

FSU Faces Mocs After Upsetting Tampa

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TAMPA — With their season-long winning streak finally broken in a stunning 72-66 upset of Tampa's highly-touted Spartans, Florida State University's Seminoles will shoot for their second straight win tonight when they move over to Lakeland to meet the Florida Southern College Mocs'.

The Seminoles, who had lost 12 in a row up to the Tampa explosion and were within one loss of tying the school record of 13 consecutive defeats, finally flashed a top full-game performance as they took the lead in the second period and then fought the Spartans off down the stretch to shake loose from the shackles of defeat that has dogged them all season.

GORDON LEADS WAY

Duane Gordon, lanky center-guard who has been out of action since the season opener with Parais Island, was the player who provided the payoff punch last night.

Clicking for 20 points, most of them on long set shots, Gordon picked up the Seminole attack each time it lagged with his timely long shots.

Chunky Lou Fischer was runnerup to Gordon with 17 points, while big Tom McLaughlin, FSU's overall season scoring leader, checked in with 14.

George Motz topped Tampa with 22.

The loss was the Spartans fifth against seven wins, and doubtless their most shocking defeat of the year—just as the Tampa grid squad had stunned FSU with their 14-6 football victory at the close of the grid season last fall.

FSU appeared on the ropes only once last night. That was in the second period when they trailed by 10 points. But the Indians caught fire at that point and moved out in front at the halftime 38-34. By the end of the third quarter it was 49-35.

Tampa staged one of its famous closing drives and pulled within one point of a tie in the final quarter, but the Indians survived that rally and outscored the Spartans 8-3 in the closing minutes to win going away.

The box score:

FSU	G	F	P	TAMPA	G	F	P
Whitmer.f	4	2	10	Brooks.f	6	0	12
M'Lau'lin.f	7	0	14	Harrod.f	2	1	5
Westhafer.f	0	0	0	Aubrey.f	1	5	7
Pence.c	1	0	2	Jarczyński.c	0	3	3
Benson.g	3	1	7	Aplin	2	2	6
Quinn.c	1	0	2	Montz.g	8	6	22
Fischer.g	7	3	17	Bryan.g	5	1	11
Gordon.g	9	2	20				

Totals	32	8	72	Totals	24	18	66
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Score by periods:

FSU	14	24	19	15-72
Tampa	19	15	21	11-66

Foul throws missed:

FSU: Whitmer, Benson 3. Fischer, Gordon 2.

Tampa: Brooks, Jarczyński, Montz, Bryan, Aubrey, Aplin 2.

Officials: Belden and Grannell.