

Slump-Ridden Seminole Cagers

Bow to Mercer Bears 68-43

FSU LOSES 8TH IN ROW

Meet Erskine Five Tomorrow Night

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MACON, Ga.—The Florida State University Seminoles dropped a 68-43 decision to the powerful Mercer Bears here last night in their first stop on a three-game road trip.

The triumph was the tenth of the season for the flashy Bruin quintet, and the setback was the eighth in a row suffered by the luckless Seminole cagers.

Miss Tall Pair

Playing without the services of rangy Ben McCrary and big Hosea Maxwell who were unable to make the trip, the FSU five was unable to cope with Hugh Snow and Glenn Wilkes, lanky Bruin pivot-men under the basket. And the sharpshooting pair paced the Bruins to their second decisive victory over the Garnet and Gold cagers. In the opening game playing in Tallahassee the Bears won 61-48.

The speedy Bears, hitting from all angles, jumped off to an early lead and added steadily to their margin throughout the tilt.

Substitutes Freely

Coach Don Loucks, with his eyes on the Erskine and Wofford tilts this week, substituted freely after Mercer got off to their big early lead in an effort to rest his riddled regulars.

Bill Kratzert, blond FSU scoring ace, led the counter-attack with nine points. Ernest Williams was runnerup with eight.

Mercer held a 38-18 margin at halftime.

FSU meets Erskine in Due West, S. C. Thursday night.

The box score:

MERCER (68)				
	g	fg	pf	to
Reynolds, f	2	4	3	8
Stewart, f	1	0	2	2
Snow, c	4	5	3	13
Flanders, g	4	1	2	9
Dobbins, g	1	0	2	2
Thornton, f	3	1	4	7
Pender, f	4	0	1	8
Wilkes, c	3	4	1	10
Sutton, g	0	1	1	1
Shuler, g	3	0	1	6
Dial, c	0	1	0	1
Barnett, f	0	0	0	0
Marshall, g	0	0	0	0
Smith, g	0	0	0	0
Kinsaul, f	0	1	0	1
Totals	25	18	20	68

FLORIDA STATE (43)				
	g	fg	pf	to
Dickson, f	2	2	4	6
Williams, f	2	4	0	8
Wyman, c	3	0	2	4
Pavy, g	1	2	3	4
Nettles, g	0	1	3	1
Kratzert, c	2	3	4	9
Chaudron, g	3	0	2	6
Hilaman, g	0	1	0	1
Wilson, f	1	0	0	2
Totals	14	15	17	43

Score at Half—Mercer, 38; FSU, 18.

Free Throws Missed—Reynolds (2), Snow, Flanders, Pender, (2); Kinsaul, Dickson (2), Williams (4), Kratzert (3), Chaudron, Hilaman (2).