

# Mercer Bears Top Seminole Quint, 70-63

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MACON, Ga., Jan. 30—Mercer University pulled away in the last five minutes of a rough-and-tumble basketball engagement here Saturday night to decision Florida State's Seminoles, 70-63.

The score was tied 59-59 with five minutes left. Mercer's Richard Reid hit a pair of bank shots from the side to send the Bears up at 63-59. Freeze tactics helped Mercer the rest of the way as FSU sought vainly to hang to the ball.

Fouls hurt the Seminoles heavily. Officials chalked 22 personals against them, 13 against Mercer. Seminole star Ham Wernke hit 17 points before he fouled out with three minutes remaining.

FSU was behind 16-13 after a quarter, fell back further at 28-19 midway the second stanza. But Jimmy Oler, who had 15 points for the night, led a surge that brought the Seminoles a 32-32 halftime knot.

With Wernke clicking, FSU moved in front, 52-50, by the end of the third period.

Tommy Mixon, 5-9 forward, was the big gun for the Bears with 23 points. Reid had 17.

The victory gave Mercer an 8-7 edge in the all-time series between the two teams.

FSU				MERCER			
	fg	ft	tp		fg	ft	tp
Artemier, f	3	0	6	Mixon, f	9	5	23
Dellihan, f	1	1	3	Schwartz, f	3	3	9
Gordon, f	0	0	0	Hewett, c	1	3	5
Burst, g	2	1	5	Reid, g	7	3	17
Westh'fer, f	5	1	11	J. Hughes, g	3	3	9
Benson, c	2	2	6	Harris, g	0	2	2
Oler, g	5	5	15	Jas. Hug., g	2	1	5
Wernke, g	7	3	17				

TOTALS	25	13	63	TOTALS	25	20	70
FSU			13	32	52	63	
Mercer			16	32	50	70	

Free throws missed: FSU—Dellihan, Benson 4, Oler, Wernke. Mercer—Mixon, Schwartz 3, Hewett, Reid 3, Harris, Jas. Hughes.