

LEXINGTON, Ky.—Florida State took on a vastly superior Kentucky basketball team here last night, fought gamely as it could, and lost like they were supposed to.

That summed it up neatly and succinctly in jam-packed Memorial Coliseum, where it was hot inside and below zero out.

The Wildcats, chastised lately by Coach Adolph Rupp for their "uninspired" play, played well enough to rout FSU 83-54.

It was the Seminoles third loss against three wins. Kentucky, expected again to be a national leader, is now 2-1.

The game, witnessed by 11,300 fans, was quickly decided in the first half when Kentucky roared out of its dressing room and hit 61.5 per cent from the field to make the score 55-33 at halftime.

Kentucky maintained at least an 11-point lead throughout the final 10 minutes of the first half.

Coach Adolph Rupp had his team working its man-to-man defense at its peak against the FSU shuffle offense. The Seminoles could seldom break a man loose to score. So tight was the defense, Florida State took only 26 shots from the field, hitting 11.

SEMINOLE JITTERS

Florida State shook an understandable case of first-half jitters and tried to make it a contest for a while after intermission, moving within 15 points with 5:36 remaining. But Kentucky scored 14 points over the last four minutes to take it going away.

Top individuals for the evening were a pair of gentlemen being called all sorts of good things by UK fans this season — big center Cotton Nash and carrot-topped Don Rolfe. Nash, sure to be an All-American, sacked 19 points and pulled down the same number of rebounds. Rolfe scored 19 and had 13 rebounds.

Kentucky opened the second half in the same fashion FSU opened the first — playing ragged basketball. The Wildcats went scoreless for the first three minutes.

Team captain Scotty Baesler almost single-handedly held FSU at bay until Kentucky found itself in the second half. The 5-11 senior from Lexington stole the ball three straight times to set up three Kentucky baskets.

Nash just couldn't find the range after intermission, and after making several floor errors, he was benched by Rupp with 6:29 to play.

RICKETTS LEADS TRIBE

For FSU, senior Dale Ricketts and junior Dale Reeves — the latter from nearby Louisville — scored 18 and 12 points, respectively.

In the end Kentucky cooled off from the outside and finished with an overall shooting percentage of 45.7 compared to FSU's 36.2. The Wildcats had a 59-41 rebound advantage.

Florida State now takes a nine-day rest for exams. Next game for the Seminoles will be on Dec. 21 against Auburn in Tallahassee.

FSU Coach J. K. (Bud) Kennedy couldn't be too displeased over the Seminole performance.

"These kids were a little scared at first, and it's to be expected," he said afterwards.

"After all, we had five boys in there who were playing only their sixth varsity game. Ken-

tucky has a lot of excellent basketball players. They're gonna be tough this year."

FLORIDA STATE				
Long	2-10	0-1	1	4
Shirley	2-4	0-0	4	4
Reeves	4-9	4-7	1	12
Rodgers	4-12	3-3	2	11
Ricketts	7-10	4-5	2	18
Hugo	2-3	0-0	3	4
Ek	0-3	0-1	1	0
Dale	0-0	1-2	0	1
Winter	0-0	0-0	0	0
Lovell	0-0	0-0	0	0
Giswold	0-0	0-0	1	0
TOTALS	21-58	12-20	15	54
KENTUCKY				
Roberts	4-9	1-2	2	9
Nash	7-17	5-9	3	19
Rolfes	8-13	2-6	3	18
Baessler	5-13	0-0	3	10
Ishmael	6-11	1-2	3	13
S. Harper	1-4	0-0	0	2
Embry	1-1	0-0	3	2
Deeken	3-10	0-1	0	6
Adams	1-2	0-0	0	2
Kennett	0-0	0-0	0	0
Mobley	1-1	0-0	0	2
TOTALS	37-81	8-20	17	53
FLORIDA STATE			33	21-54
KENTUCKY			35	23-53