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Tallahassee's Capt. Billy Mills and Tampa freshman John Cuesta, who battled all season for the Florida State University batting lead, ended up in a tie for the crown with identical 319 averages. Both collected 29 hits in 91 trips to the plate.

Cuesta, who had been shown as the leaser throughout most of the season, actually went into the final two-game series with Plorida Southern well behind Mills when figures were re-checked and the Seminole field captain given several hits which had been missed in the early tabulations.

Cuesta banged out five hits in the final two games while Mills was being limited to just one safety.

While Mills failed in his bid to set a new record for the most hits in a season, he did establish a record for drawing bases on balls, getting 26 to crase Ken Smith's 1952 record of 24.

Several other records were broken or tied.

Bob Hudson's five triples beat 1
Les Mullen's 1952 mark of four.
Ralph Blinn tied Lee Bailey's record for four homers, and broke the mark for errors by committing 15 bobbles. Bob Trowbridge and Ham Wernke set the former mark of 14 last year.

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Final pitching averages released today show that Higgin-leames to lead in that category. botham, the Seminoles' relief specialist from Woodbine (Ga.), paced the regular FSU hurlers with a 4-2 record.

Higginbotham aterted two games. He worked more innings

Freshman Max Long, the hard-Bit. Petersburg righthander, fin- midway the season.

Long bagged the team earned run average crown. He gave up only 1.88 earned runs per nine innings. Long completed three

Higginbotham, whose best asset is a curve ball, was also the Seminoles' strikeout leader. Wally fanned 48 and walked 21. Freshman Jim Atwood, who tossed the games, completing only one but only shutout for PSU this season saw relief duty in nine other in his first college start, walked only nine batters in 32 innings, 147—than any other Seminole. less than three per game.

Ed Lockard, the only senior luck Seminole from Jacksonville, on the squad, had a 1-0 record and George Hehemann, slender before dropping from the squad

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