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STATESBORO, Ga. — Alton Griffin lashed a two-out single to right sending pinch runner Charlie Stevens home with the winning run in the 15th inning Saturday night as Georgia Southern captured a four-hour baseball marathon from Florida State, 2-1.

Griffin's hit climaxed a somewhat deceptive pitcher's duel which saw Southern strand 19 runners and the Seminoles 10 in the season's longest game for both clubs.

The win gave the Eagles a final season record of 22-13. The Seminoles dropped to 38-6 with five games still remaining.

Tribe lefthander Pat Osburn and the Eagles' Herbie Hutson pitched scoreless ball into the 11th inning.

Hutson struck out 12 Seminoles in the 11 innings he worked while giving up seven

hits and the Tribe's only run. Righthander Sam Hendricks followed him to the mound and gained his only decision of the year.

Osburn worked 10 innings for the Tribe, giving up eight hits and walking six. However, 10 strikeouts and a pair of Seminole double plays helped him get out of jams throughout his stint.

FSU put the first run on the board in the 11th when Greg Schoute walked, went to third on John Grubb's single and scored on a sacrifice fly by Ron Cash.

Head coach Jack Stallings elected to bring Gromek in fresh to try to put the Eagles down and preserve the win for Osburn in the bottom of the 11th. The senior righthander got leadoff man Mike Angorane to fly out, but ran into trouble after that.

First baseman Jimmy Smith

singled and a walk to Roy Ammann put runners at first and second. Pinchhitter Gary

Laney singled to center sending pinch runner Jim Wilkes home with the tying run.

Gromek yielded to a pinch hitter and John Ferguson took over in the 12th, although he found himself in trouble in each of the first three innings he worked, the senior righthander managed to escape each time. In the 15th he appeared to be headed to his easiest inning. The first two men bounced out and pitcher Hendricks bounced to short.

However first baseman Jim Sheller dropped Greg Gromek's throw, allowing the Eagles new life. A walk to leftfielder Jim Fields put the winning run in scoring position and Griffin capitalized with a two-strike blow to win it.

The game was held up for an hour and 20 minutes because of

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E.—Nichols, Scheller. PO-A—FSU
44-24, GS 45-15. RBI—Cash, Laney,
Griffin. DP—FSU 2, GS 1. LOB—FSU
10, GS 19.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Osburn	10	8	0	0	6	10
C. Gromek	1	2	1	1	1	0
Ferguson (L 1-1)	3 2-3	3	1	0	2	3
Hufson	11	7	1	1	3	12
Hendricks (W 1-0)	4	3	0	0	1	4

HBP—By Osburn (Deryzzer), by
Hendricks (Nichols). WP—Hutson 2.
T—4:00. A—100.