

FSU Bows to Central 62-59 as Rally Fails

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Favored with three quarters of lacklustre Florida State play, the visiting Central Missouri Eagles staggered to a 62-59 victory in the West Campus gym last night.

"Too bad this wasn't scored by first downs," some wag remarked after Florida State's reckless fourth-quarter drive had almost downed the Eagles. But for the three previous quarters, FSU was well bottled up in her own territory.

State stumbled off to an unfortunate start, shut out 10-0 before sparkplug Ham Wernke swished a foul after five minutes were gone.

That 10-point margin stood for many more painful minutes as Central, hot from the floor and the foul line, used its superior height to good advantage. The Missourians' starting lineup averaged better than 6 ft. 3 in.,—and State might have matched the altitude with height of its own, but Coach Bud Kennedy's big men weren't hitting last night.

Two of 'em—6-4 Jerry Westhafer and 6-3 Jimtom Richardson finally got mad in the hectic fourth quarter which State entered "way out" of the ball game at 37-52.

Just after the rough fourth quarter started, Wernke, who led the Seminoles for the fifth straight game though he was stopped short of 20 points for the first time, left the court with an eye injury.

That incident seemed to fire the Indians and with Westhafer controlling the boards they tried to narrow the gap. When the margin was "closed" to 45-55, Central's regulars returned to the fray but FSU continued the rally, pulling up to 55-62.

With a minute to go the Seminoles initiated a full-court, helter-skelter scramble that the officials lost their grip on, and the Missourians their poise. Richardson, lanky Jacksonville forward, netted two three throws and then took a pass from Westhafer to pop one in with just eight seconds to play. It couldn't quite close the gap but it was good for a last-second scare.

Westhafer got all of his 11 points in the final period and Richardson 6 of his 15 as they combined to make the final score a respectable one.

Fla. State	g	ft	tp	Central Col.	g	ft	tp
Westhafer,f	5	1	11	Burcham,f	7	6	20
Gordon,f	0	0	0	Koper,f	4	4	12
Pence,f	0	0	0	Whited	1	0	2
Rich'dson,f	5	5	15	Linneman,f	0	0	1
Dellahan,f	1	0	2	Moffatt,c	3	2	8
Marcum,f	2	1	5	Crawford,g	0	0	0
Benson,c	0	0	0	Dulgeroff,g	0	1	1
Burst,g	1	1	3	Klienert,g	1	4	6
Wernke,g	6	6	18	Kirby,g	3	2	8
Oler,g	0	1	1				
Kallish,g	0	0	0				
Wold,g	0	2	2				

Totals	20	19	59	Totals	20	22	62
Florida State	11	15	9	24	59		
Central College	21	15	16	10	62		