Florida State University's twice-defeated basketball team began the long road back to prominence Monday night, punishing a green Rollins College five, 101-67, in the Florida High gym.

A crowd that approached 900 watched FSU achieve its first triumph of the season.

The contest was the first Florida Intercollegiate Basketball Conference skirmish of the season for the Seminoles who lost their first two contests on the road last week, bowing to North Carolina State and East Tennessee State. The Tribe grabbed the initial FIBC title last season by breezing to ten straight victories.

Jimmy Oler, FSU's all-state guard, took up where he left off last year Monday night. The chunky senior contributed points to the winning effort before he was lifted early in the second

Forward Dick Artmeier of the Tribe and Rollins star Dick FSH VARSITY Bezemer shared secondary scoring honors, each hitting for 718 points.

The Seminoles jumped to a quick 4-0 lead in the opening seconds before Rollins stormed back to take one of its infrequent advantages, 6-4.

It was touch and go until FSU broke a 40-40 tie with 15 seconds left in the first half on consectutive field goals by forward Stu Gregory.

The Tribe built the four-point halftime lead to 80-57 late in the contest before finally accomplishing its 34 point final margin.

FSU coach Bud Kennedy cleared the bench midway in the Empires: Lay and Sauer. 59 final half but the reserves poured it on, going for the century mark.

Guard Wayne Patton sank a layup as the buzzer sounded to give the Tribe its coveted 100 plus one.

Sheer numbers paid off Monday night. The Tribe cashed in on 36 successful field goals, the Tars only 27. However, it took the winners 83 tries while the losers only used 57. That's a .321 average for the Tars. 311 for Florida State.

Bob Williams, the Tribe's 6-8 junior center, and Bezemer, a sophomore all-stater. were the toughest men under the boards Monday night. Each cornered nine bouncing balls in the vital rebound department.

Chipola Junior College edged the FSU frosh, 95-89, in the tense preliminary game.

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