

'Noles win 12th in row

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TAMPA — Catcher Jack Emerick starred at home plate — offensively and defensively — as the Florida State Seminoles rallied to beat South Florida 12-4 in college baseball Wednesday afternoon.

The victory, their 12th in a row, pushed the Seminoles' record to 20-4.

Emerick lashed two doubles and a single, scored three runs and drove in three more as the Seminoles scored 10 times in the final three innings in wiping out a 3-2 USF lead.

Emerick's booming bat came alive after he'd blocked the plate and tagged out Tom Hiltner to complete an inning-ending double play that

slammed the door on South Florida, which had led through the first six innings.

The big defensive play, which turned the game around for the Seminoles, came with USF leading 3-2 and threatening to break the game open with runners on second and third and one out in the sixth.

Bruce Huff, playing in right, had hauled in a long fly ball off Tim Corcoran's bat to start the double play, then threw the long strike home to nail Hiltner, who had tagged up at third on what appeared to be an easy stroll home.

Still locked in a close 3-2 game in (Please see SEMINOLES, page 2B)

the next inning, South Florida Coach Robin Roberts pulled starting pitcher Glen James after he had walked the first two men.

The Seminoles, who have won 14 of their last 15 games, return to Seminole Field this afternoon to play host to Tennessee-Martin in a 5 p.m. doubleheader.

Florida State					South Florida				
	AB	R	H	BI		AB	R	H	BI
Huff rf	3	1	2	0	Mohier rf	2	1	1	0
DeLoach ss	5	2	2	1	Hiltner cf	3	0	0	0
Patterson 2b	4	1	1	1	Simmons ss	4	1	2	0
Fuentes	4	2	1	1	Perna lf	2	0	0	0
Emerick c	6	3	3	3	Hiltner 3b	2	0	0	1
Mobley 1b	5	2	2	2	Williams lb	3	1	2	0
Casey 3b	2	1	0	1	Hulett 2b	4	0	0	1
Ramsey dh	3	0	0	0	Corcoran c	4	0	0	0
Ledbetter dh	2	0	0	0	Harrington rf	4	0	0	0
Gagnon lf	3	2	0	0	LLenandi dh	3	0	1	0
Wiggins p	0	0	0	0	James p	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	12	11	10	Moon p	0	0	0	0
					Ricci p	0	0	0	0
					Finsiev p	0	0	0	0
					Robinson p	0	0	0	0
					Totals	33	4	9	4

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E — Casey, Mohier, Hiltner, Hulett, Corcoran 2, 2B — Emerick 2, Perna 2. HR — Hulett. SB — Huff 2, DeLoach 2, Fuentes 2, Mohier, Hiltner. SF — Patterson 2, Casey, Hiltner. LOB — FSU 14, USF 8. DP — FSU 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wiggins (W, 5-0)	9	9	4	4	2	2
James	6	2	3	2	9	0
Moon (L, 0-1)	1/3	1	1	0	0	0
Ricci	2/3	1	2	0	2	0
Finsiev	1	2	1	1	0	0
Robinson	1	4	5	5	1	1

WP — Robinson 2. HBP — Gagnon (by Robinson), Hiltner (by Wiggins). T — 2:43. A — 250.