

Down 31-30 at halftime, Florida State's basketball team hit on 68% of its shots after intermission and dumped Tampa 92-60 in an opener here Saturday night.

Providing a big spark was 6-5 sophomore Jerry Shirley, whom Coach Bub Kennedy dressed out in a familiar number for his first varsity game.

Kennedy gave Shirley, a Mobile, Ala., boy, No. 43. That was the one worn by Dave Fedor the past three seasons. Now a pro with the San Francisco Warriors, Fedor came to be regarded as the best player in FSU history.

Shirley bagged nine of 12 field-goal attempts and finished the evening with 21 points.

Charley Long, lone returning starter from last year's fine team, sank 14 points and junior Bob Ek contributed 11.

After a cautious start, the Seminoles broke out in a profusion of errors.

At one early point, they held a 26-18 lead. Then Tampa started hitting steadily and finally recaptured the lead at 31-30 on a 3-point play by Chuck Andrews just before the halftime whistle.

FSU players sank only 31 per cent of their first-half shots.

With their hot late going, however, they ended the evening

with an overall percentage of 49.4 per cent, just a shade below their nation-leading average of 51.2 per cent last season.

Shirley also pulled down 11 rebounds. Junior center Dale Reeves plucked 12 off the boards as the Seminoles dominated the recovery phase throughout.

Dan Boyt, Tampa's 6-8 center, got 13 points and 6-0 guard George Shary had 14.

It was FSU's 21st victory in 30 starts against Tampa down through the years. Tampa returned three starters from a team that went 15-11 a season ago and

lost to FSU by 28 and 21 points.

"I'm glad this one is out of the way," said Kennedy, "Our boys were just plain nervous out there at the start. We have so many players we're counting heavily on this year who have never played varsity ball before."

Not a free-fouling team last year, FSU had 27 infractions in this one, but they were well divided and no Seminole fouled out.

The Seminoles didn't capitalize well on their opportunities at the foul line, sinking only 55.2 per cent of the free ones versus Tampa's 68.4 per cent.

FSU plays Valdosta State here Monday night, and Florida here Thursday.

In a preliminary, FSU freshmen beat Manatee Junior College 72-43 as Bill Phillips led with 19 points.

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	G	F T		G	F T
Stevenson	3	1 7	Long	6	2 14
Andrews	4	3 11	Ek	4	3 11
Boyt	3	7 13	Shirley	9	3 21
Shary	4	6 14	Ricketts	1	5 7
Pellegrino	8	2 2	Rogers	4	1 9
Burke	2	5 9	Huge	1	1 1
			Coogle	4	0 8
			Reeves	4	1 9
			Winter	6	0 0
			Lovell	1	0 2
			Dale	3	0 6
Irvin	1	2 4	Giswold	1	0 2

Totals 17 26 60 Totals 38 16 92

HALFTIME: Tampa 31-30.

FREE THROWS MISSED—Tampa: Stevenson 3, Shary 4, Pellegrino 2, Burke 3. Florida State: Long 3, Ek, Shirley, Rogers 2, Huge, Coogle, Reeves 3.

PERSONAL FOULS—Tampa: Stevenson 3, Andrews 3, Boyt 4, Pellegrino 4, Irvin 2. Florida State: Long 2, Ek 2, Shirley 3, Ricketts 4, Rogers 3, Huge, Coogle 4, Reeves 2, Winter, Lovell 3, Dale 2.

ATTENDANCE—Estimated 3,300.