

Seminoles Earn Berth To Missouri Tourney

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JACKSONVILLE, Mar 3—Florida State University's sizzling Seminoles snatched a 69-67 decision from the Georgia Teachers College in the last minute of the finals of the District 25 National Association of Intercollegiate basketball tournament here tonight to win a berth in the national meet at Kansas City, Mo, later this month.

Playing their greatest game of the season, Coach Bud Kennedy's Indians broke a 67-67 tie on Lou Fischer's clutch field goal to completely upset the dope bucket in this annual four-team meet. FSU wasn't expected to get past the first round of play Friday night.

It was a "team" victory for the Seminoles, and they were terrific in their triumph.

Fischer, chunky 165-pound junior guard from Sellersburg, Ind, threw in the big bucket with 60 seconds left when he stole the ball from a Georgia Prof and drove in for a layup.

MISSSES LAYUP

The Seminoles, trying desperately to freeze the ball until the final horn, had a bad moment with 10 seconds to go when GTC ace Scotty Perkins shook loose for a layup, then missed with the basket that would have deadlocked the score again.

The count had been tied 10 times during the rough, torrid battle, and the lead had changed hand 16 times as the two clubs saw-sawed back and forth in the bitter finals.

The last two minutes of play were a hectic climax.

After Scotty Perkins slipped in a doubleheader to tie the count at 66-all, Hartman put FSU back in front with a free throw that made it 67-66 with 1:30 remaining.

Duncan's foul shot knotted the count again with 1:15 left and the tow teams scrambled scorelessly for 15 seconds before Fisher stole the ball and bucketed the big one.

Blond Bob Hartman paced the Seminole scoring and tied Tampa's George Montz with a 27-point barrage that he piled up in the face of a dogged defense that the Georgians tried to keep woven around him.

Hartman, who was named the most valuable player of the tournament by the sportswriters covering the event, and Montz have 430 points apiece.

Tonight's win was a great comeback for this battling Seminole team that Kennedy had fired up for this tourney. The Indians came here almost direct from Macon, Ga, where they had been upset by Mercer in the finals of the Dixie conference tourney.

IN UPSETTER ROLE

Tonight it was the Seminoles who were the upsetters.

The Indians achieved their triumph despite the fact that four

starters—Hartman, Bob Whitmer, Bud Marsee and Bud Scott—were banished via the personal foul route along the way. Marsee fouled out with 39 seconds to go in the first half.

GTC lost Clements and Renfro in the rugged struggle. A total of 29 fouls were called against FSU and 23 against the Georgians.

Hartman got the Seminoles off in front with a free throw, and both clubs were off to the races.

FSU fashioned the biggest margin of the night—8 points—late in the first half when they forged out in front 40-32, but the Profs battled back and narrowed the gap 42-38.

With nine minutes of the second half gone FSU went ahead 58-56, and they held the edge until Perkins tied the count at 66-all to set the stage for the closing action.

ACTION.				
F S U				
	fg	ft	pf	tp
Marsee, f	2	0	5	0
Whitmer, f	7	2	5	18
Dickson, f	0	0	1	0
McLaughlin, c	3	1	4	7
Trobaugh, f	3	1	4	7
Hartman, g	8	11	5	29
Scott, g	1	0	5	2
Fischer, g	2	2	0	6
Totals	26	17	29	69
GEORGIA TEACHERS				
	fg	ft	pf	tp
Perkins, f	8	5	3	21
Clements, f	2	4	5	3
Page, f	0	0	4	0
Duncan, c	2	7	2	11
Parsons, g	8	5	3	21
Renfro, g	0	4	5	4
Griner, g	1	0	1	2
Totals	21	25	23	67

Halftime score: FSU 42, GTC 38.
Free throws missed: FSU—Whitmer, McLaughlin, J. Dickson, Hartman, J. Scott; GTC—Perkins, Clements, J. Duncan, Parsons, 2, Page.