

Bob Hartman Stars In Triumph

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Florida State University's slick Seminoles outshot and outfought the University of Mississippi Rebels here last night to score a 63-58 victory over the Rebels in the West campus gym.

Underdogs in their first meeting with a Southeastern Conference cage combine, the Indians snapped a two-game losing streak with their best performance of the season on their home floor.

Led by blonde Bob Hartman, who was a superb floor man with his ball handling, faking, passing and ball-stealing tactics, Coach Bud Kennedy's quintet took over a 25-23 lead with two minutes to go in the first half and stayed in front over the remainder of the route.

62-50 ONCE

At one point in the closing stages of the game FSU held a 62-50 margin over the reeling Rebels. But a series of quick, late buckets by Ken Robins and Billy Renfroe narrowed the gap to a more respectable score. The Rebs had bowed to Florida 69-58 on Monday.

Renfroe, former Pensacola All-State performer, dropped in a tremendous double-decker from just inside the half-court mark a shade before the buzzer sounded.

While Florida State's aggressiveness was the big factor in the triumph, the Seminoles owned a decided edge in the shot tables. The Indians connected on 24 of 71 shots from the field for a percentage of 32.3—a mark that they have stuck close to all year except for the Miami game.

Ole Miss, on the last stop of a road tour that pitted them against the University of Georgia and Florida's Gators before last night's game, had a wretched night from the field. The Rebs hit on only 22 of 100 shots for a poor 22 percent.

OTHER FACTORS

FSU owned an even greater superiority, however, in the factors which don't appear in any box scores or charts—that would be in the previously mentioned aggressiveness, spirit, ball handling, passing and mid-court thievery.

The Seminoles controlled the ball off both boards all night, out-scrambled the Rebs in races for the sphere, intercepted erring passes and just plumb took that pill away from the unwary Mississippians on numerous occasions.

Big Bob Whitmer and Hartman paced the Seminole scoring with 15 and 13 points respectively, but it was the overall scoring strength of the Indians that was impressive.

WHITMER TOPS FSU

Every man in the lineup got at least four points, and four other men in addition to Whitmer and Hartman tallied between six and nine points.

Whitmer pumped in seven field goals and one free throw for his 15-point total, getting 11 of those points in the second half when the Indians got into gear and rolled.

Hartman hit five times from the field and three times from the free throw line, and combined with Whitmer and Tom McLaughlin in controlling the ball off the boards.

McLaughlin limited the Rebels towering six-foot-seven-inch center Don Smith to eight points—four of which were charity tosses.

Robins was the only Rebel able to break through the FSU defense with any consistency, getting 17 points to lead all scorers for the night. The tall blonde bomber was limited to six points in the first half, but managed to slip away for a series of one-handers from around the foul key late in the game.

GOSH-AWFUL HEAVE

Renfro, who didn't get into action until late in the second half, was runner-up to Robins for the Rebs with nine—and furnished the most spectacular play of the night with that gosh-awful heave just before the gun.

The two teams jockeyed back and forth in the opening minutes with the Rebs relying on free throws to match the Indians opening buckets. Ole Miss went on to squeeze out a 12-8 lead, but the Indians roared back to tie the count at 17-17, and the teams saw-sawed back and forth until the Indians gained that 25-23 lead. From there on school was out, though the Rebels threw a scare into FSU ranks by pulling up to a 50-45 deficit with five minutes remaining.

FSU

OLE MISS

	fg	ft	tp		fg	ft	tp
Marsert, f	2	3	7	Sten-			
Scott, f	1	2	4	nagel, f	3	2	8
Dickson, f	4	0	8	Childers, f	2	1	5
Melchlin, c	4	1	8	Robins, f	7	3	17
Whitmer, g	7	1	15	Smith, c	2	4	8
Hartman, g	5	3	13	Grachler, g	4	0	8
Trobaugh, g	1	5	7	Renfro, g	4	1	9
				Rice, g	0	2	2
				Mehrten, g	1	1	1

Totals 24 15 63 Totals 22 14 58

Referee: Sauer. Umpire: Boell.

Score at halftime: FSU 32-23.