

A determined second-half bid by Florida State and "technical difficulties" on the part of The Citadel were features as the Seminoles cut down the Bulldogs, 83-77, in a fast and furious basketball battle here last night.

Overcoming a 13-point Bulldog lead, the Seminoles staged their biggest comeback of the season for their third straight victory and fifth triumph in their last six games.

FSU raised its overall record to 9-7 in its first victory ever over The Citadel after three previous losses to the Bulldogs. No. 2 team in the Southern Conference, The Citadel absorbed its seventh setback after 12 triumphs.

COOGLE WORK

Trailing for the first 33½ minutes, FSU caught the hot-shooting visitors on Faurest Coogle's basket with 12:40 to play. After the lead changed hands two more times and the score was knotted four times, Coogle's follow shot from in front of the basket gave FSU a 72-71 lead it never relinquished.

FSU dropped in a whopping seven free throws—three by Dave Fedor on technical fouls called on the Bulldogs—in the final 55 seconds.

Officials Dick Pace and Fagen Canzaneri assessed The Citadel with five technical fouls, three on Gary Daniels, the Bulldogs' leading scorer with a 22.8 average.

Daniels was ejected by Pace with 28 seconds left after drawing his third technical foul.

Fedor, whose ability seems to improve with each game, again led the Seminoles, scoring 27 points and pulling down 21 vital rebounds. It was the 41st straight game the 6-6 Zephyrhills junior bagged double figures.

All the Seminoles played big roles in the dramatic comeback, however. Center Ray Swain finished with 17 points and guards Jack Davis and Rufus Ashworth, switched from forward after the academic loss last week of Dale Ricketts, each collected 12 points. One big factor was the play of sophomore Coogle. Seeing only limited action in the past several games, Coogle came off the bench to push in nine points, seven in the final half. Twice Coogle's timely baskets brought FSU from one point behind when the action got thick.

DANIELS HELD

Daniels was checked with 13 points by the slick defensive play of Swain. But Dick Jones, The Citadel's senior guard and captain, fired in 29 points, hitting 13 of 18 shots from the field. Jones was deadly from 20-25 feet out.

With a steady rain outside Tully Gym, the Seminoles were ice cold inside in the early stages. The Citadel shot into an 8-1 lead before Ashworth's jumper gave FSU its first field goal with nearly five minutes gone.

Keith Stowers' push shot gave the Bulldogs a 23-12 edge with 11:12 gone. With Fedor scoring 10 straight points, FSU trimmed the deficit to five points. But Jones flipped in some outside shots for a 42-29 Citadel margin with 2:50 left in the half. It was The Citadel by 44-34 at intermission.

The Seminole rally started early in the second half. Outscoring the Bulldogs, 23-12, in the first seven minutes, FSU finally pulled ahead when Coogle slipped loose for a two-pointer.

A tight zone defense had troubled the Tribe in the early going. But hot outside shooting brought the Bulldogs out of their

zone and into a full-court press in the fading minutes.

HOT AVERAGE

The Citadel finished with an amazing 64.6 per cent from the field, making a fantastic 15 of 19 second-half shots. But the Bulldogs scored only three points on free throws in the final 20 minutes.

By contrast, the Seminoles managed only 38.1 per cent of its 84 shots from the field. But after making only four foul shots in the first half, the Tribe zeroed in for 15 free throws and 18 field goals after intermission.

Daniels ran afoul of the officials in the first half, when Pace called two technicals on the high-scoring junior for disagreeing too strongly on calls. Guard Jerry Buchanan drew the first of three lightning fast technicals in the final minute.

Daniels got the next one and was sent to the bench, and the final technical was called against The Citadel's bench.

According to Bill Stewart, publicity director of The Citadel, the team had not had a technical foul called on it in five years.

The Seminoles go after a 10th victory in a game with Valdosta (Ga.) State here Saturday night.

THE CITADEL	FG	FT	PF	TP
Daniels	4-8	3-5	1	13
Howe	6-8	1-2	5	13
Stowers	4-6	1-2	4	9
Buchanan	8-5	4-4	3	4
Jones	13-18	3-4	4	29
Mande	1-1	1-2	4	3
Wehrmeister	2-3	0-1	1	4
Ormerod	0-0	0-0	0	0
Elliott	0-0	0-0	0	0
Madrazo	1-1	0-1	1	2

Totals 31-48 15-23 23 77

FLA. STATE	FG	FT	PF	TP
Fedor	10-23	7-9	2	27
Long	2-8	1-4	2	5
Swain	7-18	3-5	1	17
Davis	4-8	4-6	3	12
Ashworth	5-18	2-5	4	12
Coogle	4-6	1-4	2	9
Edney	0-3	1-2	1	1

Totals 32-84 19-35 16 83

The Citadel 44-33-77

Florida State 34-49 83

Attendance: 3,000.