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DELAND. — Florida State University's terrific bid to retain its National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball District 25 crown fell short here last night as the Seminoles bowed to Tampa 78-57 in the finals.

Coach Bud Kennedy's cagers, who had upset Miami in the opening round of play, battled the Spartans on almost even terms into the early minutes of the second quarter, but couldn't match the pace of the Tampa quintet from there on.

The Spartans, who had bowed to FSU twice during the regular season, led 19-17 at the end of the first quarter, 42-31 at the half and 59-44 through the third frame.

The Seminoles tied the score at 19-19 shortly after the second quarter opened, but Chuck Jaczynski bucketed a field goal and foul toss to break the tie and give Tampa a 22-19 edge, and the Spartans were never headed.

Tampa, which represented District 25 in 1950, wins the right to go to Kansas City for the second time in three years.

Big Tom McLaughlin, winding up a brilliant four-year career with the Seminoles, led the FSU scoring with 14 points and sparkled with his work on the backboards.

The big Indiana boy failed, however, in his bid to reach the charmed 1,000-point individual scoring circle. His 14 points last night gave him a total of 993—just seven shy of the mark.

Slick Harry Bryan, sharpshooting George Montz and Marty Brooks were Tampa's big guns in the finale.

The box score:

FSU	G	F	P	Tampa	G	F	P
Whitmer, f	6	0	12	Bryan, f	7	1	15
Pence, f	0	1	1	Thrill, f	0	0	0
McLaughlin, f	6	2	14	Apin, f	4	4	12
Quinn, f	0	0	0	Harrod, f	1	1	2
Westhafer, c	2	1	5	Jaczynski, c	3	4	10
Benson, c	2	1	5	McNally, c	0	0	0
Wernke, g	3	5	11	Montz, g	5	7	17
Burak, k	1	0	2	Abreu, g	2	3	7
Flacher, g	1	1	3	Brooks, g	6	2	14
Gordon, g	2	0	4	O'Neal	0	0	0
Totals	23	11	57	Totals	28	24	78