

Special to the Democrat

TAMPA — Sluggish Florida State got itself into a better frame of mind in the second half Saturday night and floored an improved Tampa team 71-64.

The Seminoles fell behind by as many as eight in the first half and were outrebounded 19-17 by the upset-minded Spartans. Tampa carried a 35-31 lead into the dressing room.

The Seminoles collected its defenses in the second half holding the Spartans to only two points in the first five and a half minutes.

The Tribe led by as many as 11 at one point before Tampa closed it to one midway in the last half.

Florida State, behind Ron Malmn and Bobby Lovell, pushed it back up to nine in the late going.

FSU outrebounded Tampa by

15 in the second half and held the edge overall, 50-37.

Malmn led the Seminoles with 26, the highest output of an FSU player this season. Lovell chipped in 17, Jerry Shirley 11.

Dick Pusins was Tampa's big gun with 19 points. A majority of his points were in the first half. Florida State's Brian Murphy hounded the Spartan guard in the second half.

Malmn held Tampa's vaunted John Pooley to six.

FLORIDA STATE			TAMPA		
G	F	T	G	F	T
Schull 4	0-1	3	Harden 5	1-3	11
Phillips 0	0-0	0	Wacke 2	3-3	7
Peacock 1	2-7	4	Pooley 3	0-2	6
Malmn 11	4-4	26	Pusins 8	3-3	19
Murphy 1	2-2	4	Lawsen 7	0-1	14
Lovell 7	3-4	17	Stone 1	2-2	4
Shirley 5	1-4	11	Pincht 1	1-1	3
Leakey 0	1-1	1			
Totals 29	13-26	71	Totals 27	10-15	64
Florida State			31	40	71
Tampa			35	29	64
Fouled Out: Florida State—none;					
Tampa—Pusins.					
Fouls: Florida State 12; Tampa 23.					
Attendance 2,000.					