

Guard Jerry Wilhoit did some fancy manipulating under the Florida State basket and forward Herb Weaver set the tone at the free throw line as East Tennessee State handed FSU's Seminoles their seventh straight loss of the season here last night, 65-58.

Wilhoit, a 5-11 scrapper who appeared awkward at times, befuddled the taller Florida State defenders for nine field goals. He got them all virtually right under the Seminoles' noses, driving in for layups from all kinds of angles. He added three foul shots for a total of 21.

ACCURATE EYE

The 6-4 Weaver tossed the ball for 13 points from the free throw line, missing only four times. He scored 15 in all.

Free shots did it.

The Buccaneers connected on 31 of 45 to overshadow a Florida State advantage in field goals, 21-17. But the Tennesseans had better luck there, too, hitting 30 per cent while FSU made good on just 25 per cent.

The Seminoles' Bob Walls, 6-0 guard, scored 16 points to spark the losers. Forward Stu Gregory tallied 11 and center Bob Williams chipped in 10. Williams also led FSU's rebounding game with 14.

GOT REBOUNDS

With center Herb Edmonds pulling down 21 rebounds, East Tennessee dominated here, too. They got 73 rebounds to FSU's 49.

Florida State, pressing determinedly for victory No. 1, led at halftime, 34-33, and at one time held a 43-36 advantage in the second half.

But after a 54-54 deadlock the Seminoles couldn't keep pace with the Buccaneers free throw accuracy.

Five foul shots made it 61-54 and from there the visitors coast-

ed in for their fourth victory without a loss.

Things were pretty even during most of the first half. FSU managed to take the lead six times. East Tennessee held the advantage six times and the score was tied on half a dozen occasions.

QUICK GETAWAY

East Tennessee opened it with five quick ones before FSU could get organized. But then Waits, Tom Garcia and Hugh Durham put FSU ahead temporarily, 6-5.

Some bad ball handling cost them a chance to close the gap. East Tennessee got eight quick points, half of them from Weaver's accuracy at the foul line, and took a 16-12 margin which they kept until Florida State's Waits began hitting from far out.

Later Wilhoit twisted in a difficult layup to put the Tennesseans out front, 26-24, but Joe Weather's tip-in gave Florida State a two-point margin which dwindled to a point at intermission.

The Seminoles came back immediately to take a five point, 38-33, lead on baskets by Williams and Stu Gregory. A basket by Larry Strom made it seven points in FSU's favor, 43-36. The Buccaneers whittled it down to three points, but Florida State came right back into a comfortable margin, 46-40, with 11 minutes left.

STROM DEPARTS

East Tennessee narrowed it to a pair of points, 46-44, when Ed Fritts dropped in two free throws as Strom fouled out.

Then the visitors went out front for the first time in the second half when Wilhoit scored two layups. That made it 50-46 with about four minutes remaining.

Except for the 54-54 deadlock, the Buccaneers held the lead the rest of the way.

The Seminoles get another chance Jan. 1 here when they play University of Georgia.

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	FG	FT	TP
Cooper, f	1	3-4	5
Weaver, f	1	13-17	15
Fritts, f	4	1-2	9
Edmonds, c	1	2-4	4
Fleener, g	0	9-12	9
Wilhoit, g	9	3-8	21
Slimerly, g	1	0-0	2
Hartsell, g	0	0-0	0
Kerns, g	0	0-0	0
Totals	17	31-45	65

FLORIDA STATE

	FG	FT	TP
Durham, f	0	6-7	6
Gregory, f	4	3-4	11
Ward, f	2	0-0	4
Westhafer, f	1	0-0	2
H. Williams, c	5	0-0	10
Strom, c	1	2-4	4
Garcia, g	2	1-3	5
Waits, g	6	4-5	16
Totals	21	16-23	58

Halftime: Florida State 34, E. Tennessee State 33.