

It took Florida State's basketball Seminoles 30 minutes to catch fire last night, but when they did, they rolled to a 72-53 victory over the University of Tampa.

The victory was the 10th in a row for the Tribe over the Spartans, who have not won in the series since 1953. It gives FSU a 4-7 seasonal mark and Tampa a 1-5 record.

With 10 minutes left, the Seminoles had only a 47-42 margin, in a contest marked by loose ball handling to that point.

WIDEN MARGIN

With forwards Burt Deckel and Larry Strom, the game's high scorers, doing most of the damage, FSU shot to a 61-43 edge in a few minutes and coasted in.

Deckel took over the team scoring lead with a 25-point performance which raised his season total to 184 and his average to 16.7.

Both Deckel and Strom, who had his second 20-point game of the year, hit 50 per cent of their shots. Deckel dropped 10 of 20 tries afield, Strom eight of 16.

Tampa led only once, gaining a brief 20-18 edge with 8:10 left in the first half.

HALFTIME LEAD

The Seminoles pulled away to a 33-27 halftime margin, but the Spartans closed the gap to 33-32 at the start of the final 20 minutes.

A driving layup by guard Hugh Durham, and six quick points by Deckel pulled the Tribe away at that point, though, Tampa never again got closer than five points.

Durham, FSU's scoring leader in 1956-57, tallied 14 points, 12 of them in the second half after he sat out the first 10 minutes of the contest. He now stands third in team scoring with 150 and a 15.0 average.

Guard Jim Liteky, leading scorer at game time, failed to hit from the field and came up with just four points. He has 171 points for the season and a 15.5 average.

BETTER ACCURACY

The Seminoles won the contest with superior marksmanship from the field dropping 29 of 76 shots for a .382 showing, while

Tampa hit just 19 of 74 for a .257 mark.

The rebound race was much closer, though, with TSU grabbing 59, Tampa 58. Strom and 6-6 center Dan Boltz were individual highs with 13 apiece.

Center J.C. Miller with 12 points, guard George Sullivan, 11, and forward John McNamara, 10, led the Spartans in scoring.

Monday night the Seminoles travel to Memphis to meet 18th-ranked Memphis State. They return for contests with Statson and the University of Miami next Thursday and Saturday.

TAMPA	G	F	P	T
Guzielek, f	3	3-3	4	9
McNamara, f	3	4-6	5	10
Holton, f	0	0-0	0	0
Miller, c	5	2-6	0	12
Bengter, c	0	2-4	2	2
Turner, g	4	1-1	0	9
Sullivan, g	4	3-3	2	11
Hemminger, g	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	19	15-23	14	53

FLORIDA STATE	G	F	P	T
Strom, f	8	4-4	5	20
Deckel, f	10	5-8	0	25
Westhafer, f	0	0-2	0	0
Savage, f	1	0-0	1	2
Boltz, c	2	0-1	4	4
Casteel, c	1	0-0	0	2
Garcia, g	1	0-2	1	2
Liteky, g	0	3-4	3	3
Durham, g	6	2-2	2	14
Williams, g	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	29	14-21	16	72

Halftime Score: Florida State 33, Tampa 27.

Attendance: 1,100.