

FSU Plays Mercer Tonight for Dixie Loop Cage Title

NIPS HOWARD FIVE, 64-54

Bob Hartman Pours In 29 Points

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MACON, Ga.—The top seeded Florida State University Seminoles were forced to come from behind here tonight to defeat a stubborn Howard college quintet 64-54 in the semi-finals of the Dixie conference basketball tournament. The Indians will face the Mercer university Bears for the championship in Porter gymnasium at 9:15 tonight.

Mercer coasted to a 72-47 victory over Florida Southern in last night's other semi-final contest.

NEW FSU MARK

Blonde Bob Hartman scored 13 points in the last 7:30 of play to bring the Seminoles from behind. The sharpshooting Hoosier gathered 29 markers altogether to take individual scoring honors and set a new season single game record for Florida State.

Bob Whitmer and Bud Scott dropped in 14 points each for the Seminoles, while center Marvin Gann and guard Red Parks were high for Howard with 17 and 15 points, respectively.

Florida State scored first, 15 seconds after the game got under way when Whitmer dropped in a beauty from the side. Howard tied things up at 2-2 a moment later, and the lead changed hands three times in the next two minutes before the Seminoles drew away to a 17-12 lead at the end of 10 minutes a play.

Gann and Parks paced a Howard drive that brought the Bulldogs to a 23-23 tie with 4:30 of the half remaining. The lead again

FSU				vs	Howard			
	g	ft	tp			g	ft	tp
Whitmer f	5	4	14		Coon f	0	0	0
Marsee	0	0	0		Bivins	5	1	11
Scott f	6	2	14		Anderson f	3	1	7
McL'ghlin c	2	1	5		Havwell	0	0	0
Hartm'n g	10	9	29		Gann, c	6	5	17
Trob'gh g	1	0	2		Parks g	5	5	15
					Jacobs g	1	2	4
					McLendon	0	0	0
Totals	24	16	64		Totals	20	14	54
Score at halftime—FSU 30, Howard 32.								

see-sawed back and forth before Park's last-second field goal put the Bulldogs out in front 32-30 at the half.

Howard came back after the intermission and threatened to run away with the game, piling up eight more points to take a 40-30 lead while holding Florida State scoreless in the first four minutes. Hartman finally got a fielder for the Seminoles, but Parks hit again for Howard to regain the margin and Florida State Coach Bud Kennedy called for time.

After a confab with Coach Kennedy the Seminoles came out with a pressing defense that seemed to completely baffle the Bulldogs. Howard was held scoreless while Hartman, Whitmer and Scott got two fielders apiece, and Hartman sank a free throw to put Florida State out front again 49-48 with 7:30 to go.

From that point Hartman put on his 13-point scoring show while Tom McLaughlin, Dick Trobaugh, Scott and Whitmer rebounded beautifully and fed him the ball.

Parks and Gann both played great ball for Howard, but fine defensive work by Trobaugh and McLaughlin held the Bulldog stars to 11 points between them the last half.

Hartman got 18 of his 29 points in the last 20 minutes of the game, while Whitmer and Scott tallied seven points apiece in each half.