

Birmingham-Southern Tops Seminoles 55-45

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 21—Birmingham-Southern's Panthers parlayed Guard George Amsden's sharpshooting into a 55-45 victory over the Florida State University Seminoles here tonight in a non-conference basketball game.

With three minutes to go the Seminoles almost snatched the game from the fire. Pounding up from behind they pulled up to a 45-45 deficit and had a chance to tie the count with a foul toss. It missed and the Panthers pulled away to a comfortable margin in the closing minutes.

The defeat left Coach Bud Kennedy's Seminole squad with an even break in their two game series here. Friday night the Indians had edged Howard 59-58.

Amsden Hot

Amsden, the Panthers' seasonal scoring leader and one of the sparkplugs in his team's recent success, put on a one-man scoring show as he hit 11 times from the field and caged two foul throws for a bulging 24-point total.

Amsden's running mate, Ernie Stanford, and Panther center Chapman were Amsden's chief supporters with nine points apiece.

Big Tom McLaughlin led FSU with 11 points, followed by Dick Kendall with 10.

The victory moved Coach Bill Burch's cagers another notch along the comeback trail. Beaten in their first five straight games, the Panthers suddenly righted themselves and polished off Sewanee, Millsaps and Mississippi college before bowing to Howard earlier this week.

The win gave Birmingham-Southern a season record of four wins and six defeats. FSU's record stands at six wins and seven setbacks.

The box score:

FSU				Birmingham-Sou.			
	fg	ft	tp		fg	ft	tp
Kendall, f.	5	0	10	Hopping, f.	0	0	0
Dickson, f.	1	0	2	Moore, f.	1	1	3
Benjamin, f.	3	1	7	Ware, f.	2	0	4
Trobaugh, c.	0	0	0	Chapman, c.	2	5	9
McLaughlin, c.	5	1	11	Stanford, c.	3	3	9
Weigel, g.	1	7	9	Amsden, g.	11	3	24
Pence, g.	3	0	6	Lege, g.	1	0	2
				DeWaynert, f.	1	0	4
Totals	18	9	45	Totals	22	11	55
Halftime: Birmingham Southern	20			FSU	21		