

Florida State basketball coach Bud Kennedy employed a zone defense for the first time in his coaching career last night, and it paid off.

The objective of the sagging zone used by the Seminoles was Oklahoma City's all-America candidate, 6-10 center Hubert Reed, who went into the contest with a 25.0 scoring average.

Result: Reed was held to 15 points, his lowest total of the season, and the Seminoles broke a five-game losing streak by upsetting OCU, 57-52.

FINEST EFFORT

"I think our zone did a good job in keeping the ball away from Reed," Kennedy said. "This was our finest team effort of the season."

Kennedy also pointed out that the Seminoles' board work "was close to being the difference in the ball game."

The Tribe out-rebounded the much taller visitors, 46-41, and 24-17 in the second half when they came from behind to win.

The Chiefs held a 31-28 halftime advantage, but the Seminoles scored the first six points of the final half to go in front, 34-31.

From that point, the score was tied six times and the lead changed hands an equal number before FSU went in front to stay on a free throw by guard Jim Liteky with a little over six minutes left, 50-49.

THE CLINCHERS

A jump shot by forward Burt Deckel, a free throw by guard Hugh Durham and another successful jump by Deckel made it 55-49, and the visitors' efforts to catch up were futile in the closing minutes.

Deckel, the Tribe's leading scorer with a 16.5 average, tallied 16 points, while Durham

tossed in 15.

Durham also played an outstanding floor game in the closing tense minutes of play, holding the ball away from the visitors with some fancy handling.

In addition to Reed's 15, 6-5 forward Leon Griffin added 14 for Oklahoma City.

OCU Coach Abe Lemons opened with a lineup averaging better than 6-5 per man, but the Chiefs still held only a 23-22 rebound advantage at intermission.

FSU played only its starters until Larry Strom fouled out with 3:43 left. Jim Savage subbed. Strom and Dan Boltz, who played much of the last half with four fouls on him, contributed 11 points apiece.

Boltz was due much of the credit for hobbling the gangling Reed who had entered the game with a 25.1 average. Reed got only 11 shots from the field all evening, hit only four of them. He did manage to sink seven free throws in as many tries.

Reed's rebound total of 12 was matched by both Boltz and Strom.

A DIFFERENCE

The scoring difference in the game was from the field, where the Seminoles dropped 23 of 62 tries for a .371 showing and OCU just 20 of 61 for a .328 mark.

At the foul line, Oklahoma City dropped 12 of 16 for .750, FSU 11 of 17 for .647. Only a total of 25 fouls were called in the game, 13 on the Chiefs, 12 on FSU.

The victory upped Florida State's season showing to 7-13, Oklahoma City now stands 10-12, losing all three games on the road trip which ended last night.

Tonight, the Seminoles return to the home court to face Rollins College, led by high-scoring center Dick Bezemer.

The Seminoles have lost just one game in the state this year, a 71-70 decision to Florida. They have defeated Stetson, Tampa, and the University of Miami.

In a preliminary contest at 5 p.m., Florida State's freshmen seek their fifth win of the year against South Georgia Junior College, one of the two teams to beat the Baby Seminoles this year.

OKLAHOMA CITY				
	G	F	P	T
Griffin	3	4-8	3	14
Katzlaff	1	1-1	0	3
Reed	4	7-7	3	15
Wallace	0	0-0	0	0
Washburn	5	6-8	2	18
Campbell	4	0-0	1	8
Hill	1	0-0	1	2
McCraw	0	0-0	1	0
Roberts	0	0-0	0	0
Kelley	0	0-0	2	0
Totals	28	12-16	13	52
FLORIDA STATE				
	G	F	P	T
Strom	4	3-4	5	11
Dackel	2	0-0	1	16
Boltz	5	1-1	4	11
Durham	5	5-8	1	15
Liteky	1	1-1	1	3
Savage	0	1-3	0	1
Totals	23	11-17	12	57
Halftime Score: Oklahoma City 31,				
Florida State 28.				
Attendance: 1,760.				