

First game in Tully Gym

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With more losses already on the books than they suffered all last season, Florida State's basketball Seminoles are still looking for a winning combination after six games and as many losses.

Texas A&M, fired by a tall lefthanded forward named George Mehaffey, spoiled FSU's dedication of its new million-dollar Men's Gymnasium last night, 83-74. The reversal halted a 23-game victory string of FSU at home.

The losing end may not be in sight. Next foe is East Tennessee State here tomorrow night. This team handed FSU one of its five setbacks last season, 79-54. The other night the Tennesseans nosed out University of Mississippi, 69-68.

#### **HE LEFT LATE**

A&M's Mehaffey, 6-5 senior from Houston, poured in 32 points last night before fouling out with 6:15 left in the fray.

Coached by the famed Ken Loeffler, who turned out a pair of national championship teams at La Salle before packing his bag for Texas a little over a year ago, the Aggies led nearly all the way.

FSU moved in front early, 6-2, but the Aggies rallied quickly to go ahead, 7-6. With Mehaffey hitting A&M's first nine points, the visitors led from then on.

Ken Hutto, a 6-foot guard, gave Mehaffey a flurry of scoring help. He plunked in 14 before registering his fifth foul three minutes before halftime. The Aggies led at the midway whistle, 45-36. A couple of times in the first half FSU trailed by 14 points.

#### **POOR HANDLING**

Plagued by poor ball-handling all night long, FSU never came closer than six points in the last half.

As Coach Bud Kennedy said later, the Seminoles were undoubtedly a little flat after their game effort against Florida on Monday night. They lost that one, 67-65, in the last second.

Sophomore guard Hugh Durham led the Tribe with 19 points. Bobby Waits pitched in 16. Durham now leads FSU scorers with 93 points, a 15-5 average.

In the first half, Waits connected smoothly on his long shots. Against Florida Monday, the Jacksonville senior hit eight field goals in as many attempts. He ran his string to 10 last night before missing.

Waits and Stu Gregory fouled out in the last two minutes.

#### NOT HITTING

The Seminoles hit on an inept 24 per cent of their field-goal attempts. Texas A&M bagged 49 per cent. The Aggies out-rebounded the Tribe, particularly in the first half, nad led in total rebounds, 46 to 39. Mehafeey took 16 off the boards.

Big Bob Williams was FSU's top rebounder with 11. Williams also contributed 13 points.

Now 3-4 for the season, A&M plays Georgia Tech in Atlanta tomorrow night.

An estimated 2,800 fans were on hand to see the first game in the spacious new arena here. The total was about evenly divided among students and townspeople. Though the turnout was a slight disappointment for the "christening" of the 4,500-capacity gym, it was, of course a record attendance for a basketball game in Tallahassee.

Georgia Southwestern beat the FSU freshmen in a preliminary game, 74-61.

TEXAS A&M	FG	FT	TP
Kolle, f	1	6-4	6
Mehafey, f	10	14-12	32
Swakie, c	3	4-2	8
Hutto, g	6	3-2	14
Swisher, g	6	2-1	13
Connelly, f	1	1-0	2
McNichol, c	1	4-2	4
Turner, g	1	4-2	4
Heller, c	0	0-0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>38-25</b>	<b>83</b>
FLORIDA STATE	FG	FT	TP
Durham, f	7	10-5	19
Strom, f	1	1-0	2
B. Williams, g	4	10-5	13
Garcia, g	2	7-6	10
Waits, g	7	3-2	16
Ward, f	0	2-2	2
J. Williams, g	0	1-1	1
Gregory, c-f	1	3-1	3
Westhafer, f	1	5-4	6
Twomey, g	1	0-0	2
Bryant, g	0	0-0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>42-26</b>	<b>74</b>
<b>Halftime: A&amp;M 45, FSU 35</b>			