

Beloit Tops FSU, 110-88

**Oler, Wernke Both Foul Out
With Over Quarter To Play**

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KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Second-seeded Beloit threw a sizzling fast break here Wednesday afternoon and punctured Florida State's NAIA tournament hopes with an impressive 110-88 second-round victory.

The Wisconsin team, now considered the team to beat for the title, simply had better shooting for the day. Percentages told the story.

Beloit tried only 68 field goals but made good on 39 for a whopping 57 per cent. FSU experienced one of its worst days of the season. The Seminoles tried an astounding 119 shots from the field and made only 33 for an anemic 27.7 per cent.

Still, FSU had little of which to be ashamed. Coach Bud Kennedy's five carried a brilliant 21-3 record into the tourney and emerged with a 22-4 mark—the best in FSU history and the best in the state this season.

RECORD TOTAL

In losing, the Seminoles managed to get into the tournament record books. FSU and Beloit's combined point total of 198 erased the old standard of 194 set by Hamline and Mississippi Southern in 1953.

For most of the first half, FSU stayed close. Four minutes before halftime Beloit held a slim 43-40 lead. But the Bucs hit three in a row to make it 49-40 and by intermission had worked up a 59-43 margin.

The Seminoles never recovered. To make matters worse, Jimmy Oler and Ham Wernke left via the foul route with over a quarter remaining. Oler left with nearly 12 minutes to play, Wernke departed a minute later.

BENSON HITS

Forwards Rick Benson and Dick Artmeier picked up the slack, but it was too late then. Benson topped FSU's point-

makers with 21 points, followed by Artmeier with 18. Wernke had 16, Oler 12, Gary Wold, 10 and Bob Williams eight.

If nothing else, the tournament fattened Oler and Wernke's record-breaking scoring totals. Together, the flashy duo compiled over 1,000 points, a figure which no guard combination in the country may be able to match.

BOTH OVER 500

Oler finished with 549 points and a prolific 21.1 average. Wernke was close behind with 512 and a 19.7 average. Both totals smashed the previous FSU high of guard Bob Hartman's 493, set during the 1950-51 season.

Wernke, the two-time Helms All-American and all-stater, compiled a four year career total that's likely to stand for awhile. The Batesville, Ind., product accounted for 1,409 points, had a 19.3 average and started 73 straight games from the day he first put on Seminole satins as a mid-term freshman in 1952.

BELOIT (110)				FLA. ST. (88)			
	fg	ft	tp		fg	ft	tp
Brooks,f	2	0	4	Artmeier,f	5	6	13
Wagner,f	0	1	1	Walters,f	0	0	0
Gilmore,f	7	3	17	Benson,f	9	3	21
Johnson,f	1	0	2	Patton,f	0	0	0
Stanley,c	7	15	29	Wold,c	3	4	10
Litwiller,g	0	1	1	Williams,c	4	0	8
Hartzell,g	3	0	6	Wernke,g	7	2	16
Leggett,g	3	6	12	Twomey,g	0	1	1
Westall,g	13	3	29	Oler,g	4	4	12
Vahrad'n,g	3	3	9	Burst,g	0	2	2
Totals	39	32	110	Totals	33	22	88

Halftime score: Beloit 59; Florida State 43.

Free throws missed—Beloit: Brooks, Gilmore 5, Johnson, Stanley 4, Litwiller, Hartzell, Westall 2, Vahradian. Florida State: Artmeier, Benson, Wold 3, Williams 4, Wernke, Twomey, Oler, Burst.