

Down by as much as six points in the early going, Florida State's basketball team rallied big — and continuously—here Saturday night and throttled a frustrated Houston outfit 76-69.

The Seminoles went ahead for good at 20-18 with about eight minutes left in the first half. By intermission it was 39-29, and the Texans were never closer than three after that.

It may have been as fine an all-around effort as Coach Bud Kennedy's boys have had this season. And it was timely, for the Seminoles had lost three straight. The record is now 10-9.

Big 6-7 junior Dale Reeve came off the bench to spark FSU's scoring with 21 points. He also pulled down nine rebounds, as the Seminoles controlled the boards 45 to 33.

But it was hardly a one-man accomplishment.

Senior forward Charley Long, continuing his quick, smooth play that has him averaging 20.1 points in his last eight outings, got an even 20, plus seven rebounds.

Sophomore Cal Huger, the gam top rebounder with 10, pushed in 12 points and junior Pete Rogers, a clutch performer, had 11. Soph Pete Gonzalez was a solid spark with his floor game.

Houston's touted Lyle Harger, a 6-7 nominee for All-America honors, poured in 22 points, eight of 'em on free throws. He nabbed eight rebounds. Folly Malone got 14 points and Tommy Thomson 11.

At the beginning, Houston looked much like a pro team to the estimated crowd of 4200. The Cougars pushed in two quick fielders for a 4-0 lead. Then they led 9-3 and 11-5.

Jerry Shirley, Reeves and Huger sank 2-pointers, and Rogers pulled FSU even, at 13-13, with a 15-footer with 11 minutes to go in the half. On a 3-point play by Long, FSU took the lead for the first time at 16-15.

A minute or so later Long's 20-footer sent the Seminoles in front for good, at 20-18.

With Reeves bagging three buckets in the closing minutes of the half, FSU took a 10-points lead into the dressing room.

Houston came back flashily, scoring seven points that cut the deficit to 39-36. But that was as close as the Cougars got.

FSU's biggest lead was 11 points. With the score 50-44, Huger sank three successive FSU baskets to provide some working room.

Houston came within five points in the late going, at 66-61, 72-67 and 74-69, but couldn't close it though both Huger and Rogers fouled out in the final four minutes.

FSU sank 34 of 70 field-goal tries for 48.6 per cent. Houston hit 24 of 59 for 40.7 per cent. That FSU floor accuracy overcame faulty foul shooting—the Seminoles dropped in just eight

of 17 from the charity line. Houston made good on 21 of 29 free shots.

Houston went 21-6 last season and returned almost all of its players, looking for big things. But now the Cougars stand 9-7, faltering after winning their first five.

Some of the team's frustration was reflected in the actions of Coach Guy Lewis, who leaped from the bench to quarrel with officials three or four times.

The Seminoles play at Alabama tomorrow night. Next home game are Feb. 9 against Stetson and Feb. 11 against Centenary.

FRESHMEN WIN

Florida State's freshmen team, minus Coach Joe Williams for the first several minutes of action and off to a tardy start waiting for him, pounded out a 77-58 victory over the Jacksonville U. yearlings.

Gary Schull and Bill Peacock led the Baby Seminoles' seventh victory in 11 games, getting 20 and 16 points.

Ahead 41-25 at the half, FSU out rebounded Jacksonville, 40 to 25. Ralph Sanders had a big effort for the visitors, racking 24 points.

Coach Williams was late because his electric clock—stopped like all others in town by a foul-weather breakdown a couple of days ago—was late. He was out laboring in his yard, unaware of the correct time and his waiting lads.

JAX FROSH (50) FSU FROSH (77)
Copeland (16) Peacock (16)
Sanders (24) Wallace (9)
Fanning (6) Schull (20)
Polly (5) Kingsberry (9)
Hillhouse (5) Smith (10)
Halftime score: FSU 41, Jax Frosh 25.

Subs: Jax U.—Smith, Braswell (1); FSU—Hey (7), Proctor, Leakey (6).

Varsity

HOUSTON	fg	ft	reb	pf	lp
Herger	13-7	11-8	8	4	22
Malone	14-6	3-2	7	3	41
Schverak	8-2	3-2	6	8	8
Winch	4-0	1-0	0	1	0
Thomson	10-4	3-3	4	1	11
Oliver	5-2	2-2	0	0	6
Margenthaler	2-0	2-2	0	1	2
Bond	1-1	0-0	1	1	2
Lifschutz	3-1	2-1	6	2	3
Jost	0-0	0-0	0	0	6
Eckelman	0-0	0-0	0	0	6
Layne	1-1	2-1	1	0	3
Team			6		
Totals	59-24	29-21	33	13	89
FLA. ST.	fg	ft	reb	pf	lp
Long	12-8	5-4	7	2	20
Huge	11-6	3-0	10	5	12
Shirley	7-2	1-0	3	4	4
Rogers	8-5	1-1	6	5	11
Dale	6-1	2-2	1	1	4
Gonzales	7-2	0-0	6	0	4
Reaves	18-10	5-1	9	3	21
Ek	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Lovell	1-0	0-0	1	0	0
Team			2		
Totals	70-34	17-8	45	20	78
Houston			29	40	89
FSU			39	37	76