RICHMOND, Va. — A sterling performance by senior forward John Telepo was a key to the University of Richmond's 69-65 basketball victory over Florida State at The Arena here Thursday night.

The 6-4 Telepo sank 15 of 19 shots from the floor and four of five charity toss attempts for 34 points.

Florida State had shuffled off to an early lead, but the Spiders countered with a zone defense and, with four minutes gone in the game, took the lead for good. It was 32-29 at the half.

The Seminoles seemed on their way to pulling things out in the last minute. Sophomore guard Ken Leakey fired in two free throws to make it 67-63. Guards Pete Gonzalez and Bobby Lovell followed with a charity toss apiece, and it stood 67-65 with 37 seconds remaining.

Spider guard Spike Welsh was fouled at the buzzer and sank a pair from the foul line to give Richmond its final margin.

The victory gave Richmond a 7 3-6 record. Coach Bud Kennedy's t Seminoles are 4-6 now.

Florida State goes against Virginia Military at Lexington to Saturday night at 7:30. Next fi home game for the Tribe is V Jan. 11 against Miami.

Senior forward Pete Rogers led the Seminoles in points last night, with a total of 15. Sophomore Bill Peacock had 12 for the losers.

Richmond pulled down a total of 33 rebounds, Florida State 27. Junior forward Tom Tenwick led the Spiders with nine. Sophomore forward Gary Schull's seven — all but one made in the first half — were tops for FSU.

Richmond hit on 56 per cent of its 50 shots from the floor. Florida State could score on only 41.6 per cent of its 60 field goal attempts.

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