

One more victory, and Florida State's baseball team will be a 20-game winner for the eighth time in nine years.

The Seminoles rapped out a dozen hits and tripped Georgia Southern here yesterday 9-7. FSU, now 19 - 9 for the season, plays the Georgians here again this afternoon, 3:30.

Tall righthander Cliff Ranew won his seventh game in eight decisions but required some relief help from Marty Howell in the ninth inning.

Ranew threw seven-hit ball until the ninth, when the Eagles erupted for four runs. Shortstop Royce Exley singled, scored on Jackie Hammond's triple. Ranew gave up a single and a walk to the next two batters and eventually walked them home.

Howell came in and retired the last two batters on a strike-out and a pop.

Florida State hitters, anemic in a two-game series last week with Auburn, broke loose against two Georgia Southern pitchers.

First baseman Gary Nichols rapped out a triple and two doubles, scoring three runs. Shortstop Larry Johnson went three-for-three, with two doubles and a single.

The Seminoles rushed into a first-inning lead and were never threatened until the ninth. Jimmy Reed and Mike Augustine began the attack inning with singles, then scored on Nichols' double and Leon Chalhub's sacrifice fly.

Chalhub became the latest Seminole to try his luck in left field. Marty McBryde, Randy Brown, and others have been largely unsuccessful in playing the spacious left side of Seminole Field, and Monday Chalhub made two errors.

The Tribe added three runs in the fifth when Nichols tripled, then scored on an error, and Bob Wilcox came home on Johnson's first double. Johnson himself scored on a fielder's choice.

In the eighth inning, Reed singled and Ken Suarez walked. Nichols brought both home with

a slicing double to right field and the Seminoles had what proved to be the deciding runs.

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	ab	r	h		ab	r	h
Exley, ss	5	1	2	Reed, 1b	5	3	3
Hammond, 2b	5	2	1	Augustine, cf	3	1	1
Seeley, 3b	4	0	0	Chalhub, 1b	2	0	0
Payne, c	3	3	1	Suarez, c	2	1	1
Butler, cf, lf	4	0	2	Nichols, 1b	5	2	3
Wade, lf	3	0	1	Wilcox, rf	4	1	0
Tarpley, 1b	4	0	0	Johnson, ss	3	1	3
Connor, rf	3	0	2	Chmiwsk, 3b	4	0	1
Abshier, p	2	0	0	Ranew, p	4	0	0
Jones, cf	1	0	1	Howell, p	0	0	0
aChristiansen	1	0	0				
bWells	1	1	1				
cBrunner	1	0	0				

Totals 37 7 11 Totals 32 9 12

a—Flied out for Abshier in 8th; b—Stranded for Seeley in 9th; c—Struck out for Crouch in 9th.

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E—Ranew, Chalhub 2, Nichols, Exley; RBI—Suarez, Nichols 3, Johnson 2, Chalhub, Butler, Wade, Ranew, Hammond, Wells; PG—A—Georgia Southern 24.7; Fla. State 27.5; LOB—Georgia Southern 12, Florida State 9; 2B—Nichols 2, Reed, Johnson 2; 3B—Butler, Nichols, Hammond; SB—Exley, Suarez; S—Chalhub, Suarez, Abshier; SF—Chalhub 2, Wade, Augustine.

	tp	h	r	er	bb	so
Abshier (L 3-4)	7	10	7	4	3	5
Crouch (8th)	1	2	2	2	1	0
Ranew (W 7-1)	8	13	10	7	4	3
Howell (2th)	2	3	0	0	0	1

HBP—Suarez; WP—Abshier 2; PB—Payne; T—3:15; U—Walt Schenck (plate) and Phil Shaw (base).