

Seminoles Late Rally Fails to Nip Red Wave

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TROY, Ala., Jan. 30—The jinx that has dogged Florida State University's cagers since the turn of the new year hung hard on their heels Friday night as the Seminoles dropped a 49-48 thriller to the Troy State Red Wave before some 600 fans in Troy's campus gym.

The defeat, the seventh in a row for the FSU quintet after a pair of December triumphs, gave Troy an even break in the two game series. The Seminoles took a 57-37 decision in the early-season opener.

Roar From Behind

The Garnet and Gold quintet, battling desperately to break the grip of their losing string, came roaring from behind in the closing minutes of the tough tilt only to see their bid for a victory fall short, when two shots popped out of the basket in the final thirty seconds.

Trailing by ten points with seven minutes of playing time remaining, the Seminoles suddenly began to roll. And paced by big Hosea Maxwell, who came into the tilt and immediately hit a hot hand, the Seminoles chopped steadily away at the Wave's margin until the clock stopped their last-ditch rally.

Maxwell, coming in for Ben McCrary who fouled out after a brilliant defensive exhibition, hit four successive field goals in a single-handed scoring spree that hauled FSU back in to the fray.

McCrary Hits

Troy, presenting a vastly different combine from the rough, unsteady quintet that had faced FSU in the opener, jumped away to an early lead. But the Seminoles, paced by McCrary, who tossed in the Indians first five points, spurted to tie up the tilt and battled the Alabama hoopsters on almost even terms throughout the entire first half.

Troy held a 24-23 edge at the intermission.

Coming back after the halftime Troy jumped into the lead and continued to pull away until the Seminoles staged their rally.

Ernest Williams, rangy ex-Leon high star paced the FSU attack with five field goals and four charity tosses for a total of fourteen points.

In addition to heading the offense Williams, who fouled out late in the fray, dominated the play off the boards and continually came up with the rebounds against the rangy Wave cagers.

Maxwell's second half flurry earned him runner-up honors with twelve points as he turned in his best performance of the season.

Stop Kratzert

The Wave defense was set to stop Bill Kratzert, Seminole scoring star, and they kept the classy blond sharpshooter covered in the scoring zone.

Kratzert, moved off the pivot position in a recent shuffle, was held to six points.

Wilson, who saw only limited action in the opening tilt with the Seminoles, paced the Troy attack with six double-deckers and three foul shots for fifteen points.

Billy Trussell, rangy center and grid star, took runner-up honors with nine markers.

FLORIDA STATE				
	fg	ft	pf	tp
Kratzert, f	2	2	3	6
Wyman, f	1	1	1	3
Nettles	1	0	3	2
Dickson, c	0	2	1	2
Maxwell	5	2	1	12
Favy, g	1	0	4	2
Chaudron	0	0	1	0
E Williams	5	4	5	14
McCrary, g	2	3	5	7
Totals	17	14	24	48
TROY STATE				
	fg	ft	pf	tp
Wilson, f	6	3	1	15
Garrett	3	0	3	6
J Williams, f	0	7	2	7
Trussell, c	3	3	1	9
DeRieux, g	2	2	5	6
Hilyer, g	3	0	5	6
Ook	0	0	0	0
Bassett	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	15	17	49
Referee Mason, Umpire Brown. Score at halftime: Troy 24, FSU 23.				