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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Inspired Florida State threw a giant scare into rampaging Memphis State before bowing, 59-56, here last night.

Ranked 18th in the nation last week, the Tigers overcame an early Seminole lead and beat back a late FSU rally to post their eighth victory and sixth in a row.

It was the eighth loss—seven of them on the road—against four triumphs for Florida State. Four times the Seminoles have lost by three points or less.

After trailing, 35-31, at the half, FSU pulled within one point of the Tigers in the final minute on a free throw by Jim Savage and a one-hander by Burt Deckel. But Spud Hays of Memphis State was fouled in a scramble for the ball and sank both free throws for the final margin.

The Seminoles look an early

12-9 lead before baskets by 6-6 Jim Hockaday and 6-5 Orby Arnold but the Tigers ahead, 13-12, with 14 minutes left in the first half.

After intermission, Memphis State twice opened up a nine-point advantage before FSU closed the gap to one point.

Hockaday was the game's top scorer with 21 points. Forward Burt Deckel led the Seminoles with 17. Jim Liteky added 13 and Hugh Durham chipped in 10.

The Seminoles hit 20 of 61 field goal attempts for a 32.7 percentage, while the Tigers canned 24 of 67 for a 35.8 mark.

FSU maintained its hot team effort from the free throw line, converting 16 of 19 attempts. Memphis State managed only 11 of 25 charity shots.

Both teams snared 49 rebounds.

Florida State returns home to face Stetson's high-scoring Hatters Thursday night and University of Miami Saturday night.

FLORIDA STATE		G	F	P	T
Deckel		1	3-5	2	17
Ström		1	1-1	4	3
Boltz		3	0-2	5	6
Liteky		4	5-5	3	13
Durham		2	4-5	4	10
Savage		3	1-1	2	7
Totals		20	16-18	21	56
MEMPHIS STATE		G	F	P	T
Arnold		5	4-6	2	14
Hookaday		9	3-2	2	21
Price		1	0-0	0	2
Bryan		3	2-4	5	8
Wolfe		0	0-1	1	0
Hays		5	2-5	3	12
Gummersbach		1	0-0	1	2
Buff		0	0-0	0	0
Totals		24	11-25	14	50
Florida State			31	25	56
Memphis State			24	24	50