

### Special to the Democrat

**ATHENS, Ga.**—Florida State put on a dazzling second-half rally to overtake Georgia with two minutes to go, then poured in 12 points in a five-minute overtime period to hand the Bulldogs their seventh straight basketball setback, 88-79, here last night.

It was the ninth consecutive triumph for Coach Bud Kennedy's Seminoles and jumped their season's record to a glittering 15-2.

#### IN DRIVER'S SEAT

While the Seminoles were throttling Georgia for the third time this season, Stetson handed FSU a valuable assist by upsetting Miami, 89-85, at DeLand. It was Miami's second Florida Intercollegiate Conference loss and assured FSU of at least a tie for the first FIBC championship.

The Seminoles, 8-0 in loop play, need only a victory over Rollins at Winter Park Wednesday night, or a season-closing triumph over Miami at Coral Gables Feb. 25, to lock up the conference crown.

Last night's victory over Georgia was the toughest yet. Down by eight points, 47-39, at intermission, the Seminoles staged a fierce comeback that caught Georgia at 74-all with two minutes left.

The Bulldogs counted two free throws, but Guard Jimmy Oler twisted through the Bulldog defense for a vital layup in the final seconds to deadlock it at 76-76 at the end of regulation time.

#### THREE IN HURRY

The Seminoles connected for three lightning baskets in the overtime period and were never threatened after that.

Ham Wernke, FSU's all-time star, spearheaded the last-half rally and canned 26 points before fouling out with 50 seconds remaining in the regulation contest.

Oler, State's leading scorer with 368 points, contributed 21 points. It was the seventh time that both Oler and Wernke topped 20 points.

Ten players, five from each team, hit double figures. Rick Benson and Dick Artmeler had 12 apiece for FSU and sophomore center Bobby Williams, playing the greatest game of his collegiate career, meshed 11.

Florida State won from the field, outscoring Georgia, 37-30. The Bulldogs, however, hit 19 free throws as FSU was assessed for 20 personal fouls. Only nine intercollegiate Conference loss and the Seminoles obliged by dropping a gaudy 14 of 18 attempts from the free-throw line.

## RARE OVERTIME

Sterling defensive efforts by FSU contained Georgia's high-scoring guards, Murphy McManus and Morris Dinwiddie. McManus, fourth leading scorer in the Southeastern Conference at game-time, managed only 14 points. Dinwiddie had 15.

It was only the second overtime contest for FSU in four years. The Seminoles also won

the other one, a two-point triumph over Mercer in 1953.

After Wednesday night's clash at Rollins, FSU travels to New Orleans for a Saturday night game with Loyola. The Seminoles close their regular home season against Mississippi State and Loyola at Tallahassee Monday and Tuesday.

FLORIDA STATE				GEORGIA			
	fg	ft	tp		fg	ft	tp
Benson,f	5	2	12	Potts,f	6	5	17
Artemeler,f	5	2	12	Knight,f	7	2	16
Wold,c	1	2	4	Mills,f	0	0	0
Williams,c	5	1	11	Ensley,c	6	1	13
Oler,g	8	5	21	Parrish,c	0	2	2
Wernke,g	12	2	25	McManus,g	4	6	14
Twomey,g	1	0	2	Dinwiddie,g	6	3	15
				Bradley,g	1	0	2

Totals 37 14 88 Totals 39 19 79

Halftime: Georgia 47, Florida State 39.

Free throws missed: Florida State—Wold, Oler. Georgia—McManus 5, Potts 1, Dinwiddie 4, Ensley 2.