

Befuddled momentarily by blistering outside shooting by Valdosta State, Florida State's basketball team came to life in the last eight minutes of the opening half and racked up an 86-86 basketball victory here last night.

The triumph was the fourth straight for the streaking Seminoles and their sixth conquest in the past seven games. Coach Bill Kennedy's Tribe has boosted its overall record to 10-7.

Valdosta State, which employed a deliberate, ball-control offense in the early minutes, couldn't cope with FSU's superior rebounding and solid shooting, and suffered its first setback in 11 games. The Rebels are 12-4 for the season.

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Trainer Don Pauls gave Fedor a stomach-settling dose of medicine just before game time and Dandy Dave responded with his 42nd consecutive game in double figures. He boosted his scoring average slightly to 19.5 points and his rebound average to 14.1.

Ray Swain, hitting on five of

seven shots from the floor, chipped in with 16 points. Sophomore in Faurest Coogle came off the bench to toss in 12 points. Senior ta Jerry Smith hit nine points, a season high for him. In the final 14 minutes.

W. A. Carver, a 5-8 guard, flipped in 15 points (all in the final half) to lead the visiting Rebels.

The score was tied four times before Valdosta State took a 22-17 edge after 11 minutes. Swain dropped in a free throw, Fedor tapped in a rebound, and Coogle sank a layup to tie it for the last time at 22-21. Swain slipped underneath for a lay-in and the Seminoles never trailed thereafter.

By halftime, FSU had a 34-28 margin. The Seminoles' widest lead was 22 points when Fedor hit a jumper with 9:54 to play.

HIGH ACCURACY

Connecting on 60 per cent of their first-half shots, the Rebels went nearly seven minutes after intermission before guard Doug Winters swished Valdosta's first second-half field goal. Valdosta State finished with a respectable 49 per cent from the field.

FSU closed with a season-high 53.2 per cent from the field, sinking a number of baskets on fine feeds off a fast break.

Fedor finished with just nine less rebounds than the entire Valdosta team, which got several of its 27 rebounds after Fedor departed to rest on the bench. FSU logged 44 rebounds.

A crowd of 1,200 was on hand as the Seminoles snapped the Rebels' 10-game winning streak.

FSU, with seven games remaining, already is assured of its best basketball finish since the 1955-56 Seminoles won 18 of 25 games. The Tribe has two tough games on the road next week, meeting Georgia in Athens Thursday and The Citadel in Charleston, S. C., Saturday.

VALDOSTA STATE	G	F	P	T
Chambliss	5-8	1-2	3	11
Williams	1-2	1-3	3	3
Balley	3-6	1-1	2	7
Melvin	3-9	4-8	3	10
Winters	4-9	2-2	2	10
Nichols	1-2	0-0	1	2
Carver	5-10	3-3	1	15
Anderson	2-3	4-4	2	8
Hudson	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	24-49	18-23	21	64

FLORIDA STATE	G	F	P	T
Fedor	9-16	4-5	0	22
Ashworth	3-8	2-2	4	8
Swain	5-7	6-9	1	16
Davis	2-6	1-3	2	5
Edney	2-5	1-1	2	5
Coogie	5-7	2-6	2	12
Long	4-8	1-1	2	9
Smith	3-5	3-5	3	9
Totals	33-42	20-32	16	58

Valdosta State 28 38-66

Florida State 35 51-66

Attendance: 1,200.