

Florida State University completed its best basketball season since 1951 last night, downing Arkansas State Redskins, 78-68, before a capacity crowd in the West Campus gym.

FSU hurried to a 7-1 lead after two minutes of play, increased it to 16-5 as the Redskins failed to sink a field goal during the first six minutes. Senior forward Joe Scott finally broke the ice with a follow up shot from close in but the Seminoles drove on to a first quarter lead of 23-14.

In the next two minutes Arkansas State pulled to within three points of the Seminoles as Scott hit on a long set to make it 27-24. FSU bounced back, however, and rested at halftime with a 47-34 lead.

PULL AWAY

The closest the Redskins could get to FSU during the second half was 65-58 with six minutes remaining in the game. The Seminoles pulled away on three quick fielders and went into a semi-freeze during the last four minutes.

Five FSU players hit double digits. Jim Oler was high with 17 points, hitting on 11 of 12 free shot attempts. Ham Wernke, the other half of the Seminoles dynamic guard combination, came through with 15 points. Jerry Westhafer and Dick Artmeier added 14 each, and Rick Benson got 13.

Westhafer and Duane Gordon played their last game for the Seminoles. Reserve forward Ed Reeves also will not be around next year.

SCOTT HITS 26

Scott paced the Redskins with 26 points and took scoring honors for the night before fouling out with three minutes to play. Forward

Jim Ward accounted for 12 points and played a stellar floor game.

FSU's record for the season is 13 wins and 7 losses. Last night's game wraps up the Seminole cage season since FSU has declined an invitation to play in the district NAIA tournament. The victory brought the FSU-Arkansas State series to a 1-1 deadlock. The Redskins won the first game last year.

Wernke's 15 points brought his total to 372 for the season and for the second straight year the Batesville, Ind., star has led Seminole point-makers. Oler finished with 334 points to place second.

FSU				ARK. STATE			
	fg	ft	tp		fg	ft	tp
Westhafer, f	6	2	14	Ward, f	3	6	12
Gordon, f	2	1	5	Scott, f	10	6	26
Benson, c	4	5	13	McNece, c	0	3	3
Wernke, c	4	7	15	Gatlin, g	1	1	3
Oler, g	3	11	17	King, g	1	2	4
Artmeier, f	5	4	14	Proctor, f	1	0	2
Burst, c	0	0	0	Jarrett, c	2	2	6
T. Jelalal, f	0	0	0	Hicks, g	1	0	2
Wold, c	0	0	0	Gilliam, g	4	2	10
TOTALS	24	38	78	TOTALS	23	22	68

FSU 47 61 78
ARK. STATE 14 34 52 68

Free shots missed: FSU—Wernke 4; Benson, Oler, Gordon 2; Westhafer 2; Artmeier 2; Ark. State — Scott 3; Ward, McNece 3; Gatlin, Hicks 2; Jarrett, Gilliam.

Hannon Lumber				FSU FROSH			
	fg	ft	tp		fg	ft	tp
Nettles, f	3	0	8	Waites, f	5	0	10
Eppes, f	0	0	0	Spier, f	1	0	2
J. Kirby, f	3	0	8	Twomey, f	0	1	1
Maxwell, c	2	0	4	Williams, c	6	3	15
R. Kirby, g	1	1	3	Rotl, c	1	0	2
Williams, g	1	1	3	Aiford, g	9	2	20
Gray, g	3	1	7	Jarvis, g	0	0	0
Revell, g	0	0	0	Ward, g	1	0	2
				Sermmons, g	5	1	11
TOTALS	13	3	29	TOTALS	28	7	63

Halftime score: FSU 41; Hannon 15.