

Charley Long fired away at the basket five times in the first four minutes and 55 seconds. They were all on target, and those quick 10 points were much of the key as Florida State's basketball team met by Centenary College 82-68 here last night.

It was a hot Centenary team FSU bottled at the start . . . hot and aggressive.

The Centenary Gentlemen were racking points with swift precision. Save for Long's early work from the corner and from the outside, the Shreveport, La., visitors would have netted a margin that might have enabled them to dictate strategy.

As it was, Centenary was never ahead.

FLASHY NIGHT

Long had the highest scoring night of any Seminole this season, 28 points . . . bagging 12 of 19 field goal attempts . . . getting 19 points in the first half . . . topping his own previous one-game high of 26 against Valdosta State.

At that, he wasn't much more torrid than the collective doings of his teammates. The Tribe potted 36 of 63 floor shots for a vigorous 55.8 per cent and out-rebounded Centenary 47 to 29.

Jerry Shirley, the steady sophomore, was a big man under the boards, pulling down 14 and contributing 19 points. Long plucked 10 rebounds. Pete Rogers got nine rebounds and 13 points.

All of it boosted FSU's record to 14-9, with the next action against the Phillips 66 Oilers here Saturday night.

A bad-weather crowd of about 1,000 saw FSU step to a 6-2 lead. Centenary tied it at 6-6, then 8-8.

Shirley pumped one in, and Long added one of his arching shots from the corner for 12-8. Centenary still stuck close, was within 14-12 range soon after Long collected his 10th point.

On two rapid buckets by Rogers, FSU zipped in front 18-12. Shirley soon added a pair in succession and it was 22-13.

Despite Centenary's close guarding that buffaloes FSU's shuffle patterns much of the way, the Gents went 10½ minutes without a foul called on them. The Seminoles, meanwhile, continued to drill 'em in from the outside. They stretched the lead to 32-18.

A 3-point play by Long made it 30-25 with about 5:30 to go in the half. Long soon added a 2-pointer, then drew his third foul seconds later, retired to the bench with 4:36 remaining before intermission, set out the rest of the half.

Centenary rallied sharply. Jim Williams' last of eight straight points for his side made it 43-31 as FSU tried to slow it down.

On varied scoring bursts from there Centenary pulled to within 46-39 at halftime. Dale Reeves got FSU's last five points of the half — his total for the evening.

The Gents cut a re-extended FSU lead to six points, at 54-48 with four minutes gone in the latter portion. They went 7:20 in to the half without a foul called on them.

Then FSU started its conclusive move, with Long hitting two from the floor in a hurry, Shirley getting a pair of 2-pointers and Rogers adding one for a 66-54 margin. Centenary was never closer than 10 after that. A couple of times FSU led by as much as 16.

Williams, a 6-3 junior forward finished with 21 points and 11 rebounds. Riley Wallace, a 6-5 senior, got 13 and Cecil Upshaw, 6-6 junior, 10.

FSU sophomore Cal Hage, who scored 21 against Stetson on Saturday, hurt a knee early, got three fouls in the first nine minutes, and was off form. He fouled out with 3:15 left, scored not at all. Wally Dale also fouled out late.

It was Centenary's 9th loss in 19 games.

FROM ROMP

FSU's freshmen team made its record 9-6 with a 114-68 whumping of Panama City's Gulf Coast Junior College.

Six Seminoles scored in double figures. Bill Peacock got 20, Ken Lanley 19. Bill Phillips and Jim Wallace each scored 17 points and nabbed 15 rebounds as FSU dominated the boards, 73 to 14.

CENTENARY		fg	ft	reb	pt	tr
Ferrari	1-1	1-0	1-0	2	2	2
Busby	2-0	4-3	1-1	3	3	3
Moore	2-0	2-0	7-1	2	2	2
Wallace	11-6	1-1	2-0	13	13	13
McAfee	7-1	3-5	1-0	7	7	7
Williams	11-3	12-11	4-0	21	21	21
Upshaw	11-4	3-3	0-0	20	20	20
Butcher	3-2	1-0	2-2	4	4	4
TOTALS		56-23	30-27	73	74	74
FSU		fg	ft	reb	pt	tr
Shirley	10-3	4-3	14-1	10	10	10
Hage	5-0	0-0	3-5	0	0	0
Long	13-12	4-4	9-3	13	13	13
Rogers	8-6	3-1	0-2	13	13	13
Dale	6-4	0-0	2-5	2	2	2
Gonzalez	3-2	3-1	2-1	5	5	5
Reeves	1-1	3-3	4-0	5	5	5
Levell	3-2	1-0	1-0	4	4	4
TOTALS		63-35	18-12	67	67	67
Centenary				73	74	74
FSU				67	67	67