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GAINESVILLE—Gastonia-bound Florida States, with a district playoff bid to the College World Series already assured, lost to Florida 8-6 here Friday in a baseball game highlighted by a six-run Gator scoring outburst, which in turn, was highlighted by a rare, but successful, triple steal.

The Seminoles, who absorbed their seventh defeat against 24 victories, received an invitation earlier this week to take part in the North Carolina District 3 elimination next weekend for the main event in Omaha.

Florida State started strong in its half of the second inning with three runs. Seminole right fielder Tommy Thomas led off with a single, and took second on a fielder's choice. Gary Nichols then doubled in Thomas and scored a moment later on a single by Gary Lawrence. Lawrence came home a

few seconds afterwards on an error by Florida second baseman Russ Moore.

But the Seminoles soon found themselves trailing by three markers following the big Gator inning. Tom Shannon got aboard via a leadoff single. Rufus Frazier doubled and Moore singled in Shannon. Catcher Jack Kenworthy walked, loading the bases against FSU starter Cliff Ranew.

With the stage set thusly, Gator pitcher Roy Rollyson laid down a perfect squeeze bunt along the first base line which sent all Florida runners scrambling. In came Moore and Frazier for runs two and three. Third baseman Don Pendley then proceeded to drive in Kenworthy with a single and Rollyson barely had time to button on his warmup jacket before Randy Morcroft's screaming double sent Rollyson and Pendley for runs five and six.

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Florida State fought back for two runs in the fourth. Nichols' second double of the day preceded Lawrence's triple. Lawrence then followed Nichols across the plate on a single by Dick Fernandez.

The Seminoles' final run of the contest came in the sixth. Nichols walked with one out, then took second on an error by Shannon. Dean Duchak, batting for Ranew, struck out. But Fernandez added his third run - batted in of the day with a single which scored Nichols.

Jim McCune, who took over from reliever Eddie Howell in the eighth, allowed Florida's final run on a combination of one walk, a hit batter and fielder's choice.

Kenworthy scored after taking first when he was struck by McCune's erring pitch. The walk and fielder's choice got him to third where Morcroft's bunt brought him in.

FLORIDA STATE					FLORIDA				
	AB	R	H	E	AB	R	H	E	
Fernandez 2b	5	0	3		Pendley 3b	5	1	1	
Hopkins ss	5	0	0		Morcroft ss	5	0	3	
Sarron lf	5	0	0		Trammel lf	4	0	0	
Brown c	4	0	0		Blomgren rf	4	0	1	
Thomas rf	4	1	1		Shannon lb	4	0	1	
Mewbourne cf	3	0	0		Frazier cf	4	1	1	
Nichols lb	3	3	2		Moore 2b	3	1	2	
Lawrence 3b	4	2	2		Kenworthy c	2	2	1	
Ranew p	2	0	0		Rollyson p	2	1	1	
Duchak	1	0	0						
McCune	1	0	1						
Hutchinson	1	0	0						
Totals	38	6	9		Totals	33	8	11	

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E-Sarron (2), Hopkins, Moore and Shannon. RBI-Florida State-Lawrence (3), Fernandez (2) and Nichols; Florida-Morcroft (2), Moore (2), Rollyson (2), Pendley and Blomgren. DP-Florida State. LOB-Florida State 4, Florida 4. 2B-Nichols (2), Frazier, Pendley, Morcroft. 3B-Lawrence. HR-Blomgren. SB-Fernandez, Cushman.

	W	L	P	SH	SV	IP	ER	BB	SO
Rollyson (W, 3-2)	3	0	4	5	0	0			
Prior	3	1	0	0	0	3			
Ranew (L, 7-3)	5	10	7	7	2	0			
Howell	2	1	0	0	1	1			
McCune	1	0	1	0	2	0			