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The win was the first the Seminoles have ever scored over the Bears on Mercer's home floor—and the defeat was one of the few that the slick Bruins have suffered there in the past three seasons.

For 35 minutes it appeared like the old Bear story last night as the big Georgians got out in front early and stayed there. With 10 minutes of playing time remaining they led 46-41, and after five fast minutes of action had failed to disturb the Bruins' five-point margin it looked like a cinch. Then the Seminoles started to move.

DICKSON HITS

With Bud Scott and Bob Hartman operating as a one-two punch, Coach Bud Kennedy's Indians hauled themselves within one point of the Bear five. At that point Larry Dickson, who had come in as a relief man after regulars Dick Trobaugh and Bob Whitmer went out on fouls, tossed in a double-decker that put the Seminoles out in front—and the Florida five stayed there in the battle down to the final whistle.

Hartman, who led FSU to its opening game win over College of Charleston, and Scott tossed in 13 points apiece to share scoring honors for the Indians. And their great floor play was a big factor in those closing minutes.

Big Tom McLaughlin, who controlled the ball under both boards, chucked in 11 markers to rank right behind Scott and Hartman.

Cassell and Weilder divided Mercer's scoring honors with 13 each.

Trobaugh and Whitmer both turned in top defensive games before fouling out.

Mercer gained a 20-12 lead through the first 10 minutes of play, and upped their edge to 29-25 at the halftime.

| FSU | lg | ft | tp | MERCER | lg | ft | tp |
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| Whitmore, f | 3 | 0 | 8 | Reid, f | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Scott, f | 2 | 1 | 13 | Webb, f | 2 | 5 | 9 |
| Dinkson | 1 | 2 | 4 | Reeder | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| McElghinch | 3 | 5 | 11 | Clumets, c | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Bartman, f | 3 | 5 | 13 | Harris | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Trobaugh, g | 2 | 3 | 7 | Canwell, g | 6 | 1 | 13 |
| Fischer | 0 | 1 | 1 | Wellder, g | 4 | 5 | 13 |
| Totals | 20 | 15 | 55 | Totals | 18 | 18 | 52 |
| Halftime score: FSU 23, Mercer 20. | | | | | | | |