NEW ORLEANS, March 2 (R)— Loyola of New Orleans closed out its regular season tonight with an easy 83-58 victory over Florida State.

Forward Peie Gaudin, Loyola's leading scorer since the start of the season, paced the victory with 28 points to bring his season total to 485 points.

The Wolfpack abandoned its customary delibearte style and used a give-and-go attack which paid off.

The Florida defense began to sag as Gaudin and guards Crit Lorio and Bobby McLaughlin raced up and down. Lorio, playing his final home game as the only senior, had 11 points while McLaughlin had 12.

Florida State, which beat Loyola 79-77 on the road two weeks ago, never threatened tonight.

Both teams were cold at the start but Loyola soon warmed up and took a 27-17 lead after 10 minutes play. The Wolfpack led 42-25 at the half.

Loyola held complete charge during the second half and was in front by as much as 29 points at one stage of the game.

Loyola coach Jim McCafferty cleared his bench in the final minutes and Florida was able to cut the deficit down to 20 points hefore a final spurt gave the Wolfpack its 24-point closing margin, Center Larry Strom and for-

ward Bobby Waits were the top scorers for Florida State with 15

points each.

The victory left Loyola with a season record of 14 victories and 11 losses. The Wolfpack will meet Oklahoma City in the first round of the NCAA tournament at Oklahoma City March 12.

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