

SAVANNAH, Ga.—Perky Florida State* elbowed its way past out-gunned Georgia Southern Saturday night and stomped into the trophy room of the first — and probably the last—Savannah Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Seminoles became the only undefeated team in this three-day, four-team tourney by pasting Southern with a 79-60 defeat before less than 1,000 fans.

Georgia and Alabama, both earlier victims of Coach J. K. (Bud) Kennedy's Seminoles, were to meet late Saturday night for consolation honors. FSU beat Georgia, 77-69, Thursday night and Alabama, 49-48, Friday.

It was a somewhat surprising turn of events for FSU, which had lost three straight games and two of its senior players just before entering the tournament. Alabama came here with a 5-2 record and — despite an earlier loss to FSU in Tallahassee — was generally rated the favorite.

But FSU played one of its more courageous games in a Friday showdown with the Tide, in fact wrapping up the title at that point. Even if the Seminoles had lost to Georgia Southern,

they would have won the tourney. Sponsoring Jaycees ruled that in the event of a tie the team which had beaten the other would be the champ.

FSU had little trouble with Georgia Southern after breaking away for a 44-28 halftime lead. They retained a safe lead during the second half to make their season record 6-5.

Top scorer and rebounder for the Seminoles was junior guard Pete Rogers of Daytona Beach, who scored 14 points and pulled down 7 rebounds.

Other Seminoles in double digits were soph center Jerry Shirley of Mobile, Ala., with 12 points (and 7 rebounds) and junior Bob Ek of Jacksonville, with 13 and a generally strong performance.

Soph guard Ross Winter, a former prep teammate of Shirley's in Mobile, scored on three of four baskets before being injured in a hard spill under the Southern bas-

ket. Winter, who scored 26 points in the two-and-a-half games after hitting for only 10 in six previous contests, was given five stitches over the eye. He's all right.

For the losers, little guard John Burton was top scorer for the night, driving and spinning for 19 points. Three other Eagles scored in double figures.

FSU hit 47.1 per cent from the field, Southern only 30.6.

Florida State hit 51.4 per cent from the field in the first half, finally moving ahead of the tenacious Eagles with 11:10 remaining. Ek came off the bench for four quick field goals to shove the Seminoles ahead by 16 at intermission.

It was late in the first half that Winter was injured while driving in for an easy layup. He was bumped from behind and slammed to the floor, coming up with a nasty cut over his left eye. Winter, a surprise during the tourney, had scored his six points in only seven minutes.

The score changed hands or was tied seven times during the first half, but FSU's superiority began showing after the opening minutes of play.

FSU's halftime margin proved quite enough for Kennedy, who shuttled subs in and out the rest of the way. Georgia Southern, which has lost three starters in recent weeks for various reasons, never came closer than 12 points the remainder of the evening.

FSU's biggest lead was by 22 points with a minute to go.

There seemed little chance that Savannah would be too eager to stay in the college tournament business after this first experience. The three nights of play drew approximately 4500 fans, despite being the city's first taste of big-time basketball.

FLA. STATE	G	F	T
Long	3	3-3	9
Huge	1	0-1	2
Shirley	5	2-2	12
Levell	3	2-4	8
Rogers	6	2-2	14
Ek	6	1-1	13
Griswold	0	0-0	0
Winter	3	0-0	6
Gonzales	2	2-3	6
Dale	2	0-0	4
Reeves	2	1-1	5

Totals 33 13-17 79

GA. SOUTHERN	G	F	T
Vondielingen	4	3-3	11
Meybohm	2	6-8	10
Johnson	4	4-6	12
Adler	2	1-4	5
Burton	6	7-10	19
Werner	0	0-0	0
Greens	1	0-0	2
Stevens	0	1-2	1
Bellush	0	1-2	1

Totals 19 22-33 60

Florida State 35 44-79

Georgia Southern 32 23-61

Personal Fouls — Florida State, Long 3, Huge 3, Shirley 3, Levell 4, Rogers, Ek 2, Griswold 2, Winter 2, Gonzales 4, Dale 2, Reeves. Georgia Southern, Vondielingen 4, Meybohm 2, Johnson 3, Adler 3, Burton 2, Bellush.