

A clutch field goal by junior Don Bates with 21 seconds left brought Florida State a hard-earned 61-60 basketball victory over hard-luck Loyola of New Orleans here last night.

Bates supplied the storybook finish with one of his "fallaway" one-handers after the visiting Wolfpack had overcome Seminole leads on eight occasions.

SEASON'S CLOSEST

It was the season's closest game at Tully Gym. No more than four points ever separated the teams after FSU bounced in to an early 8-2 lead. Loyola caught the Tribe at 10-all, and it was tied 13 more times before the firing ceased, with Loyola Coach Hank Kuzma pleading with the officials about a last-second development.

Here's the way the dramatic

last minute went:

With the Seminoles leading by one point, Loyola's Art Radvilas, a Pensacola product, batted in a rebound for a 60-59 Loyola edge with 50 seconds to go. The Seminoles worked the ball carefully until a shot banged off the rim with 22 seconds left.

It popped right into Bates' fingers just outside the free-throw line. The Jasper, Ind., junior flipped the ball in as he was falling backwards and a Tully Gym crowd of 3,000 yelled as it dropped through the net.

STILL TIME

Loyola still had time to win it. But Bob McLaughlin's frantic push shot fell short of the bucket with eight seconds to go. There was a mad scramble for the ball and Loyola finally got it out of bounds under their basket with one second showing on the clock.

Loyola called time out. The strategy apparently was to flip the ball high to 6-5 center Chester Doll for a list-ditch tip. Doll got the ball but he was smothered as the final buzzer sounded.

Bates and late-season comer Jim Liteky paced the Seminoles with 17 and 13 points. High-scoring Hugh Durham suffered his second straight single-digit game, bagging only eight points, four in each half.

Loyola had four players in double figures, with Radvillas and guard Jack Morris collecting 14 apiece.

FANCY SHOOTERS

Loyola hit a fancy 42 per cent of its shots, canning 25 of 59 attempts. The Seminoles were colder, managing only 23 two-pointers in 76 tries (30 per cent). Rebounds were close, with Loyola gaining a single rebound edge, 54-53.

The difference came at the free throw line. FSU converted 15 of 24 foul shots, Loyola only 10 of 21.

The triumph was State's seventh in nine games at home and moved the season record to 7-10. Loyola is 7-11.

Bud Kennedy's Tribe hits the road again this week, facing Murray (Ky.) State at Murray tomorrow night and Memphis State at Memphis Tuesday night.

LOYOLA	FG	FT	PF	TP
Radvilas	5-10	4-5	2	14
McLaughlin	3-9	4-5	1	10
Dell	5-12	2-4	3	12
Morris	7-11	5-1	4	14
Malch	2-6	0-1	2	4
Truhk	0-4	0-1	2	0
Le Henneberger	0-0	0-0	1	0
Woodward	0-7	0-0	0	0
Vogt	1-7	0-1	1	0
TOTALS	23-59	16-21	16	39
FLA. STATE	FG	FT	PF	TP
Finley	1-4	2-3	1	4
Latley	3-10	7-8	4	13
Polix	1-7	1-2	4	7
Miller	2-10	1-2	2	17
Burham	2-13	4-5	2	8
McKister	2-8	0-1	2	4
LeVake	1-1	0-2	1	0
Williams	1-1	0-0	0	2
TOTALS	23-70	15-21	16	51