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Mercer Rips FSU In 76 to 61 Game

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After getting off to a slow start the first quarter the Mercer Bears made use of a pressing defense and a fast break offense to hand the Florida State Seminoles a 76-61 defeat here last night in Porter gym.

Guards Inman Veal and Richard Reid sparked the Bears by turning in a fine floor game and racked up 22 and 19 points respectively, to take scoring honors for the night.

The Seminoles led at the end of the first quarter, but the Mer-

cer cagers, putting on a burst of speed, jumped to a safe lead in the early part of the second quarter and were never headed again. However, the Bears did have to stave off a last quarter rally by the Seminoles.

Mercer hit a better than average per cent of fields goals in making 30 out of 70 attempts for a .428 average. The Bears popped eight more field goals than did Florida State, who hit 22 out of 72 attempted field goals for a .305 percentage.

Both teams made 16 of 29 attempted free throws for a .550 percentage, so it was the ability of the Bears to outscore the Seminoles from the floor that made the difference.

As usual Coach Dan Nyimicz had only praise for the Bears, but he especially gave due credit to Richard Reid, Inman Veal and Bert Schwartz for their outstanding play against the Seminoles and Furman.

The Bears showed very little weariness after last night's hard fought 73-64 upset victory over the Furman Purple Paladins.

Wernke, Benson, and Artmler were the big guns in the Florida State attack. Wernke swished the nets for 16 markers from his guard position to lead the Seminoles in scoring.

Coach Nyimicz seems to have depth in reserves this year as John Hughes, Vasil Hoffich, Emory Wilson, and John Hewett turned in fine performances.

The action was rough under the basket the entire game and personal fouls were frequent. With these two victories in the bag, the Bears are off to a successful basketball season if they can continue their winning ways.

William Roberts, a Young Harris transfer, with 24 points and Nick Strickland with 16 points led the Mercer Cubs to a trouncing 95-63 win over the Milledgeville State Hospital five.

However, it was Tolyson of the Milledgeville team who took scoring honors in the preliminary contest with 25 points. The Mercer junior varsity showed a lot of spark and hustle.

FLORIDA STATE (61)	Pos.	G	F	P	T
Gordon	F	2	0	4	4
Westhauser	F	2	1	0	5
Benson	C	3	2	3	8
Wernke	G	5	6	3	16
Burst	G	2	1	5	5
Richardson	F	3	0	1	6
Marcum	F	0	3	1	3
Artnier	F	1	1	1	3
Wold	C	3	3	0	9
Oller	G	0	0	0	0
Kallish	G	0	0	0	0
Dellahan	G	1	0	2	2

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MERCER (76)	Pos.	G	F	P	T
Schwartz	F	3	0	2	6
Mixon	F	1	2	1	4
Harris	C	2	1	2	5
Reid	G	7	5	4	19
Veal	G	9	4	3	22
Jewett	C	1	2	1	4
Hughes, John	G	3	1	1	7
Wilson	F	2	1	2	5
Hofflich	F	2	0	1	4
Young	F	0	0	0	0
Strickland	G	0	0	0	0
Hughes, James	G	0	0	0	0

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Score by Quarters

FLORIDA STATE	20	30	48	61
MERCER	19	43	58	76

Free Throws Missed: Florida State — Richardson (2) Marcum (2) Artnier (1), Benson (2), Wold (2), Wernke (1) Burst (2), Mercer — Mixon (2), Wilson, (1), Harris (4) Jewett (2) Reid (2), Hughes (1), Veal (1).

Officials: Causey and Biggs.