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**NEW ORLEANS, La.**—A surprising opening-night effort behind them, Florida State's basketball team faces Loyola of New Orleans in the Jesuits' season starter here tonight.

Coach Bud Kennedy's scrambling sophomores fought LSU's Southeastern Conference Tigers down to the finish at Baton Rouge last night before bowing, 90-78.

With only one starter back from last year, the Seminoles made a strong showing before some 8,000 first-nighters in

LSU's Coliseum.

FSU trailed by only six points (78-90) with 4:18 to play. The Bayou Bengals pulled away in the final seconds.

It was the third game of the FSU-LSU series and the Tigers now have a 2-1 edge. The teams may play again when they join Georgia and Jacksonville (Fla.)

University in the Gator Bowl tournament in Jacksonville Dec. 29-30.

The Seminoles got outstanding efforts last night from two promising sophomores, forward Dave Fedor of Zephyrhills and guard Jack Davis of Hagerstown, Ind., and from senior center John Richter of Gloversville, N. Y.

Fedor led Seminole scorers

with 18 points, getting 16 of them in a second half which saw the Tribe outscore LSU, 45-44. Richter bagged 17 points and picked off 15 rebounds in a fine display under both boards.

A pair of sophomores led LSU. Forward Joe Clune tossed in 21 points and George Mattin got 19. Mattin teams with junior Dick Davies (20 points) to give the Bengals one of the South's swiftest guard combinations.

Both teams enjoyed hot shooting for an opening night. LSU finished with 48 per cent from the floor and FSU hit on 42 per cent of its field-goal shots. Each team collected 33 field goals but the Tigers won it from the free-throw line, 23-12.

LSU took a quick 3-0 lead but FSU fired in six straight points to go ahead, 6-3. The Seminoles held the lead until Joe Borgini tied it at 21-21 with 8:28 left in the first half.

FSU	FG	FT	F	TP
Feder	8-17	3-3	3	12
Ashworth	6-12	0-0	4	12
Richter	5-13	1-3	2	17
Savage	3-13	2-3	2	12
Davis	5-17	6-9	2	16
Swain	0-3	0-2	2	0
Woodward	0-0	0-0	1	0
Edney	0-2	0-0	0	0
Smith	1-1	0-0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33-88</b>	<b>17-28</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>78</b>
LSU	FG	FT	F	TP
Bergin	3-15	0-1	1	10
Clune	5-15	5-7	4	21
Conklin	1-2	1-1	0	3
Martin	5-11	9-9	4	19
Davies	7-13	8-7	1	20
Hines	3-7	0-3	1	4
Guglielmo	0-0	2-2	0	2
Raisor	2-2	0-0	1	4
Lewis	1-1	0-0	0	2
Hudson	1-2	0-0	2	2
Smith	0-1	0-0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33-69</b>	<b>23-30</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>89</b>
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