

Democrat Sports Editor

Florida State, hopefully was a bit readier for tomorrow night's tussle at Kentucky after dealing Alabama's basketball team its first loss of the young season here last night.

Getting their last 18 points from the free-throw line, the Seminoles toppled the Crimson Tide by 72-63.

FSU plays highly rated Kentucky, then rests for a week, renewing its schedule against Auburn here on the 21st.

Though FSU never trailed and a runaway seemed in prospect during the early stages, Alabama rallied vigorously and it was a real wrestle almost all of the last half.

TOP WORK

With Charley Long and Jerry Shirley providing the spark with their scoring and rebounding, FSU controlled the boards and enjoyed greater efficiency from the field. The Tribe had a 50-to-38 margin in rebounding, sank 49.2 per cent of 59 field-goal tries while Alabama hit just 35.4 per cent of its 65 shots.

Long got 16 points and 10 rebounds, Shirley 15 and 13.

Alabama, which returned just one starter from a team that went 11-and-15 last year, had won its first two starts of this season, over Southwestern Louisiana (58-53) and Southern Mississippi (71-52).

The Seminoles, with one starter back, too, now stand 3-and-2 after beating Tampa and Valdosta State, losing to Florida and Auburn.

Alabama, with one senior listed on a roster of 15, started an all-home-state lineup and quickly FSU shot in front.

Both teams were rather hot at the beginning. FSU dropped in its first four attempts from the field, Alabama its first three.

Soon FSU enjoyed its biggest lead of the evening, at 24-12.

Alabama closed within 26-22 range, but with Long connecting on some key ones from far out the Seminoles pulled away again, to 37-27.

CLOSE GOING

Then the Tide rallied again. Robert Andrews, top Tide scorer with 16 points, got four three-throws and Hinton Butler a fielder and a free one to narrow things to 37-34 at halftime.

On two straight buckets by James Booth, the Tide caught up for the first and only time at 42-42. In a brief spn there after Wally Dale poured in all of his six points for the evening—three fielders—to pace a 57-50 FSU lead.

Then Alabama pulled within 57-55 range. Shirley worked a 3-points play for easier breathing. But with about four minutes left Alabama was mighty close again, at 62-60.

The pressure was on the visitors. FSU drew a succession of foul shots.

And the Seminoles, who had put just four points on the board from the charity line up until then, got 10 free ones. Long collected on 6-of-6 in those last minutes.

Dale Reeves, bagging six of seven field-goal tries, had 12 points and Pete Rogers 11 in the FSU cause. Booth, who shot a whopping 19 times from the field and made good on seven, had 14 for Alabama, and Butler got 12.

FROSH WIN

FSU freshmen, not up to the vigorous form of earlier games, had a rough evening of it before extending their record to 5-0 with a 59-56 decision.

Behind three points at half-time, the Baby Seminoles were spurred by 6-6 Gary Schull, who hit eight of 12 shots from the field and ended with 21 points.

Firing at virtually every opportunity, the Alabama youngsters attempted 81 shots from the floor—versus FSU's 45—but hit only 22, or 27.2 per cent. FSU, with 19 buckets, had 42.2 per cent accuracy from the floor.

		fg	ft	reb	pf	tp
ALABAMA						
Butler		12-4	25-4	5	1	12
Booth		19-7	31-0	6	3	14
Sullivan		3-1	11-0	1	3	2
Andrews		7-4	2-8	9	4	16
Craig		5-1	2-1	2	4	3
Perry		8-1	10-0	4	2	6
Floyd		6-0	11-1	1	0	1
Berry		4-2	3-2	2	1	6
Carr		7-1	1-1	1	0	3
Team				5		

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		fg	ft	reb	pf	tp
FLORIDA STATE						
Long		11-5	7-0	10	2	16
Shirley		16-6	3-3	13	1	15
Reeves		7-5	1-0	5	3	12
Ricketts		4-1	3-2	2	3	4
Huge		5-1	6-2	7	5	4
Dale		5-3	0-0	1	2	6
Ek		3-2	1-0	1	1	4
Rogers		8-5	2-1	5	2	11
Levell		0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Team				6		

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Alabama 24 29-63
Florida State 17 35-72

		fg	ft	tp			fg	ft	tp
ALABAMA					FSU				
Houck		2	2	6	Hey		0	3	3
Schumacher		3	4	10	Peacecock		4	3	11
Parker		2	2	6	Phillips		0	2	2
Moses		5	0	10	Leakey		5	1	11
Franklin		6	0	12	Wallace		2	6	10
Orr		0	0	0	Kingsbury		0	1	1
Thompson		0	0	0	Schull		8	5	21
Sloan		2	3	7					
Owens		1	1	3					
Hobson		1	0	2					

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Halftime: Alabama 25-22

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