

STATESBORO, Ga.—Florida State's third-ranked Seminoles backed the five-hit pitching of Eddie Howell with a 12-hit attack here Friday afternoon as the Seminoles captured their fourth straight triumph 9-4 over Georgia Southern.

The Tribe, now 26-9, will close out its successful road trip this afternoon with another game with Southern. The Seminoles took four straight after losing a double header to LSU, 3-2 and 1-0.

Howell held the Eagles to just three hits before tiring in the ninth frame. The senior lefthander struck out 12 and walked six, four in the ninth.

Sophomores Jim Lyttle and Gary Sprague and senior Tom Thomas led the hitting attack with two hits each.

Ken Szotkiewicz and Lehmen Staley paced the Eagles with two hits apiece.

The Seminoles opened the scoring in the fifth inning, pushing across four. Thomas and Maury Hopkins led off the inning with successive singles. Dick Fernandez cracked another single to score Thomas, while Howell sent Hopkins home with a line shot to right. Sprague scored both runners with a double to left center.

The Tribe got a single run in the sixth as Thomas singled, stole second and came home on a base hit by Mike Martin.

The Seminoles made it 7-0 in the eighth with two more runs on successive singles by Randy Brown, Pete Sarron and Thomas, plus a sacrifice fly by Hopkins.

The final two FSU runs came in the ninth. The Tribe loaded the bases on walks to Howell and Sprague and a single by Lyttle. Howell scored on an error by Eagle first basemen Brent Wells, and Sprague scored on a fielder's choice.

The Eagles got to a tired Howell in their half of the ninth. Larry Ward reached first on an error with one out. Staley followed with a single to right.

Howell then walked the next four men to bring in two runs. He bore down to get Ron Hammond on a pup up, but Szotkiewicz dropped a bloop-er down the left field line for a two-run double.

Coach Fred Hatfield replaced Howell with Marv Stringfellow, who fanned Butch Davis to end the game.

Junior lefthander Marty Brooks is expected to get the starting nod against the Eagles this afternoon. Following this series, the Seminoles will travel to Gainesville for three games with the University of Florida next weekend.

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Sprague	3	0	2	Wells	4	0	0
Cone	0	1	0	Ham'nd	5	0	1
Lytle	5	0	2	Szotk's	4	0	2
Brown	5	1	1	Davis	5	0	0
Sarron	5	1	1	Groce	3	0	0
Thomas	3	2	2	Ward	4	1	0
Mewb'rne	1	0	0	Staley	4	1	2
Hopkins	4	1	1	Fund'bk	0	1	0
Martin	4	0	1	Lynch	2	0	0
Fern'dex	4	1	1	Dobson	1	0	0
Howell	3	2	1	Nevin	2	0	0
				Stephens	0	0	0
				O'Leary	0	1	0
Totals	37	9	12	Totals	34	4	5

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E—Sarron, Howell, Cone, Wells.
RBI—Sprague, Sarron, Thomas,
Mewbourne, Hopkins, Martin, Fer-
nandez, Howell, Szotkiewicz 2. LOB
—FSU 6, Southern 3. 2B—Sprague,
Sarron, Szotkiewicz. SB—Szotkiewicz
2, Lytle. SF—Hopkins.

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Howell	8 $\frac{2}{3}$	5	4	1	6	12
Stringfellow	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	0	0	0	1
Dobson	4 $\frac{1}{3}$	6	4	4	1	0
Nevin	3 $\frac{2}{3}$	5	2	2	1	1
Stephens	1	1	2	2	0	0

WP—Howell. U—Howard & Burk.
T—2:43. A—500.