

## Seminoles Lose 44-42

### FSU RALLY FALLS SHY

#### Indians Invade Lakeland Tonight

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A sluggish Seminole quintet that had stumbled, fumbled and fallen for 36 minutes against Georgia's Savannah Branch cagers almost erased all their early errors last night with a desperate last-ditch rally before they finally bowed 44-42 in a thrill-packed finish to a dull game in the West Campus gym.

The setback was the 11th in succession for the Seminoles, and the fifth time they have gone down by a heartbreaking margin.

#### In Lakeland Tonight

Coach Don Loucks' squad will wind up its week's play tonight in Lakeland when they meet the Southern college Mocs in an intra-state clash.

Trailing 41-32 and apparently hopelessly beaten with less than five minutes to go, FSU suddenly found the spark that it had lacked all night, and began a race against the clock in a hurried, flurry of points.

After John Davis, big Bulldog center who dominated the play all night, had tossed in a one-hander that gave Savannah a 44-35 edge the Garnet and Gold really moved.

While their sticky man-to-man defense kept the Bulldogs scoreless, FSU piled up seven points in the final two minutes of play. Larry Dickson, hitting three times from the foul line, and Bill Osteen and Ralph Chaudron slipping in for field goals spearheaded the closing rush.

#### Final Whistle

At the final whistle the dazed Bulldogs were holding desperate possession of the ball deep in FSU's back court. Four seconds before the finish they had lost the ball and allowed Chaudron to slip, in the score that cut their lead to two points.

Until the Seminoles started their closing rush the red and black Georgia cagers had held a definite margin.

Constantly stealing the ball and intercepting a flock of FSU passes, the Bulldog five overcame the Seminoles' early lead and steadily inched away from the Garnet and Gold five.

The Seminoles moved out in front in the opening minutes when Ernest Williams caged a free throw and Hosea Maxwell threw in a pair of pivot shots for a 5-0 jump, but they couldn't stand prosperity.

With tall Hugo Kappler hitting three times in the opening minutes the Bulldogs overhauled the Indian five and battled their way out in front 14-13. From that point the two teams traded baskets throughout the remainder of the first half and the Georgia five hit the halftime ahead 21-19.

#### Find Range

After a slow start in the second half, which saw the Bulldogs hold a narrow 25-23 margin, the Savannah combine suddenly found the range.

Led by Davis, the Georgians spurted out in front 33-23 before the stunned Seminoles recovered and tried to battle their way back into the tilt.

Moving along on spasmodic scores by Williams, Kraizert and Dickson, the Seminoles tagged along eight and 10 points in arrears until they staged their futile closing sprint.

The Indians kept Kappler, the highly-publicized Bulldog scoring star fairly well covered, but they couldn't stop Davis.

The big Columbus, Ga. boy, a calm, cool character with a delicate sense of timing constantly tipped rebounds in despite the Indians frantic defense efforts.

Ernest Williams sparked the FSU scorers with three double-deckers and seven foul shots before he fouled out late in the tilt.

Big Hosea Maxwell hit four times from the field in the space of a few minutes but cooled off considerably and broke through for only one more score before coming out of action midway in the second half.

In a preliminary tilt the Seminole reserve squad took a 32-22 decision over Norman Park junior college.

Charlie Fellows topped the B squad attack with six field goals.

The box score.							
FLORIDA STATE							
	fg	ft	pf	tr			
Williams	3	3	5	13			
Wyman	0	0	0	0			
Hilaman	0	1	4	3			
Osteen	1	0	1	2			
Dickson	1	3	4	7			
Maxwell	3	0	1	10			
Kratzert	1	2	3	4			
Chaudron	1	1	4	3			
Totals	12	10	22	42			
SAVANNAH BRANCH							
	fg	ft	pf	tr			
C Smerias, f	2	1	4	5			
Johnson	0	0	0	0			
Hutchinson	0	0	0	0			
Kappler, f	5	0	2	10			
Collozzoli	0	1	2	1			
Davis, c	6	3	4	17			
Rousakis	0	2	1	2			
Leon	0	0	1	0			
Wong, g	1	0	2	2			
Horn	0	0	0	0			
Lombardi	0	0	0	0			
P Smerias, g	1	4	5	4			
Turk	0	1	4	1			
Totals	15	11	23	44			
FSU "B"							
	fg	ft	tr	tr			
Fellows	6	0	12	W Bowen	1	0	2
Parker	1	1	3	Hall	0	0	0
Pennin	0	2	2	Reedway	1	1	3
Schoneck	0	0	0	Hult	0	0	0
Brown	2	0	4	Mendrick	0	0	0
Knight	0	1	1	Pickerson	2	3	7
Calhoun	0	1	1	Collier	0	2	2
Grent	0	0	4	McLeod	1	0	2
Harnes	0	0	0	Chapman	1	2	2
Hushey	2	1	5	Bowen	0	0	0
Totals	12	5	32	Totals	6	10	22
Referee Rountree, Umpire Hazood.							
Score at half: FSU 16, Norman Park 12.							