

Fighting off a desperation scoring drive in the last five minutes of play, Florida State's basketballers defeated Loyola of New Orleans, 79-77, here last night.

The Wolfpack was battling from a 79-71 deficit in the final minute and a half of play, and had control of the ball, battling it towards the basket, when the contest ended.

AHEAD BY 15.

The Seminoles held a 59-44 lead with 12 minutes left and, despite the loss of their high-scoring guard Hugh Durham on fouls, managed to stay six or seven points in front until the finish.

However, Bob McLaughlin, a 6-1 sophomore guard for the visitors, tossed in three straight jump shots in the closing minutes of play, pacing a comeback that had 1500 spectators gasping by game's end.

For Florida State it was a third straight triumph, the seventh victory in the last nine games and win No. 8 against 14 losses this season.

It was only the third time in the 8-year history of basketball competition between the two schools that the Seminoles have beaten Loyola. All three times were in Tallahassee.

STROM CONNECTS

Junior forward Larry Strom had his second big night in the last three games for FSU, tossing in 25 points on 12 field goals and one free.

The Seminoles' pair of high-scoring guards, Hugh Durham and Bob Waite scored 22 and 19 respectively. Durham, the team's leading scorer, sunk only three field goals and had to count 16 free throws to maintain his 20.3 average.

A total of 46 fouls were called in the contest. Three men fouled out for the visitors—high-scoring John Lorio, center Bill Schweiberger, guard Karl Vogt.

The loss of Lorio, a ball hawk on defense, with five minutes left hurt the Wolfpack badly. The 5-11 senior guard scored 21 points.

SEMINOLES LAG

Loyola broke on top, gaining a 19-14 margin with 10 minutes gone, due mainly to the firing of Lorio and forward Pete Gaudin, who counted 20 points for the night.

However, two free throws by Waits shoved the Seminoles in front with 2:40 left in the half and after the score saw-sawed back and forth, FSU gained a 44-38 halftime margin.

The Tribe opened up a 13-38 lead quickly in the second half and stayed well in front until the frantic finish by McLaughlin.

Despite out-rebounding the visitors, 57-56, the Seminoles had trouble breaking a last-half press

by Loyola and the Wolfpack got off 105 shots to FSU's 59.

Once again, however the Seminoles had the better percentage, hitting 24 of theirs for 43% while Loyola hit 30 for 38%. At the free throw line, FSU hit 31 to Loyola's 17, and therein was the difference in the ball game.

HIGHEST TOTAL

It was the first time this season that a team had scored as many as 44 points against the Wolfpack in the first half.

Saturday night, the Seminoles travel to Miami to tackle the University of Miami Hurricanes in an FIBC clash.

LOYOLA		FG	FT	PF	TP
Gaudin, f		7	8-10	4	20
Hall, f		1	8-0	1	2
Doll, f		0	0-1	1	0
Schweiberger, e		4	4-5	4	12
Murrell, c		0	0-0	0	0
Lorio, g		8	5-8	5	21
McLaughlin, g		5	0-1	4	10
Vest, g		4	2-4	5	10
Exterstein, g		1	0-1	2	2
Totals		20	17-30	27	77
FLORIDA STATE		FG	FT	PF	TP
Strom, f		12	1-2	2	25
Ward, f		4	1-5	2	9
B. Williams, c		0	2-3	2	2
Casteel, c		0	2-2	3	2
Gregory, c		0	0-0	0	0
Durham, g		3	16-21	3	22
Waits, g		5	9-12	4	19
Garcia, g		0	0-0	1	0
Totals		24	31-45	19	79
Loyola			38	39	77
Florida State			44	35	79