ATLANTA—Strapping Jim Caldwell, playing brilliant basketball all the way, sparked injury-riddled Georgia Tech over Florida State 77-73 in overtime Saturday night.

Minus two of its top players

— R. D. Craddock and Ron
Scharf — Georgia Tech took its
second consecutive overtime triumph. Scharf and Craddock
were injured in the Jackets'
grueling 75-71 win over Vanderbilt last week.

Caldwell, a 6-10 center, turned in the best performance of his career, pumping in 33 points and dominating the boards for 20 rebounds.

It was Florida State's first overtime game of the season. The Seminoles, who absorbed their 11th loss in 12 road games, stand 9-12 now. Tech owns a 16-6 mark.

It was a determined Tribe five that took to the court at the game's beginning. The Seminoles rushed into an early command, and led up until 5:17 was left in the first half, when Tech's John Herbert zeroed in a charity toss to send the Jackets ahead 29-27.

The lead swapped hands repeatedly in the ensuing minutes. With 45 seconds remaining, Bill Edison shot true on a jumper and Bill Nigg followed with a free throw to give the Jackets a 38-33 margin.

Team captain Pete Rogers put in a basket in the last five seconds to set the score at 38-35 at the buzzer.

Center Gary Schull's scoring
was Florida State's big weapon
in the first half. Schull's 12
points made him the game's
No. 1 scorer at that point. He
was not to score again, however.

Consecutive field goals by Caldwell at the second half's start sent Georgia. Tech ahead 12-35.

FSU took the top for the first time in the last half when Bobby Lovell came through with a fast - break basket with 10:09 left to make it 50-49.

From that point neither team was able to maintain a lead for more than a minute. A jumper

s by Jerry Shirley with 1:25 to go gave FSU a 69-67 lead. With one minute on the clock, Caldwell fired in a 20-footer to tie it at 69-69.

FSU took possession of the ball and took its time for a good shot, but Lovell missed and the game was knotted at the end of regulation play.

Caldwell sent a field goal sailing through to get the over-time going, then followed with two free throws to put the Jackets ahead 73-69. Shirley scored a field goal, but Nigg came back with a pair of free throws to keep Tech in front 75-71.

Rogers ripped in one from close in to raise the Tribe's hopes. With 10 seconds to go, FSU got the ball on a traveling charge. Shirley missed on an attempt from the floor.

Guard John Herbert raced downcourt for a layup to give the Yellow Jackets their final points.

Florida State connected on 43.6 per cent of its field goal attempts. Tech on 41.1 per cent. It was at the free throw line that the Jackets made their victory — hitting 17 charity tosses to FSU's 5.

FSU had four men in double figures — Rogers, 19, Shirley, 14, Cal Huge, 13, and Schull, 12. Tech led in rebounds 50 48. Tops for FSU in that department was Rogers, with 10.

Next game, for the Seminoles is at Tallahassee Saturday night against Jacksonville University. It's FSU's last home game

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