

Down by 11 points in the first half, ahead by 12 in the last half, Florida State's rather startling basketball team toppled towering, touted Miami 77-74 here Saturday night in an overtime doozy.

The manner of triumph was as stunning as the sheer fact that FSU's 6-times losers had collared a team ranked as one of the nation's best. Miami had come to town with an 11-1 record, beaten only by La Salle in Philadelphia 78-76.

FSU did it with free throws in the 5-minute overtime, ushered in after a 64-64 deadlock at the end of regulation play.

All season long FSU has bordered on the lousy in free-throw proficiency, hitting barely more than 60%. Going into the extra period, the Seminoles had sunk just four free shots.

Pete Rogers, who missed on five earlier foul-line efforts, sank five of seven in that overtime. Charley Long hit four of four. All told, FSU got 11 of its 13 overtime points via free throws.

Long, lone senior on FSU's squad, was a leader, collecting 21 points that tied Miami's 7-1 Mike McCoy for game scoring honors.

REEVES SHINES

Dale Reeves came off the bench to replace Jerry Shirley, the team's top scorer and rebounder, and was a veritable bear. He got 19 points, pulled down 14 rebounds.

Rogers contributed 17 points. Cal Hoge bagged 12, hauled in 10 rebounds, did a big defensive job on Rick Barry, UM's 6-7 sophomore sensation. Barry, who had hit 31 points in a thumping 86-77 victory over Florida on Thursday, scored just 14.

Keenly efficient with their shuffle offense most of the way, as Miami employed a man-to-man defense most of the way, FSU hit 49.2% of its field-goal tries. UM sank 40%.

Despite Barry's pulling 15 off the boards, FSU out-rebounded its taller foe 60-to-56. There was no better indication of FSU's scrapping desire to win this one.

Shortly after the game's beginning it looked much like the Miami rout that most prognosticators had expected.

In the middle of the first half Miami held a 24-13 lead. Miami had pulled in front at 10-9 and spurred from there.

BIG MOVEMENT

With 46 seconds left in the half Huge popped in a 20-foot jumper that knotted things at 38-38. Moments later Huge hit an identical shot to provide the Tribe with a 40-39 lead at intermission.

The Seminoles were hot to trot from there in.

Hitting eight points in a span of one minute and 53 seconds, FSU raced to a 54-42 lead.

Miami started slicing, and with 2:15 to play Bernie Butts tied it at 64-64 with a 20-footer.

The clock showed 1:13 when Butts fouled Rogers. It was a 1-and-1 situation. Rogers missed. Miami called time out with the ball in its possession and 11 seconds to go. With four seconds left, Reeves fouled McCoy, who missed on his big 1-and-1 opportunity, too. Rogers grabbed the rebound and FSU signalled time out with missed a 30-foot shot as the gun sounded.

Kenny Allen sent Miami into a two seconds to play. But Shirley 66-64 lead in the first seconds of the overtime, bagging two free throws.

Then Rogers sank two free ones to tie it, 66-66. Barry followed with two from the foul line for a 68-66 Miami lead. With 3:41 left McCoy fouled Rogers, who hit his first shot, missed the second, narrowing things to 68-67. But Huge pulled off the rebound, fed to Long, who drove in for a layup and a 69-68 FSU lead.

MORE FOULS

Allen sank a driving layup with

2:38 to go, making it 70-69 Miami, but fouled Reeves in the process. Reeves hit the first of two attempts for a 70-70 tie.

Wally Dale fouled Allen with 2:16 to go. The guard sank two for a 72-70 Miami lead. Then Jack Spisak fouled Long with 1:35 remaining, and Long collected two, producing a 72-72 tie.

Then Spisak was guilty of an offensive foul and it was FSU's ball out of bounds. Allen fouled Long, who hit both free throws for a 74-72 FSU lead.

McCoy missed a desperation 20-footer with 35 seconds left. Wayne Beckner fouled Pete Gonzales in a tussle under the basket. Gonzales dropped in the first of two shots to pad the lead to 75-72.

Huge, in a scramble, fouled Beckner with 16 seconds left. Beckner hit both free ones to narrow things to 75-74. In another scramble, Beckner fouled Rogers. He missed the shot, but got another chance when Allen fouled him. Rogers sank two, to provide the final margin with a second remaining.

The game attracted a capacity Tully Gym turnout of 4500.

FSU now holds an '8-6 record with Georgia coming up here Monday night. The Seminoles have now won five of their last six.

Coach Bud Kennedy was an elated citizen.

"Our kids did a magnificent job," he said. "Huge did a real fine job on Barry. We had that boy in the book for 20 points before the game started.

"Reeves did a fine job, Charley Long the whole team.

"The fact that we had a week to prepare for Miami helped. We gave our boys three days of rest, last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. That helped, too."

FROSH WIN

FSU's freshmen remained unbeaten, romping over St. Johns Junior College of Palatka by 71-36 in a preliminary. It was a balanced scoring effort as Bill Phillips hit 15 points, Jim Wallace 14, Ken Leakey 11, Bill Peacock and Mike Kingsberry 10 a piece.

The Baby Seminoles led 30-15 at the half, sink 49.2% of their field-goal tries over the distance.

ST. JOHN'S | FSU FROSH

	fg	ft	tp		fg	ft	tp
Griffin	0	0	0	Hey	3	2	3
Hodges	0	0	0	Peacock	4	2	10
Dunn	0	0	0	Phillips	7	1	15
Strickland	2	1	5	Proctor	0	0	0
McCool	4	1	9	Leakey	5	1	11
Allison	0	1	1	Wallace	7	0	14
Schneider	2	3	7	Smith	0	0	0
Evans	3	1	7	Schull	1	1	3
Hof	2	0	4	Kingsberry	5	0	10
Kavanagh	1	1	3				

Totals	14	8	36	Totals	32	7	71
St. Johns					15-21		36
FSU Frosh					30-41		71

MIAMI		fg	ft	reb	pf	tp
Stavrett		6-3	0-0	4	2	6
Allen		8-3	8-7	2	5	13
Barry		10-4	7-6	15	3	14
Spisak		10-2	5-3	7	8	7
McCoy		24-10	5-1	8	4	21
Beckner		4-2	2-2	3	3	6
Butts		2-2	4-2	4	2	6
Kessler		1-0	2-1	0	0	1
Woods		0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Team				13		
Team	65-26	33-22	56	24	74	

FSU		fg	ft	reb	pf	tp
Shirley		1-1	1-1	7	2	3
Long		17-8	5-5	4	4	21
Huge		9-6	0-0	10	4	12
Rogers		11-6	12-5	7	4	17
Dale		6-1	2-0	2	5	2
Reeves		12-8	7-3	14	4	19
Gonzalez		1-1	3-1	2	1	3
Griswold		0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Team				13		
Totals	63-31	30-15	60	24	77	
Miami			39	25	10	74
FSU			40	24	13	77