

Florida State's best game of the season wasn't good enough. The slow-starting Seminoles went down to their eighth straight basketball loss here last night as Georgia's surging Bulldogs won, 72-53.

For a steadier Georgia team it was the first victory over FSU after five losses to the Tribe over the last three seasons.

It also brought the Bulldogs a clean sweep on a Florida tour, providing a fourth successive victory that boosted their season record to 5-3. Georgia knocked off South Carolina and Clemson in the Gator Bowl tourney, then whipped Florida in Gainesville before coming to Tallahassee last night.

10-POINT LEAD

A few minutes before halftime it appeared that Coach Bud Kennedy's boys could chalk up one. They held a 10-point lead over the Georgians, 27-17. Things still looked cozy when the Seminoles went to the dressing rooms with a 27-21 lead.

But an 18-odd start in the last half ruined them and Georgia went ahead, 43-40, before the Seminoles found the range for a field goal.

Four and a half minutes went by after intermission before FSU got a two-pointer.

16-3 ADVANTAGE

Similarly, the Seminoles started the game poorly. It took them the first three and a half minutes to get a field goal. With the same four minutes old Georgia led, 16-3.

Spurred by the cool shotmaking of Bobby Waits—high man for the evening with 21 points—FSU started whacking at the Bulldogs' margin, finally moved ahead for the first time at 17-16. Waits totaled eight points and Fred Twomey four in a rally that carried FSU from a 14-9 deficit to a 21-16 lead.

CABANISS SPARKS

With Curtis Cleaton on his way to a 20-point evening, the Bulldogs pounded back in the last half. But it was two free throws by Henry Cabaniss that recharged the lead for them at 41-40. Then Cabaniss hit a field goal for 43-40.

From then on, things were real interesting.

After a bit of swapping, Georgia moved the numbers to 54-49. With 4:55 to go, FSU knotted it at 50-50 and again a minute later at 51-51.

Gleason bagged four points in a hurry, however, and Fred Adams contributed two more. FSU led 54-50.

With barely two minutes left, FSU made the fighting most of it. Hugh Durham hit, then Tommy Garcia to slice things to 56-50. But Georgia's Ray Allen dropped in two free throws.

Durham hit two points more to make it 58-50 with 35 seconds left. For the second straight time, a Georgia man had his foot over the line when shooting. After the FSU foul, when the Seminoles were presented with a chance to tie it.

But they didn't. Georgia's Fred Edmondson picked in two more buckets, again with the Seminoles leading 60-50.

FREE-SHOOTING

It was Georgia's last shooting as much as anything else that counted the game. The Seminoles hit 21 of 35 free efforts while FSU bagged only 14 of 29.

FSU led in total points scoring 77, 15-12 advantage while Georgia got 58 in 40.

If still erratic—ball handling.

The Seminoles left this morning for the Senior Bowl tourney at Mobile. They play Morehead State in a first-round game.

FSU				
	FG	FT	3P	TP
Garcia, G	1	1-2	0	2
Durham, F-E	1	1-1	1	3
Walls, G	1	1-1	1	3
Ward, G	1	1-2	0	2
M. Williams, G	2	1-2	2	5
Strom, F-E	2	1-1	1	5
Gregory, F	0	0-1	0	0
Twomey, F	0	0-1	0	0
J. Williams, F	0	0-1	0	0
Washburn, F	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	7	14-17	5	22

GEORGIA				
	FG	FT	3P	TP
Allen, G	1	1-2	0	2
Franklin, F	1	1-1	0	2
Cabenda, G	1	0-1	0	2
Edmondson, G	2	1-1	0	5
Gleason, F	7	9-11	1	20
Hartfield, F	0	1-2	0	1
Chaney, G	2	2-2	0	4
Foss, G	0	0-10	0	0
Totals	13	27-30	1	34

Revised: FSU 77, Georgia 58.

FSU's rebounding game was even, surprisingly with 11 for Seminoles. Cabenda was a hero in the department for Georgia. Larry Brown snatched for the Seminoles. FSU's ball game was not as good as it had been. FSU's rebounding was not as good as it had been. FSU's rebounding was not as good as it had been.