

A pair of squeaky five-point victories by Florida State and Miami against state rivals last night served as a prelude to the local "game of the year" coming up here tomorrow.

Bud Kennedy's Seminoles and Bruce Hale's Hurricanes, victors over Tampa and Florida last night, collide at Tully Gym tomorrow night. A Miami victory would give the Hurricanes a 15-1 season record, the mythical state college title, and enhance their solid chances of a National Invitation Tournament or NCAA bid.

10TH STRAIGHT

Miami won its 10th straight at Gainesville last night, trimming Florida's Gators, 70-65, in an overtime thriller. Dick Hickox, Miami's 5-6 scoring leader and playmaker, sparked Miami's overtime drive with five of his 19 points.

It was Hickox, junior star from Fort Wayne, Ind., who sank a free throw with three seconds left in regulation time that tied the score at 59-59. Hickox missed a bonus toss that would have won it for Miami without the extra period.

Florida State had an equally tough time with surprisingly stubborn Tampa, freezing the ball in the last minutes for a 73-67 nod. The Spartans, who suffered their 10th setback against a single victory, threw up a zone defense that forced the Seminoles to shoot from outside.

It was FSU's third triumph in five home starts and moved its season record to 5-10.

TO CENTENARY

Ironically, Miami's only defeat was a seven-point loss administered by Centenary College at Shreveport, in the Hurricanes' fifth game this season. FSU stopped Centenary by 10 points here last week.

On the other hand, Florida tripped FSU by 10 points at Gainesville in an early-season game.

Kennedy opened with an all-sophomore lineup against Tampa. The Tribe grabbed an early 6-1 lead but the score was tied five times before FSU rested at intermission with a 39-31 edge.

Tampa fought back after the half and went ahead, 51-49, on Chuck Engelking's jump shot with 12:50 left. Guard Jack Davis banged in two quick baskets and the Seminoles never trailed.

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A pair of quick field goals by John Pellegrino shaved FSU's lead to three points with 1:10 to go. But Fred Woodward, who hit for 13 points in the final half, meshed two free throws

and the Seminoles successfully stalled the final minute.

Sophomore Dave Fedor raised his season average to 15.8 points, leading all scorers with 21 points. Soph Rufus Ashworth had 14 points, all in the first half, and Davis contributed 11.

HIGH HITTING

Tampa hit on 41 per cent of its shots, with all five starters hitting double figures. Guard Billy Turner's 18 points was high for the Spartans.

"We'll have to play much, much better against Miami to stay in the game with them," Kennedy said. "We were very inept in board work and our ball handling was sour against Tampa."

Tampa outrebounded FSU, 54-45, with forward John McNamara getting 15 rebounds. Fedor had 13 for FSU.

FSU's freshmen (2-1) breezed to a 103-54 decision over a group of fraternity all-stars in last night's preliminary game. Forward Charles Long scored 33 points for Baby Seminoles, who test a team of former FSU and Jacksonville University players in a preliminary game tomorrow night.

TAMPA	FG	FT	PR	TP
McNamara	2-6	7-10	1	11
Engelking	7-22	2-2	2	16
Bengler	4-8	2-4	1	10
Turner	8-20	1-3	3	18
Pellegrino	5-8	3-1	4	10
Boyt	1-2	0-0	2	2
Totals	27-66	13-20	13	67

FSU	FG	FT	PR	TP
Fedor	10-22	1-3	1	21
Ashworth	6-13	2-3	2	14
Swain	0-0	0-0	3	0
Davis	3-11	5-7	1	11
Edney	1-4	2-3	1	4
Whitehead	3-5	0-0	0	6
Richter	1-3	0-1	3	2
Savage	0-5	1-3	1	1
Woodward	5-10	3-3	0	13
Smith	0-0	0-0	1	0
Totals	29-73	14-23	15	72
Tampa			31-35	67
FSU			39-33	72

ALL-STARS (54)	FSU FR. (103)
Boltz (4) F	Long (33)
Moren (12) F	Google (17)
Nellums (8) C	Hughes (12)
Cowart (7) G	Ricketts (13)
Lanford (4) G	Reiman (8)

Halftime: 51-25, FSU Frosh.
 Subs: Fraternity All-Stars — Zyla, Spooner 3, McCrocklin 3, Reynolds, Dannelly 3, Hobbs, Cole 4; FSU Frosh — Reeves 3, Allee 4, Dale 4, Ek 1, Di-Vicaglia 2.