

GASTONIA, N. C. — Auburn, the Southeastern Conference champ, jumped on previously unbeaten LaDon Boyd Saturday night and rocked Florida State 13-3 in the winners' bracket of the NCAA Region 3 baseball tournament.

The Seminoles had to play Clemson, 5-0 winner over West Virginia in an afternoon loser's bracket contest late last night. The loser will be eliminated along with West Virginia, while the victor will take on Auburn Monday night.

The Tigers burst loose for three runs in the first inning, added six more in the fourth, and breezed to the easy verdict. Auburn had defeated West Virginia 8-3 Friday night in the opening round, while Florida State stopped Clemson 5-3.

Scotty Long was Auburn's offensive weapon, while a surprise choice on the mound, lefthander George Simmons, handled the FSU bats.

Simmons didn't pitch at all for Auburn this season, although he was 12-0 in junior college at Gulf Coast in Panama City last year. The Pensacola native gave up three hits, but had plenty of support as the Tigers got 16 safeties off three FSU pitchers.

Long hit a three-run homer in the first and added a two-run shot in the big fourth. He also added a single.

Frank Balbazzare, who had scored in the first on Long's homer, blasted a 400-foot, three-run round tripper in the fourth.

Auburn added insult to injury with three more runs in the eighth. Simmons and Greg Golden, Panama City product,

had rbi singles, while Bob Boozer had a sacrifice fly.

Roy Mewbourne was a bright spot for the Seminoles at the plate for the second straight game. The scrappy centerfielder had three singles and a walk to make it seven-for-seven in the tourney. He drove in FSU's second run.

Jeff Hogan had a single, double and a rbi for the Seminoles, while Ed Yarnell had a double.

The loss for Boyd was his first in 11 decisions. The righthanded, sophomore gave up eight runs, seven earned, and 10 hits in three and a third innings. He was relieved by Lin Garrett who worked four and a third frames before giving way to Bruce Pollack in the eighth.

Auburn				FLORIDA STATE					
ab	r	h	rbi	ab	r	h	rbi		
Golden	4	2	3	2	Mewbourne	3	0	3	1
Balbazare	5	2	2	3	Eason	4	0	1	1
McKenzie	6	1	1	0	Hitchcock	4	0	0	0
Long	6	2	3	5	Gold	3	0	1	0
Straiton	5	1	1	0	Yarnell	3	1	1	0
Cox	5	2	1	0	Jordan	1	0	0	0
Countryman	4	2	2	1	Hogan	4	0	2	1
Boozar	2	0	1	1	Whitaker	2	0	0	0
Simmons	5	1	2	1	Cook	1	1	0	0
					Cone	4	1	1	0
					Boyd	0	0	0	0
					Garrett	2	0	0	0
					Canly	1	0	0	0
Totals	42	13	16	13	Totals	32	3	9	3

Auburn	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	13
FSU	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3

RBI — Golden 2, Balbazare 3, Long 5, Countryman, Boozar, Simmons, Mewbourne, Eason, Hogan, PO-A — P. — Hogan, Eason, Jordan, DP — Auburn 4, FSU 2, LOB — Auburn 8, FSU 5, 2B — Golden, Yarnell, Hogan, Countryman, Cone, HR — Long 2, Balbazare, SF — Boozar.

	lp	b	r	er	bb	so
Simmons (W, 1-0)	9	9	3	3	4	6
Boyd (L, 10-1)	31	10	8	7	2	12
Garrett	41	6	3	3	6	6
Pollock	11	3	0	0	0	2

T — 2:30