

A 49-point second-half splurge after their "coldest" 20 minutes of the season earned Florida State's Seminoles their 14th basketball victory, 84-63, over a methodical Florida Southern quint last night.

A rainy Monday night crowd of 700 watched Coach Bud Kennedy's Seminoles, who have lost but two games, roll up their eighth straight collegiate victory, 12th straight Tallahassee verdict, and eighth triumph in the Florida Intercollegiate Conference.

TRAILED BY 6-0

It wasn't one of the FSU's better efforts, although the Tribe won by 21 points. Coach Bill Clipseon's Mocs, on bottom of the FIBC, took a quick 6-0 lead and was still in contention heading into the final 10 minutes.

Holding a 39-50 lead at that point, State opened up to outscore Southern, 25-13, a win going away.

Pint-sized guard Jimmy Oler paced the Seminoles for the second straight game, racking 23 points on eight field goals and seven straight free throws. Rick Benson aided immeasurably by hogging 24 rebounds and tossing in 19 points, 17 in the last round. Dick Artmeyer contributed 15 points.

Southern came out with a shifting zone defense, making FSU hurry its shots. Three lightning fielders by the Mocs had the Seminoles down, 6-0, before Oler broke the ice with a pair of free throws.

AHEAD TO STAY

A running jump shot by Ham Wernke, who played a magnificent floor game although he bagged only eight points, tied it for the first time at 10-all. A 25-foot one-hander by Benson put FSU ahead, 14-12, to stay. It was 35-25 at the half.

Guard Frank DeSavine kept Southern within range early in the second half with driving lay-ins. He was high for the Mocs with 20 points.

FSU will be idle the rest of the week, before tackling its three-game road trip of the season. The Seminoles battle Georgia at Athens next Monday. Rollins at Winter Park on Wednesday, and Loyola at New Orleans on Saturday.

DOUBLE DRIBBLES . . . The Seminoles got a pat on the back when the Student Senate recently passed a resolution expressing appreciation to the basketball team for "its fine performance this year which has brought great credit to our university."

Florida Southern's Dick Conrad knocked himself out when he slammed into a wall after driving in for a lay-up with two minutes to go . . . Don Faulk, FSU trainer, came to the rescue, revived Conrad, who left the court under his own power . . . This year's Seminole squad is unquestionably the best balanced in the school's history. Four players — Oler (21.7), Wernke (18.9), Benson (15.7), Artmeyer (12.0)— are averaging double figures . . . Last night's victory pushed FSU's all-time cage record (eight years) to 93 wins, 84 losses, 30 triumphs in last 40 starts . . . Oler's seven free throws pushed his season's total to 141, a new Seminole individual record. With six regular games and the NAIA tournament ahead, Oler could conceivably hit 200 foul shots . . . And Ham Wernke has a unique endurance record. Since arriving at FSU in 1951, Ham has started 63 straight games, has played an estimated 2,520 minutes, or 42 hours . . . not to mention the time consumed in practice.

FLORIDA SOUTHERN				
	fg	ft	pf	tp
De Savino, f	6	8	4	20
Craig, f	5	2	0	12
Barlow, f	0	1	1	1
Williams, f	0	0	1	0
Novak, f	0	1	1	1
Wood, c	0	1	1	1
Collins, g	3	0	3	0
Whitson, g	2	0	1	4
Conrad, g	0	1	0	1
Stelogeannis, g	0	2	1	2
Mundy, g	1	0	1	2
Donatelli, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	19	17	63

FSU				
	fg	ft	pf	tp
Benson, f	5	1	4	19
Artmeyer, f	7	1	4	15
Twomey, f	0	1	1	1
Wurzbach, f	0	0	2	0
Weld, c	2	4	2	8
Williams, c	2	0	1	4
Wernke, g	3	7	3	22
Oler, g	0	7	2	23
Waits, g	0	0	0	0
Burst, g	0	2	2	0
Patton, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	28	22	94

Halftime score: Florida State 24, Florida Southern 23.
 Free throws missed: Florida State—Artmeyer Benson 2, Twomey 1, Weld, Wernke 2, Oler, Burst. Florida Southern—De Savino, Barlow 1, Novak, Wood 1, Whitson 1, Stelogeannis 2.