
Sellers, W	4	0	1
Abbott, J	5	1	2
Wilson, J	0	0	0
Bagwell, Jb	5	0	0
Moffatt, J	4	1	1
Coker, C	3	1	0
Harris, Jb	4	2	1

	AB	R	E
Hartman, J	1	1	0
Edwards, Jb	1	1	0
Cochran, J	1	1	0
Wright, J	1	1	0
Conner, J	1	1	0
Walters, J	1	1	0
Harmon, J	1	1	0
Wheeler, J	1	1	0
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Totals 36 13 3

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