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HUNTINGTON, W. Va.—Florida State's panting Seminoles face Marshall College, the nation's highest-scoring major college basketball team, here tonight and coach Bud Kennedy is hoping they don't get caught with their "points" down.

That's exactly what happened at Morgantown last night, when West Virginia's Mountaineers, their faces still a mite crimson from a four-point loss to Duke on Monday, poured on West Virginia coal for a lop-sided 103-51 verdict over FSU.

FULL HOUSE

It was West Virginia's 15th conquest against that lone Duke loss, and their most solid of the season. It was a rousing victory for Coach Fred Schaus' "country slickers". Before a point-hungry audience of 6,800. There wasn't a vacant seat in the Mountaineer field house.

Because of the 52-point winning spread, West Virginia fans went home certain their marvelous Mountaineers will still rule the college cage roost when the balloons are counted next week. The Mountaineers have been the nation's No. 1 team going on seven weeks.

It wasn't a large night for Florida State. Cool at the start, the Seminoles collapsed under a blistering running game the Mountaineers threw at them. It was the fewest points scored and the most points allowed by an FSU team this season, leaving the Seminole record at 6-9. A 12-day layoff didn't really matter against the Mountaineers.

Seven players hit double figures for West Virginia, which steps out against high-ranked St.

John's—also once beaten—in New York next week.

Soph sensation, Jerry West, led the West Virginia team effort, getting 17 points.

HOT HITTING

The mountaineers collectively bagged an sizzling total of 40 field goals in 76 attempts for a 52.6 percentage. FSU hit an anemic 21 per cent as West Virginia used a full-court press from start to finish.

Only bright spot for the seminoles was a "globe-trotting" performance by guard Hugh Durham. Durham cut loose with a few dribbling, ball-handling tricks used by ex-Mountaineer All-America Hot Rod Hundley, and the crowd cheered approval, even when it cost West Virginia points.

Durham finished with 17 points, Burt Deckel got 12, and Larry Strom 10.

Coach Bud Kennedy called the Mountaineers "the best fast-breaking club I believe I have ever seen. It's the best club I've seen anywhere in several years."

COACH COMPLAINS

Even with the staggering point spread, Mountaineer Coach Schaus wasn't satisfied. "We gave them too many second shots—even more than we did against Duke in a losing game," he said.

The mountaineers didn't open like champs. For the first five minutes, the Seminoles ran with 'em and actually held a lead twice. Durham put FSU ahead, 1-0, when Joe Gardner fouled him at the start. Strom gave State its last lead, 5-4, with an 18-foot one-hander from the corner.

That's when the "slickers" opened up that fabulous fast break. The Mountaineers' starting five alternated pushing in lay-ups and long one-handers and it was 22-12 with 10 minutes gone.

With Boltz resting on the bench with three personals, West Virginia took charge of the backboards. FSU's shooting turned sour, and the Mountaineers started hitting from outside. By halftime, the margin was stretched to 21 points.

FLORIDA STATE					G	F	P	T
Beckel					5	2-3	2	12
Strom					3	4-5	4	10
Boltz					1	0-1	5	2
Liteky					1	0-0	2	2
Durham					5	7-3	1	17
Savage					1	1-2	4	3
Williams					0	0-0	1	0
Garcia					0	1-1	0	1
Castee					1	2-2	2	4
Westhafer					0	0-1	1	0
Totals					17	17-23	22	51
WEST VIRGINIA					G	F	P	T
Smith					6	0-0	2	12
West					7	3-4	4	17
Shayar					4	3-6	4	11
Vincent					5	5-7	4	15
Gardner					4	2-2	1	10
Reichen					5	1-1	0	11
Belgard					2	1-1	1	5
Alamy					3	3-4	2	11
Schottelinger					0	0-0	0	0
Clemson					3	3-3		9
Goode					1	0-0	1	2
Bundy					0	0-1	0	0
Totals					40	23-33	21	103
Score by periods:								
West Virginia					00	57	103	F
Florida State					25	26	51	M