

FSU CLINCHES TIE FOR TITLE

**Squeezes By Southern, 85-81,
To Make FIBC Record 8-0**

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LAKELAND, Feb. 18—Florida State clinched at least a tie in the Florida Intercollegiate Basketball Conference title race here tonight, turning back furiously playing

Florida Southern, 85-81.

It was the Seminoles' eighth FIBC victory in a row. FSU must win only one of the two remaining conference games to claim its second loop championship in a row.

NOT EASY

Florida State, which won the title last year with a 10-0 record, plays Stetson Monday and Miami Saturday. Both teams have lost a pair of contests in circuit competition.

The Florida Southern hurdle wasn't an easy one.

Trailing 80-78 with less than three minutes to play, the Seminoles wrested the lead away from last place Florida Southern on Jim Oler's two free throws and a field goal. The Moccasins couldn't take it back in the time remaining.

Florida Southern took the lead early in the game and held it through the rest of the first half, leading 48-42 at the intermission.

Oler, FSU's 5-10 guard, peppered the baskets for 35 points to take scoring honors for the night. The performance upped his season total to 627, just a shade under a 30-point average.

Frank DeSavino led Florida Southern with 25, including 13 of 14 free throws.

WOLD GETS 22

Florida State's 6-7 Gary Wold picked up 22 points to follow Oler and DeSavino.

The victory upped the Seminoles' season record to 14-7.

Following the Stetson-Miami swing next week, Florida State plays Loyola at New Orleans March 3 and returns to Tallahassee March 5 for the 1956 finale, against Georgia.

FLORIDA STATE

	G	F	P	T
Artmeier,f	3	2-2	5	8
Williams,f	0	0-0	1	0
Gregory,f	1	1-3	2	3
Twomey,f	1	3-4	3	5
Wursbach,f	0	0-0	0	0
Wold,c	8	6-9	4	22
Garcia,g	4	4-4	4	12
Oler,g	10	15-19	4	35
Ward,g	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	27	31-41	24	85

FLORIDA SOUTHERN

Spicuzza,f	4	8-12	5	16
Whitson,f	5	9-12	4	19
Barlow,f	0	3-4	5	3
Hamaker,c	1	0-0	5	2
Southerland,c	0	0-0	0	0
DeSavino,g	6	13-14	4	25
Collins,g	8	0-0	4	16
Donatelli,g	0	0-0	0	0
Senger,g	0	0-0	2	0
Totals	24	33-42	29	81