

AUBURN, Ala. — The case is rested.

Florida State's baseball team, working for a bid to the District III tournament that'll be played in Gastonia, N.C., later this month, jumped on Auburn from the start yesterday and took a 9-4 victory in the final game before the jury goes out.

The panel of coaches which decides the four teams to be invited, will meet this afternoon . . . before the Seminoles clash with Auburn again at 3 o'clock. The Tribe has won ten of its last 12 games and now stands 37-14 for the year.

Florida State has participated in the district tourney 12 of the last 15 years, last season breezing through

the double-elimination playoff unbeaten and finishing second in the national tournament.

The Seminoles were taking no chances yesterday, scoring all of their nine runs in the first three innings, including five in the opening frame. They were helped along in that first inning by four walks —

two of which forced in runs — and a hit batter — which pushed in another runner.

With the bases loaded and one man out, Herb Sikes walked to score Larry Cocks. Ken Doria bounced into a force play, but Ron Cash came home on the play. Doug

Kasimier walked to load the bases again and Greg Gromek was hit by pitcher Earl Nance, driving in the third run.

FSU pitcher Bill Fuller singled in Doria and leadoff batter Dave Nichols, up for the second time in the inning, drew the fourth base on balls, pushing in Kasimier with the final run of the frame.

The Seminoles added three more runs in the second when Harry Saferight doubled and came home on Doria's single, and Kasimier followed with a 360-foot homer over the right field fence.

Nichols scored the final FSU run in the third when he walked and race home on Saferight's second straight double.

Auburn got on the board in the fourth with a pair of runs, and added runs in the eighth and ninth innings off ace relief man Mac Scarce, but it was well decided by that time.

Fuller worked seven innings for his seventh victory in nine decisions, while Nance was charged with his fifth loss against six wins.

Freshman right hander Marty Rice is scheduled to pitch for FSU today. The former Leon High standout will be looking for his tenth victory.

FLA ST	ab	r	h	AUBURN	ab	r	h
Nichols ss	3	1	0	Dempsey rf	5	1	1
Cocks 2b	5	1	2	Merchant c	4	1	2
Cash lf	4	1	0	Martin 3b	4	0	0
Saferight c	5	1	4	Baker 1b	4	2	2
Sikes 3b	4	1	0	Bishop 1b	0	0	0
Doria rf	5	2	3	Haefner cf	4	0	0
Kasimer 1b	4	2	1	Rancont ss	1	0	0
Gromek cf	4	0	1	Baker ss	3	0	2
Fuller p	4	0	1	Cameron lf	4	0	1
Grimes ph	1	0	0	Hall 2b	4	0	0
Scarce p	0	0	0	Nance p	0	0	0
				Kane p	0	0	0
				Rusby ph	1	0	0
				Curtis p	2	0	1
				Murphy ph	1	0	0

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>
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E—Rancont, Fuller. PO—A—FSU 27-8, A—27-10. DP—A 1. LOB—FSU 8, A 10.

2B—Saferight 2, Dempsey, Merchant, Baker Cameron. HR—Baker, Kasimer. RBI—Nichols, Saferight, Sikes, Doria 2, Kasimer 2, Gromek, Fuller Baker 2, Bishop, Butler.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Fuller (W, 7-2)	7	7	2	1	0	6
Mac Scarce	2	3	2	2	3	2
Nance (L, 6-5)	2-3	3	5	5	3	0
Kane	2 1-3	5	4	4	2	1
Curtis	6	4	0	0	0	3

HBP — Gromek (By Nance. (Save — Scarce. WP — Kane. T — 2:40. A — 1,000