

# Southwest Missouri Routs FSU 79 to 34

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SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—An undefeated Southwest Missouri State basketball squad smothered Florida State University 79-34 here last night to record its seventh consecutive victory of the season.

The game wound up a three-game tour of Missouri for the Floridians, and resulted in their third straight loss in the mid-west. Prior to the holiday tour, the Seminoles had copped their first four games at home.

## One of the Best

Southwest Missouri, called by FSU Coach Bud Kennedy, "one of the best college basketball teams I have seen in recent years," piled up the points in the second half after holding a 37-23 lead at halftime.

The mid-westerners could do no wrong as they hit steadily from all angles after the intermission. Forward Gene Ruble, who played only 23 minutes in the tilt, topped the Missouri attack with nine field goals and six free tosses that gave him a 24-point spot in the victors' attack.

Big Tom McLaughlin, Seminole center, was outstanding for his out-manned club, and led FSU's spluttering attack with 14 points. Little Lee Benjamin's six points were second best for the Indians.

## The box score:

Florida State	fg	ft	pf	tp
Benjamin, f	2	2	4	0
Wyman	1	0	2	2
Kendall, f	1	0	5	2
McLaughlin, c	2	4	2	14
Edminston	0	0	5	0
Weigle, f	0	1	4	1
Dickson	1	3	0	4
Pence, f	0	1	0	1
Fisher	1	3	3	4
Bettles	0	0	2	0

Totals	fg	ft	pf	tp
SW Missouri State	31	17	17	79
Ruble, f	9	6	3	24
Ferguson	2	0	0	4
Smith	1	0	0	2
Rayon, f	1	2	2	7
McQuary	1	0	2	2
Murphy	0	0	1	0
Lee, c	0	0	0	0
Wardner	2	0	2	4
Grant	1	1	0	3
Marler, f	1	0	0	2
Summers	2	1	4	8
Carr	0	0	2	0
Wick, f	4	1	0	9
Boyd	0	3	0	2
Bott	1	1	0	3

Score at halftime: FSU 23, SWMO 37.  
Foul tries missed: Benjamin, Kendall 3, McLaughlin 2, Edminston 4, Weigle 1, Pence 1, Ruble 1, Rayon 3, Lee 2, Marler, Summers.