

LEE BENJAMIN TOPS ATTACK

Choctaw Rally Falls Short

Florida State University's Seminoles completed a clean sweep of their opening two-game basketball series with Mississippi College last night, taking a 51-48 decision in a game that opened sluggishly but closed in a scramble.

Coach Bud Kennedy's Indians, who had cakewalked in to a 42-24 verdict in Monday night's opener, had to beat off a serious Choctaw rally in the second half to gain the decision over their Dixie conference foes.

The Choos, sparked by lanky Joe Stratton and substitute Bryant Smith, narrowed the gap to six points after trailing 14-8, 22-23 and 41-30 at various stages of the game.

Free Throws Hurt

In the final analysis it was the Choctaws' woeful weakness from the free-throw line that finally decided the difference. The Mississippians made only 13 charity tosses good out of 30 attempts.

Both teams appeared sharper and surer from the field than they had on opening night, with the Seminoles especially displaying an ability to hit from outside the fringes of the foul circle.

Little Lee Benjamin, hawk-eyed Seminole sharpshooter, sparked his mates to their triumph with a total of 14 points, collected on seven one-handers.

Wild Bill Weigel followed with 11, and big Tom McLaughlin had nine.

In the closing minutes of the game, which turned into a goal-to-goal scramble, it was Weigel and substitute forward Lou Fisher, who protected the Indians' margin. Between them, the pair accounted for FSU's last nine points, picking up with the score 42-34.

Fisher, who didn't see action until late in the game, had a field goal and two fouls in that span, while Weigel had two double-deckers and a free throw.

McLaughlin, the big Indiana boy, again dominated the ball off

FSU	PG	FT	PP	TP
Benjamin, f	7	9	3	14
Pollard, f	8	8	3	9
Pence	2	0	0	4
Trobaugh	0	0	3	6
Fisher	1	2	1	4
Kettles	0	0	1	0
McLaughlin, c	4	1	3	9
Kendall	6	3	4	2
Wyman, g	2	0	4	6
Weigel, g	4	3	3	11

Totals	21	9	24	51
Miss. Col	PG	FT	PP	TP
Saucina, f	1	0	3	2
Bry Smith	2	4	3	2
Graves, f	1	3	0	5
Ahrens	0	0	0	0
Kitchens	6	0	1	0
Stratton, c	5	2	0	12
Lewis	0	0	0	0
Tullah, g	2	0	1	4
Bob Smith	2	1	1	5
Beard, g	1	3	3	9

Totals 16 13 12 46
Referee, Brown; Umpire, Buell. Score at halftime: FSU 24-17.

the boards, and played a leading role in several of the Indian scores with his quick, accurate passes and fakes.

Mississippi missed an opportunity to jump off to an early lead as they missed five foul shots while the Indians were fumbling their scoring opportunities.

McLaughlin finally broke the ice with a field goal, and FSU was off to the races. With Wyman hitting two beauties from outside, and Benjamin pumping in four one-handers, the Seminoles got out in front 26-12, and hit the halftime with a 25-17 lead that stood up despite the Choctaw comeback.