

Florida State's basketball team, nursing a 36-32 lead at halftime, trotted onto the Tully gym floor for the second half to the tune of "Tonight, tonight, won't be just any night. Tonight there will be no morning stars."

The band couldn't have been more on key, for Monday night was the NIGHT.

Florida State disciplined a strong Auburn team in the art of control basketball to the drumming tune of 58-55 before 4,500 fans.

It was Florida State's 11th straight success at home and more than reimbursement for the 92-68 shellacking the Tribe shouldered at Auburn in their third outing of the year. It raised Florida State's record to 11-6, left Auburn with a 11-4 chart.

It was no different from most other Tribe home victories this year — a skin-scratcher all the way. It was similar in other respects too.

FSU's "collective defense," as Coach Bud Kennedy has so aptly dubbed it, was in fine form once more, limiting the swift-moving, accurate-shooting Tigers to 45 shots from the field.

The tenacious Seminoles also contained Auburn's talented Lee DeFore in much the same manner that it had collared Jimmy Pitts, Rick Barry, John Hillman and Jim Caldwell in successive engagements. DeFore, a 17-point shooter, got nine points.

Florida State was outscored from the field, 21-19, but was quite adequate at the foul line, prevailing 20-13 there while hitting 76 per cent.

"We were ready for Auburn tonight which is a little different story, I think, than when we went up there to play," said Kennedy. "You know we didn't have Jerry Shirley up there and Ron Malmen was slowed, but tonight we went out there with a get-even attitude and won the ball game."

Shirley got 15 points and 11 rebounds while Malmen was his lately-efficient self as center Gary Schull suffered a bit on the ailing list.

Schull got only 10 points and six rebounds, slowed by a nagging virus.

Guard Pete Gonzalez hit 10 points while coming up with some dandy steals in the first half, and feeding flawlessly to teammates while directing the unusually slow Tribe offense.

Auburn, with one of the finest front lines anywhere, looked like a million dollars after it got the tip, working the ball a quick three times before Freddy Guy slipped open underneath on a cutting leg of the shuffle.

FSU stayed close, however, behind the marksmanship of Shirley and playmaking of Gonzalez, tied it at 12-12, then slid down six as Auburn's Larry

Cart terminated two fast breaks with layups and hit two free throws.

Florida State battled back behind a Malmen 20-footer, two charity tosses and a Schull layup to tie it up 19-19 with 8:48 left until the half.

The two teams traded three baskets each and Cart hit a free throw before Malmen found the range again, giving FSU its first lead of the evening, 26-25, with 4:27 remaining.

Auburn went back up behind guard Tee Faircloth, but Seminole guard Ken Leakey hit his first try from 15 feet to tie it at 30-all with 1:38 to go.

Then it was Gonzalez who provided impetus with a steal and a bank shot from 20 feet. Auburn moved fast but FSU's Bill Phillips, who had just replaced Schull, was faster as he picked off a Faircloth pass at half court and took it in with a resounding "dunk."

DeFore missed from out and Malmen hit from 30 feet with four seconds to go for a 36-32 Florida State lead at intermission.

Six minutes and 11 seconds into the second half saw the Tigers lose Guy, their leading rebounder who managed only one bucket, on fouls.

Auburn fought back to 41-44 with 12:50 to go. Florida State went into a freeze that concluded when Leaky missed a jump shot at 9:04.

The Tribe got it back when DeFore missed and this time Shirley managed a free throw and Malmen shook loose for a

layup pushing the lead to 47-41.

With 2:30 to go, Cart twisted in for a layup cutting the FSU margin to four but Bill Peacock and Gonzalez sandwiched three free throws around a Tim Pearson jumper for 54-49 with a 1:52 left.

Pearson was open for a layup, but Bobby Lovell was likewise as Auburn pressed full-court. With 1:22 showing, Cart drew a personal from Peacock and sank the first but tried to bounce it off the rim and got the rebound on the second. The ball failed to touch the rim and FSU got it on the side.

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Gonzalez was fouled while dribbling but he failed to hit his free throw and DeFore got it for Auburn.

Cart tried a jumper from the foul line but Gonzalez blocked it back. Cart recovered it and tried another one, and this time referee Toby Pace whistled Peacock for illegal use of hands. Cart hit the charity toss with 10 seconds remaining, chopping it to 56-53, FSU.

Gonzalez tossed it in to Pea-

cock, who was fouled immediately. The junior guard forward cashed in both attempts and FSU let Cart dribble his way merrily the length of the floor for a layup as the buzzer sounded.

Cart paced the Auburn attack with 16 points. He was the only Tiger in double figures.

In the preliminary game, the FSU freshmen topped the Auburn frosh 61-53 behind Russ Forkey's 24 points. Darrell Stewart and Jim Lyttle added 14 and 13, respectively, as the Tribe raised their record to 4-7. The Tribe plays Alabama, a 67-51 loser to Florida last night, here Saturday at 7:45. Alabama won an earlier contest 76-73 in overtime.

	fg	ft	reb	pf	tp
Auburn					
DeFore	4-9	1-2	5	1	9
Guy	1-5	0-0	9	5	2
Newton	1-2	2-2	4	4	4
Cart	5-11	6-9	2	2	16
Fibbe	2-6	0-0	1	2	4
Bulison	3-4	3-3	1	1	9
Quick	0-1	0-0	1	0	0
Pearson	2-3	0-0	0	2	4
Faircloth	1-1	1-2	0	0	3
Greene	2-3	0-0	0	1	4
Thomas	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Team			5		
Totals	21-45	13-18	29	19	55
Florida State					
Malmgren	5-10	2-2	2	0	12
Shirley	6-12	3-3	11	3	15
Schull	3-8	4-6	4	1	10
Lovell	1-8	2-4	3	3	4
Gonzalez	2-3	6-8	2	2	10
Peacock	0-0	3-3	0	3	3
Phillips	1-2	0-0	2	0	2
Leakey	1-4	0-0	0	0	2
Murphy	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Team			5		
Totals	19-45	20-26	31	12	50
Auburn			32	23	55
Florida State			36	22	53

Freshmen

Auburn Freshmen	fg	ft	tp
Worley	4	2	10
Perry	2	1	5
Walker	4	2	10
Carden	1	2	4
Howell	2	3	10
Lambert	0	0	0
Van Pelt	0	0	0
Osborne	7	3	8
TOTALS	20	13	50
Florida State Frosh	fg	ft	tp
Forkey	8	8	24
Stilson	3	1	7
Ross	0	1	1
Lyttle	5	3	11
Stewart	3	8	14
Price	0	0	0
Hilsmier	0	0	0
Sparks	0	2	2
Lusk	0	0	0
Green	0	0	0
TOTALS	19	23	61