

## Fighting Seminoles Take 49-48

# Win Over Erskine

## FSU Holds Tiny Edge In Fast, Furious Finish

A battling Florida State Seminole quintet fought off Erskine's Flying Fleet for the final seven minutes of a fast, furious and fumble-filled finish to rack up a narrow 49-48 victory before some 600 fans in the West Campus gym last night.

The victory, which closed FSU's initial cage campaign, was the third successive triumph for Coach Don Loucks' Garnet and Gold hoopsters, and it marked their fifth win of the season against 13 setbacks.

### Fitting Finale

For the Seminole five, fighting their way free of the constant trouble that their own fumbles incurred, the game was a fitting finale to a season that has seen them battling against breaks. And the student body, pouring out on the floor after the final whistle, gave the spirited Seminoles a rousing ovation as they left the floor for the last time this season.

Erskine's Fleet had the memory of a last minute 47-45 early-season win they had taken over the Indians to help them in their drive as they pounded down the home stretch just one short breath in back of the FSU cagers, but they just couldn't bridge the gap last night. The Seminoles just wouldn't crack.

### 42-All

Once in the closing minutes the Fleet pulled up on even terms at 42-all, but the Indians immediately shot out in front 45-42 and held on tight 47-44, 49-48 and finally 49-48 throughout the last minute and a half of play.

Les Davidson, Fleet ace, and Allen Shelton, substitute forward, both missed foul shots in those last 90 seconds of play that would have knotted the count, but they both rolled the rim and refused to drop through.

The Seminoles, off to a slow start, trailed throughout most of the first half as the sharpshooting South Carolinians hit consistently from way out to grab a 22-16 margin. But the Indians spurred just before the intermission and poured through seven straight points to take a 23-22 halftime lead.

Pounding back in the second half FSU shot out in front 35-29 and threatened to pull completely away before the Fleet steadied and got back into the ball game.

### Kratzert Tops

Bill Kratzert topped the Seminole scorers with 13 points and battled the big Fleet pivotmen for control of the boards until he fouled out late in the game.

Ralph Chaudron, setting up the Seminole plays early in the game and hitting with two vital goals late in the tilt, stood out in the final game as did speedy Bill Os-

teen who again ran the opposition into the ground.

Orlando Wyman, coming in late in the tilt steadied the Indian five in that last mad scramble and tossed in four fat points.

Ben McCrary, who came in when Kratzert fouled out, turned in a spirited clutch performance while Sheldon Hilaman was steady throughout the tilt.

Ernest Williams, ex-Leon ace, had a miserable night under the hoops and watched a half-dozen layups fall out instead of in, but he followed the ball all night, and took the ball off the boards constantly.

FSU	FG	FT	PF	TP
Williams, f	1	4	4	6
Hilaman, f	1	2	2	4
Wyman	2	0	2	4
Kratzert, c	3	3	5	13
Chaudron, g	4	0	1	8
McCrory	1	2	2	4
Osteen, g	3	1	2	7
Dickson	1	1	2	3

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Erskine	FG	FT	PF	TP
Davidson, f	5	1	5	11
Fredy	0	0	1	0
Padgett, f	8	4	2	20
Shelton	1	0	1	2
Salerno, c	2	1	1	5
Prater	0	0	1	0
Lauricella, g	3	1	5	7
Carr	0	0	3	0
Lowery, g	1	1	4	3

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Referee, Brown; umpire, Wykoff

Score at halftime: FSU 23, Erskine 22.

Free throws missed: Williams 2, Hilaman 3, Kratzert 2, Chaudron, McCrory 2, Osteen, Dickson 3, Davidson 3, Padgett 4, Shelton 2, Salerno 3, Prater, Lauricella 2, Carr.