TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—Unbeaten Alabama, led by sophomore guard Bob Craig's eight points in an overtime 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 75-70. Melmen 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 folled 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 highest in the first half. The highest 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.

Schull was fouled and hit his free throw giving the Tribe a 63-62 lead. Guard Pete Gonzalez batted an Alabama pass, with 0:45 remaining, to Bill Peacock who passed to Leeky who was fouled. Leaky converted and the Tribe was two ahead.

Alabama played for one shot and Andrews was fouled and tied the game at 64-64 after he hit two pressurized charity tosees sending the contest into overtime.

Malmen led Florida State scores with 19, followed by Shirley, who had been sidelined with monucelusesis, with 15.

Andrews paced all scorers with 31.

In the preliminary game, Alabama freshmen rode the performances of Mike Nordhox and Tom Jones to a 75-65 victory over the Baby Seminoles.

Nordholz hit 21 points and Jones 19 to hand Coach Rufus Ashworth's frosh their third setback in four outings. Jim Lyttle led the Tribe with 14 points.

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