

Indians Play Chocs For Third Place

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The top-seeded Mercer Bears and the dogged Florida Southern College Mocs will meet tonight at 8:45 for the championship of the Dixie Conference in the finals of the three-day loop tourney at the FSU West Campus gym.

The Georgia-Florida finale was set up last night when the Mocs scored a mild 66-56 upset victory over the second-seeded Florida State Seminoles, and the high-powered Bruins rolled to an 80-62 triumph over Mississippi College in a pair of semi-final tilts.

FSU and Mississippi will open tonight's card at 7 with a consolation game for third place in the tourney standings.

Southern, which had won its way into the semi-finals with a 54-53 win over Howard College in the opening round, had to come from behind again last night to get past Coach Bud Kennedy's Indian engers in a ball game that was much closer than the score indicates.

Pegg Again

Rocky Pegg, slick little Southern guard, whose foul shot in the final 15 seconds had eased the Mocs by Howard, was again the man who nailed the Seminoles to the wall.

With the Mocs leading 52-50 on Joe Zovain's long shot, Pegg sparked Southern's closing drive with nine points in the final eight minutes of play. He hit three times from the field and three times from the free throw line to build up a safe margin for the south Florida quintet.

Pegg had enjoyed a previous hot streak at the outset of the game when his five quick points got the Mocs out in front 6-1 in the early minutes.

In between those two scoring flurries Pegg picked up four other points to give him an 18-point total that topped the Southern attack.

Forwards Chuck Terry and Capt. Gene Robbins played stellar supporting roles to the little Moc guard. Terry rolled in 16 points and Robbins 15.

Loss Two Aces

FSU, which had a seven-game winning streak snapped last night in bowing to Southern for the third time this season, suffered a one-two punch that they couldn't survive when forward Lee Benjamin went out at the 10-minute mark with a split lip and guard Ted Hewitt fouled out with his club out in front 40-37. They put up a stubborn battle in the closing minutes as sub Larry Dickson scored eight vital points, but were outmanned in the race down to the wire.

The Seminoles had bounced back to wrest the lead away from the Mocs after the early flurry, and with Big Tom McLaughlin dunking in a stream of one-handers led up to those last eight minutes.

McLaughlin piled in 20 points to take scoring honors for the tilt, and he was a power under both boards.

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Mercer's victory over Mississippi College followed the form charts as the smooth Bear five jumped out in front to a quick 8-0 edge and kept pouring on the oil to roll up a 41-19 margin at halftime.

Sparked by big Ray Stratton, who hit for 20 points after the intermission, the Chocs gave the Bears a battle in the second half, but the damage was done.

Stratton had 28 points for the evening to take scoring honors away from Bruin ace Glenn Wilkes, the smooth-as-silk scoring leader and floorman of the Bears.

Wilkes, who will be gunning for his 600th point of the season against the Mocs tonight, had 25 points against the Chocs.

Including last night's game, Wilkes had scored 591 points in 24 games this season.

Glenn Cassell followed Wilkes in the scoring table with 16 points.

Howard took a 53-36 victory over Millsaps yesterday afternoon for the consolation championship among teams beaten in the opening round.

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Howard College			vs			Mississippi College		
fg.	ft.	tp.	fg.	ft.	tp.	fg.	ft.	tp.
Anderson, f.	2	1	5	Weems, f.	0	3	2	
Tucker, f.	1	4	14	Whitten, f.	2	0	4	
Jacobs, f.	0	0	0	Fruitt, f.	3	1	11	
Sparks, c.	4	0	12	Walker, c.	0	0	0	
Peoples, f.	1	1	3	Allen, g.	0	0	0	
Guyton, g.	3	1	7	Gorday, f.	3	2	4	
Davis, f.	1	1	3	Wood, g.	1	3	1	
Parks, f.	2	0	4	Daston, f.	3	0	0	
McLendon, f.	2	0	4					
Noles, f.	0	1	1					

Totals... 22 8 33 | Totals... 14 8 34
 Score at halftime: Howard 29, Miss-
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FSU			vs			FSC		
fg.	ft.	tp.	fg.	ft.	tp.	fg.	ft.	tp.
Kendall, f.	3	1	11	Terry, f.	5	4	10	
Benjamin, f.	0	2	2	Tolle, f.	0	0	0	
Trobaugh, f.	2	1	3	Robbins, f.	6	3	15	
McGhlin, c.	0	4	20	Valentine, c.	1	1	3	
Dickson, f.	3	2	8	Kumm, f.	1	0	2	
Weigel, g.	4	2	10	Zovath, g.	4	0	2	
Hollis, f.	0	0	0	O'Brien, f.	0	1	1	
Hewitt, g.	1	2	4	Hilfengel, g.	3	3	5	
Wyman, f.	0	0	0	Pegg, f.	4	10	18	
				Wong, f.	0	0	0	

Totals... 31 14 34 | Totals... 22 24 68
 Score at halftime: FSU 34, FSC 33.

Merzer Univ.			vs			Miss. College		
fg.	ft.	tp.	fg.	ft.	tp.	fg.	ft.	tp.
Wilkes, f.	11	2	22	Seasuma, f.	4	0	17	
Reader, f.	4	1	9	Shinner, f.	0	0	0	
Webb, f.	1	0	2	Craves, f.	2	1	1	
Colquitt, f.	1	1	3	Alsen, f.	1	0	2	
Clements, c.	3	0	4	Stratton, c.	5	10	22	
Wilson, f.	1	1	3	Stallard, f.	1	1	3	
Dobbins, g.	4	2	10	Heard, g.	0	0	0	
Kirkland, g.	2	2	8	Kitchings, f.	1	0	2	
Cassell, g.	7	2	10	Stoll, g.	3	4	10	
Stevins, g.	0	5	2	Wells, f.	0	2	2	