

Memphis State, swiftest, smartest basketball team to appear in Tully Gymnasium this season, fired in 52 first-half points then relied on defense to defeat Florida State, 83-67, here last night.

The talented Tigers, who accepted a bid to the National Invitation Tournament on Monday, were in command all the way, leading on three occasions in the second half by 24 points.

FSU's once-beaten freshman team won its fourth straight game with a 91-83 nod over Chipola Junior College in the preliminary.

Playing without two starters, Rufus Ashworth and Fred Woodward, the Seminoles were no match for Memphis State. Ashworth has a fractured jaw and Woodward underwent an operation for appendicitis Monday.

Hitting on 53 per cent of its shots before intermission, Memphis State grabbed a 52-32 lead at the half. After falling behind by 24 points, FSU pulled within 15 points but couldn't get closer.

The 16-point loss was the worst of the season for the Tribe, now 6-13. Memphis State has won 14 of 17 games.

The Seminoles outscored the visiting Tigers, 35-31, in the second half. But a 16-point first-half splurge by forward George Price, only senior on the Memphis State squad, helped Memphis State to its 20-point lead at the half.

Price finished with 23 points and three other Tigers hit double figures.

Sophomores scored 63 of FSU's total of 67 points, eight points more than Memphis State has been accustomed to giving up this season. FSU Coach Bud Kennedy started four sophomores and they, along with sub Roger Freudenstein, were the top five scorers for the Seminoles.

Forward Dave Fedor and guard Bill Cotton paced FSU with 15 points each. Freudenstein bagged 14 points and guard Jack Davis had 11. Cotton had 11. Cotton and Freu-

denstein, transfer students from Butler University, were playing in only their second game since becoming eligible at the semester break. Both showed promise.

"Memphis State has as fine a basketball team as we have played in several years," Kennedy said. "They are a big, rugged team that plays sound basketball. We were well pleased with holding them to 31 points in the second half."

Tiger Coach Bob Vanatta praised the Seminoles for their rebounding job. The Seminoles outrebounded the Tigers, 47-45, with Fedor getting 13 rebounds.

"FSU has some tremendous sophomores, the makings of a good ball club," Vanatta said.

The Seminoles host Rollins here Thursday night.

Hugh Durham's Baby Seminoles got terrific scoring performances from forward Charles Long and guard Dale Ricketts in turning back Chipola. Long scored 33 points, hitting 14 of 22 shots from the field, and Ricketts added 21 points.

The FSU freshman play South Georgia here Friday and entertain Florida freshmen here Saturday night.

MEMPHIS STATE FG		FT	PF	TP
Price	10-18	3-4	4	22
Kirk	3-12	3-11	1	14
Snyder	8-19	1-2	4	13
Wolfe	4-4	4-1	3	8
Wolfe	3-17	2-3	1	18
Mangum	0-3	2-2	2	2
Jackson	0-2	4-1	2	4
Yates	2-2	0-0	4	4
Kibbey	0-2	1-1	2	1
Lane	0-0	0-0	1	0

Totals 33-70 17-25 25 52

FLORIDA STATE FG		FT	PF	TP
Fedor	4-13	7-9	2	15
Swain	2-10	4-7	2	8
Ritcher	1-7	2-3	4	4
Davis	4-9	3-5	4	11
Cotton	3-15	3-6	1	15
Freudenstein	6-14	2-3	4	16
Casteel	0-1	0-0	0	0
Whitehead	0-0	0-0	0	0
Edney	0-0	0-0	0	0

Totals 22-65 23-33 18 57

MSU 52-31-33

FSU 32-35-67

CHIPOLA JC 83		FSU FROSH 91	
Soder (17)	F	Long (33)	
Dietz (7)	F	Coogler (11)	
Chambliss (12)	C	Hughes (6)	
Norsworthy (13)	G	Ricketts (21)	
Weatherington (4)	G	Reiman (4)	

Halftime score: FSU 35; Chipola 31.

Subs: Chipola—JC—Sullivan, Duggan, Guy, Jackson 16, Kirkland 16, Hickman 4, Owens, FSU Fresh—Allen 3, Dibleckle, Dale 13, Ek 3, Sauls.