

# Southern's Late Rally Nips Seminoles 47-41

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LAKELAND, Feb 14—Florida State's luckless Seminoles dropped their twelfth consecutive cage decision of the season Friday night when a closing rally by the Southern College Moccasins enabled them to overcome an early Indian lead and grab a tight 47-41 decision.

The Seminoles, completely reversing the procedure of the previous night's play when their own last-minute dash almost earned them an upset win over Georgia's Savannah Branch quintet, suddenly ran completely out of gas against the Southern cagers.

## Nine Moc Points

Leading 41-38 with five minutes to play the PSU attack stalled completely, and the Mocs, flipped in nine successive points, took the opener of the home and home series. The two teams will meet in Tallahassee's West Campus gym Saturday, Feb 21, in the second and final game of the series.

The Seminoles, playing without the services of Bill Kratzert and Ralph Chaudron who were unable to make the trip, presented a juggled lineup for the intra-state fray.

Kratzert, who remained on the FSU campus to take a test, was

replaced by Jim Pavy, who has been favoring an injured leg. Orlando Wyman replaced Chaudron in the starting lineup when the stocky Pensacola playmaker was called home because of illness in the family.

Southern, sparked by Obie O'Brien, Capt Joe Zovath and Jack Palma, got away to a flying start and built up a 26-18 lead at half-time.

## Seminoles Rally

The Seminoles, roared out after the intermission, however, and took the play completely away from the veteran Moc combine.

Discarding their zone defense in favor of a tight man-for-man style, the Garnet and Gold cagers completely throttled the Moc attack while they poured eight points through the hoop and drew up to a 26-26 deadlock.

The two clubs battled on even terms throughout the majority of the second half and were tied at

38-all before PSU staged a three point spurt that gave them their 41-38 margin.

Sheldon Hilaman, Pennsville, O. boy who has come along fast of late, sparked the Seminole attack with 13 points. Ernest Williams, rangy ex-Lacon high ace dropped in seven points for runner-up honors.

## Picks Up Attack

Bill Osteen, speedy forward who has seen only limited action this season, looked good during his tour of duty and dropped in three quick double-deckers to pick up the lagging Indian attack.

Oble O'Brien, lanky Mulberry pivotman who dominated the ball off the boards and continually broke up the Seminole offense, topped the Moc scorers with three field goals and five foul shots that were good for 11 points. The box score:

FLORIDA STATE	fg	ft	pf	tp
Hilaman	5	3	3	13
Williams	3	1	4	7
Wilson	0	0	0	0
Osteen	2	0	0	8
Maxwell	1	0	0	2
Dickson	1	1	3	3
Wyman	2	1	2	5
Pavy	2	0	3	4
McCrack	0	1	2	1
Nettles	0	0	1	0

Totals	17	7	18	41
SOUTHERN	fg	ft	pf	tp
Terry	1	0	0	2
Ward	1	2	2	4
Palma	5	0	2	10
Mech	0	0	0	0
O'Brien	3	5	3	11
D Kumm	0	2	1	2
Zovath	5	0	1	10
Anderson	1	1	2	3
H Kumm	0	1	1	1
Spittel	2	0	5	4

Totals 18 11 17 47  
Score at half: Southern 26, FSU 18.  
Free throws missed: Williams, Wyman, Pavy, Dickson, O'Brien, Zovath, Palma, D Kumm, Spittel.