

Spring Hill Tops Seminoles, 69-60

**Alabamans Lead Most of Way;
Late Rally Falters Too Short**

Spring Hill's Badgers, after a brief third-quarter let-down, came back in the final stanza here last night to hand Florida State University its second loss of the season, 69-60.

It was a tough loss for Coach Bud Kennedy's young charges for, after trailing for nearly three quarters they had managed to edge ahead 49-47 as the third period ended, on a double-decker by Duane Gordon.

However, the lead turned out to be short-lived. For the final stanza had no more started when Badget set-shot artist Francis Poole hit twice from the field to give the Mobile (Ala.) five a margin it never relinquished.

Agile, 6-3 center Happy Mahfouz, whose deadly under-the-basket hook was a thorn in the Seminoles' side all night, took scoring honors with 27 big points. Nine came from the free throw line.

WESTHAFFER STARS

Jerry Westhafer, sidelined most of the season with an ankle injury, came off the bench to lead the Indian scorers with 17.

Ham Wernke and Dick Artmier each had 12 points.

Spring Hill wasted no time in taking the lead. Mahfouz and Jim McGuire slipped in a pair of field goals to put the Badgers ahead 4-0 and by the end of the first period it was 18-10.

However, the Seminoles stayed within hailing distance and actually picked up a point in the next quarter—the half ending with FSU trailing 34-27.

After intermission the two teams traded points until Westhafer tallied twice—a tip-in and a long one-handed push. That made it 37-34, but Mahfouz started his hook working again and Spring Hill stretched its lead to 42-35 mid-way the stanza.

But Artmeier shoved in a fielder and hit twice from the four line to make it 42-39. Westhafer added one and Preacher Reeves tossed in a free throw to tie it up 42-42.

SEMINOLES RALLY

Barry Mouton, reserve Spring Hill center, added a charity shot and after an exchange of free throws and a two-pointer the visitors were in front again, 46-45.

Then the Seminoles hit their stride Westhafter tipped another in, Wernke slipped in for a layup and FSU led 49-47 as the quarter ended.

Poole's two quickies in the opening seconds of the final stanza, of course, proved to be the Tribe's breaking point. And they never recovered.

The Seminoles suffered a setback mid-way that last quarter when Oler retired with a hip injury. It was not serious, however. The Badgers lost two via the foul

route a few minutes later—Poole and forward Bill Rein.

Last night's tilt closed out FSU's pre-holiday schedule. They don't return to the hardwoods until Jan. 6 when they meet Tampa here.

Sprg Hill	fg	ft	tp	FSU	fg	ft	tp
Rein,f	2	2	6	Artemier,f	3	6	12
Regan,f	0	0	0	Westhafer	8	1	17
Mahfouz,c	9	9	27	Burst,f	2	1	5
Barnes,f	1	1	3	Gordon	1	1	3
MacDonald	0	2	2	Wold,c	0	0	0
Mouton,c	2	2	6	Benson,c	1	1	3
Poole,f	5	0	10	Reeves,c	0	2	2
Hasser,g	0	2	2	Wernke,g	4	4	12
McGuire,c	5	3	13	Dellahan	0	1	1
				Oler,g	1	3	5

Totals	24	21	69	Totals	20	20	60
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Free throws missed: Florida State—Artemier 3, Burst 3, Wernke 1, Reeves 4. Spring Hill—Mahfouz 2, Barnes 1, MacDonald 2, McGuire 2.