

**SAVANNAH, Ga.**—A fellow with Savannah Invitational Official etched on his blouse, drooped his shoulders, sat back and breathed a sigh:

"Maybe," he groaned, "We should just charge a buck Saturday night and let 'em watch films of that FSU-Alabama game."

Florida State had just beaten Alabama, 40-43, here last night in the middle round of the Savannah Invitational Basketball Tournament. And maybe he had a point.

The Seminoles are scheduled to meet little Georgia Southern tonight in the finals, and chances

are excellent that they'll bring home a trophy. Alabama will meet Georgia, too, but if FSU wins it'll be all over since the Seminoles are the tourney's only unbeaten team.

The FSU-Bama scrap will be the big talking point when this three-day, four-team round-robin affair ends. That's for sure.

FSU came out listless for the tipoff after a Thursday night victory over Georgia, but sophomore guards Ross Winter and Pete Gonzalez perked them to a hot first-half finish and took charge to preserve a sometimes-shaky lead.

Alabama, clogging up the middle of FSU's shuffle offense, led 43-42 with as little as six minutes left. But FSU went into a

semi-stall which rattled the Tide into committing costly errors.

FSU Coach Bud Kennedy was pleased as punch with the play of Winter and Gonzalez, neither counted on for much action this year. Winter scored 10 points for the second straight night (he'd scored that many in six previous games), Gonzalez teaming with him with a sparkling floor performance in his second varsity game.

Top scorer for FSU was sophomore Jerry Shirley, who hit for 15 points and grabbed a dozen rebounds. Alabama's Robert Andrews scored 13 and had 14 rebounds, while Hinton Butler scored 18.

FSU, leading field goal percentage team in the nation last year with 51.2, hit only 20 of 60 from outside and a poor nine of

e 16 free throws. The difference:  
FSU took 80 shots, Alabama only  
43.

y The victory pulled FSU's rec-  
r ord to 55.

s In Friday night's preliminary  
r game, Georgia had a tough time  
l but finally slapped Georgia South-  
s ern its second journey loss, 70-  
1 61. Top scorers were Georgia's  
- Carlton Gill with 18 and Charles  
7 Bagby with 14.

Alabama	fg	ft	rb	pt	tp
Booth	3-1	3-6	6	4	2
Perry	6-1	4-2	6	2	0
Carr	4-0	1-1	0	1	1
Andrews	6-5	5-3	14	4	12
Butler	13-7	4-4	4	1	12
Berry	10-3	3-1	5	3	7
Craig	1-1	2-1	0	0	3
Team			2		
Totals	43-17	21-14	43	16	48
Fla. State	fg	ft	rb	pt	tp
Long	7-3	3-2	2	3	2
Huge	8-1	1-0	4	1	2
Shirley	16-7	1-1	12	4	15
Rogers	4-1	4-1	4	3	3
Dale	4-1	0-0	2	1	2
Reeves	3-0	1-1	4	0	1
Winter	11-4	2-2	0	0	10
Ek	3-1	0-1	2	0	3
Gonzalez	3-2	4-1	3	3	5
Lovell	1-0	0-0	0	0	0
Team			4		
Totals	60-20	15-9	37	15	49
Alabama			20	28	48
FSU			22	27	49