

Florida State University will have to continue its search for the Seminoles first basketball victory of the season in Jacksonville's Gator Bowl round-robin tourney Dec. 27-28-29 when the Indians compete with Georgia, Clemson and finally Florida's Gators.

FSU's last chance of scoring a pre-tourney triumph went by the boards Friday night when Sewanee's Purple Tigers staved off a closing Seminole rally to score a 58-48 victory in the first half of a doubleheader in Tampa's Fort Hesterly gym.

The defeat was Florida State's seventh in a row.

Trailing 36-17 at halftime after the Tigers' Hale and Tarnow had both hit hot hands in the first 20 minutes of play, FSU caught fire in the third period and cut Sewanee's lead to 43-37 with 10 minutes to go.

Still moving, FSU chopped Sewanee's margin to four slim points with about five minutes to go, but that was the Seminoles last gasp. With guard Lou Fisher and forwards Bob Whitmer and Irv Quinn going to the sidelines via the personal four route, the Indians were unable to contain the Tigers in the closing minutes as Sewanee pulled away and then put the ball in a semi-successful deep freeze.

The Seminoles, hurt by the loss of those three men who fouled out, had 28 personals called against them compared to only 10 called against the Tigers.

Captain Whitmer and guard Jerry Westhafer paced the Indians attack. Whitmer bagged five field goals and four free throws for 14 points. Westhafer hit six times from the field and once from the charity mark for a 13 point total.

The box score:

Sewanee	fg	ft	tp	Fla. State	fg	ft	tp
Crawford, f	6	2	14	Whitmer, f	5	4	14
Knipp, f	3	1	7	Quinn, f	3	2	8
Rox, c	5	2	12	Benson, f	3	0	6
Hale, g	1	2	4	Averitt, f	0	0	0
Schafer, g	4	3	11	McLaughlin, c	2	0	4
Tarnow, g	3	4	10	Ellenwood, g	0	0	0
				Westhafer, g	6	1	13
				Fisher, g	0	0	0
				Pence, c	0	1	1
				Hardesty, g	1	0	2

Totals 22 14 38 Totals 20 8 48
Officials: Smock, Tompkins.