

LAKELAND, Jan. 8 (AP)—FSU's basketball team ran up a big lead early in the first half and then watched most of it melt away before a driving Florida Southern attack but won, 73-69, Friday night.

Using their height advantage, FSU players led 38-13 midway of the first half but in the second half lost their touch while Florida Southern gained. The FSU team froze the ball in the final minutes and maintained their four-point lead.

FLORIDA STATE				FLA. SOUTHERN			
	fg	ft	tp		fg	ft	tp
Artmeier,f	5	2	12	Riggs,f	2	3	7
Benson,f	4	4	12	Novak,f	0	0	0
Twomey,f	1	0	2	DeSavino,f	7	1	15
Williams,c	4	0	8	Brogden,f	1	0	2
Wold,c	4	0	8	Craig,f	5	4	14
Oler,g	3	8	14	Wood,c	4	3	11
Burst,g	3	4	10	Donatelli,g	1	0	2
Wernke,g	2	3	7	Mundy,g	0	0	0
				Collins,g	5	8	18
Totals	26	21	73	Totals	25	19	69

Halftime score: Florida State 42, Florida Southern 30.

Free throws missed—FSU: Oler 2, Wernke 2, Wold 2; Florida Southern: Wood 2, DeSavino 2, Craig 2, Collins, Brogden.