

FSU Rallies to Beat Howard Cagers 50-39

The Florida State University Seminoles snapped out of an early slump to come from behind and defeat the Howard College Bulldogs 50-39 in a Dixie Conference basketball game here last night.

The victory moved Florida State into second place in the conference with a 5-3 won-lost record and pushed the Bulldogs back into third place with a 5-3 mark.

Mercer University leads the circuit with seven wins against a single defeat.

Howard started off last night as though they were going to make a rout of the game. With their six-foot-five inch center, Beamon Sparks, getting eight of the markers, the Bulldogs jumped off to a 10-0 lead. Forward Lee Benjamin got Florida State into the scoring column with a neat one-hander, but Forward Roy Anderson hit for Howard to make the score 12-2.

That Was All

That was all for the Bulldogs. Benjamin, Bill Weigel and Tom McLaughlin began to drop in fielders from all over the court for Florida State as the Seminoles forged ahead 16-12, and then 26-20 at the half.

Howard put on a slow but determined drive in the last 20 minutes which pulled the Bulldogs up to within two points of Florida State with six and a half minutes to play. Seminole Coach Bud Kennedy sent Benjamin back into the fray at this point and the little Miami sharpshooter salted away five quick markers to put the game on ice.

McLaughlin, who tied Benjamin for the night's individual scoring honors with 17 points, got 6 of his field goals in the last half to protect the Florida State lead. Whitey Wyman and Ted Hewitt played outstanding floor games for the Indians.

Fla State	fg	ft	tp	Howard	fg	ft	tp
Kendall, f	1	0	2	Anderson, f	4	4	12
Benjamin, f	6	1	17	Tucker	0	0	0
Hamill	1	1	2	Jarobas, f	1	0	2
McLaughlin, c	8	1	17	Sparks, c	8	2	14
Trotter, g	0	0	0	Peeples	0	0	0
Wyman	0	0	0	Parkes, g	2	0	10
Pence	0	0	0	Moles	0	0	0
Weigel, g	4	3	11	Guyton, g	0	0	0
				Davis	0	1	1
				McLendon	0	0	0

Totals 30 10 30 Totals 13 13 39
Score at halftime: Florida State 26-20.
Officials: Brown and Wycoff.