

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—Unbeaten Alabama, led by sophomore guard Bob Craig's eight points in an over-time period, parlayed a tough half-court press with superior marksmanship at the foul line last night to overcome Florida State 76-73.

Craig sandwiched six points around two Ken Leakey free throws in the extra period to give the Tide a four-point lead. Ron Malmen countered with a jumper for the Seminoles before Tuscaloosa-product Harry Hammonds put Alabama on top for good 76-70. Malmen managed another basket and a foul shot to close out Florida State's scoring.

The Seminoles will be back in home Tully Gym tomorrow night against arch-rival Florida. The Gators have won two, over VMI and Stetson. The Seminoles are now 2-2, felling Valdosta State and VMI while succumbing on the road to Auburn and Alabama. The freshman game between the bitter foes will get under way at 5:30, followed by the varsity tilt at 7:45.

The Crimson Tide, in winning its second without a loss, jumped to an early 11-point lead behind the shooting of forwards Bob Andrews and Charley Perry.

With a bothersome half-court pressing defense that seemingly foiled Florida State's shuffle offense, the Alabamans led by as much as 17 points before the Tribe got untracked.

Coach Bud Kennedy inserted center Jerry Shirley for the first time this season, with 8:20

left in the first half. The big 6-8 senior sparked a come back that saw the Tide's margin cut to 38-30 at the half.

The Seminoles, paced by the rebounding of Gary Schull, Malmen and Shirley, grabbed the lead changed hands five with 11:29 showing. From there the lead changed hands five times until there was 1:30 left and the count knotted 62-62.

