

**LAKELAND** — A couple of dead-eye guards, Hamnering Ham Wernke and Jimmy Oler, combined their shots last night for 42 points to enable the Florida State University Seminoles to break a three-game losing streak with a nip and tuck 71-69 win over the Florida Southern College Moccasins. The win concluded a three game downstate trip for the Tribe which dropped tilts to Miami and Tampa.

And the score is indicative of the ball game. It was close all the way. The Seminoles lagged 45-41 with four minutes remaining in the third period, came back to take a 50-49 lead at the third stop, and hit a hot streak early in the final heat to post a 58-50 advantage with some seven minutes left.

But even then, the Tribe almost blew the game when it refused to go into a freeze around the four-minute mark with only a 68-62 lead and chose to continue shooting.

But back to the sizzling guards Wernke and Oler, the duo responsible for the win. The Mocs knew what Ham could do. He had tallied 38 points the night before against Tampa and entered the game with a 22.2 point average.

Oler, well his highest output of the season stood at 11 and he strictly was not expected to get into the act with 19. But little Jimmy came through and from early in the game it was evident that he had his eye on the bucket, particularly, down the middle of the keyhole. Oler got the Tribe off tallying the first three points with a free throw and followed with a field goal.

Wernke's 23 points runs his season total for 11 games to 245, within shooting distance of the school record for a season of 493 held by Bob Hartman.

High point man for the Moccasins was center Bill Leach, a hard to handle 6-8 shotmaker, who sent 27 points down the well. Leach and Seminole center Rick Benson hooked up in a personal guarding duel. Benson, at 6-7, got 14 points and played a fine floor and rebound game. The big boys came off about even on the rebounds, and checked one another's shots deftly, although one would manage at times to jockey the other out of position and thereby get off a shot under the basket.

FSU lost the services of two starters, Duane Gordon and Benson, via the foul route. Gordon was out early, committing his fifth personal with 6:50 left in the third. Benson got the heave ho with 1:55 on the scoreboard clock. Gary Wold replaced Benson at the pivot post.

The Tribe lost no time jumping into a first period lead and midway the stanza had a 14-7 margin, at which point, Leach began to hit and made good on three fielders to pull the Mocs within two points as the quarter ended with FSU 15, Southern 15.

FSU held the lead through most of the second period but fell behind at 29-30 at the 25 second mark. Gordon canned a field goal and the Indians left at halftime with a 31-30 margin.

The early portion of the third round was sizzling with the score 31-32, 32-32, 33-33, 35-34, 35-35, 35-37, 37-37, 39-38, 39-39. Southern then took what appeared a possible game-losing lead when Charles Senger laid in two points, forward Fred Lapper followed with two goals to make it 45-41. Olen then got the Tribe on an even keel with two charities, a field goal on a driving lay in and another charity to register the count at 45-45. The Tribe had a 50-49 lead after three stops.

Florida State			Florida Southern				
fg	ft	tp	fg	ft	tp		
Gordon, f	3	0	8	Huff, f	3	6	12
Wsthrvr, f	0	0	0	Buck, f	1	1	3
Denson, c	5	4	14	Leach, c	10	7	27
Wold, c	0	0	0	Robbins, g	1	0	2
Wernke, g	10	3	23	Pelligrin, g	0	1	1
Oler, g	6	7	19	DeSavino, g	2	0	4
Richrdsn, g	4	1	9	Lapper, g	4	2	10
				Senger, g	4	1	10

TOTALS	28	15	71	TOTALS	35	18	69
Florida State	17	14	49	21	71		
Florida Southern	15	15	19	20	69		
Free throws missed: Florida State - Benson, Wernke, Oler 2, Richardson							
Florida Southern - Huff 3, Buck							
Leach 3, Lapper, Senger							