

**GAINESVILLE** — Florida's rough-and-ready Gators, led by Dick Tomlinson, quelled Florida State's battling upset effort 77-65 in a bruising basketball game here last night.

Sixty-one fouls were called, 35 on the Seminoles, as two inconsistent referees had them blow a whistle-tooting time.

Four Seminoles fouled out. Two others had four fouls on them when the end came.

Florida fans, if anything, were louder in their criticism of the calls than FSU's sprinkling of partisans.

It was, still, a rousing affair, with Coach Bud Kennedy agreeing that FSU probably played as well as it could have under the circumstances.

A dominant portion of the adverse circumstances were wrought by Florida's strong, tall, experienced squad. The Gators applied a defensive clamp that restricted FSU to 19 field goals in 58 attempts, under 33 per cent.

"They did a big job on defense," said FSU Assistant Coach Hugh Durham. "That was just about the difference."

It was Florida's first varsity athletic victory over FSU in seven attempts this school year, pushed the Gators to a 15-7 record. The Seminoles stand 15-9.

And the loss dimmed Florida State hopes for a post-season tournament bid.

With a less-than-capacity crowd of about 6,000 sitting apprehensively most of the way, Florida State made several moves to pull it out.

It was tit-and-tat in the early going.

The big early play came with Florida State ahead 16-14 and the ball in its possession. Ed Poore stole it for Florida, and the 6-5 Tomlinson went on a 5-points scoring tear, followed by a Paul Morton layup and Gary Keller's dunking of a rebound.

That put the Gators in front 23-16, and soon Florida had its biggest spread of the first half, 29-20.

Florida State went nearly five minutes without a field goal after Bill Peacock hit one to make it 23-18. Still they caught up. A layup by Bobby Lovell cut it to 33-29. Peacock followed with two free throws, and Jerry Shirley tied it with two

more, 33-33, with 1:32 left in the half.

But again Florida took the ball away, with Skip Higley slapping it out of the hands of a Seminole and Brooks Henderson recovering. Henderson put in two free throws and Keller tipped in another rebound to give a 37-33 half time lead.

Down 39 - 33 soon after the

start of the last half, Florida State again rallied to tie, 39-39, on Shirley's shot from the baseline, Gary Schull's free throw, a Shirley lay-up, then a Shirley free throw.

FSU trailed 43-41 when Tomlinson worked a rather crucial 3-points play to make it 46-41. The Seminoles were never closer than four after that.

Ron Malmen left with four fouls and 9:48 left, FSU trailing 54-50. Charley Fairchild — a sophomore who played a remarkably alert floor game —

went out with 5:47 remaining and FSU down 59-55. Shirley departed with 3:09 showing and the Seminoles behind 63-57.

Florida had lost Jeff Ramsey with 8:07 to go, Keller with 2:55 left.

In the late going it was UF's 6-2 Henderson — a stylish veteran — who rubbed out FSU chances of a rally.

Tomlinson finished with 23 points, Henderson with 20. Tomlinson pulled down 10 rebounds, a number matched by the 6-9 Keller as Florida commanded the boards by a whopping 48-27 margin.

In fact, UF dominated all of the statistics.

The Gators shot 49 times from

the foul line — would have shot more save for several misses in 1-and-1 situations — and cashed in 33 points via that route. FSU hit 27 of 53 at the line.

Both coaches got rather extraordinary mileage out of reserves. At one early point, UF's Norman Sloan jerked his two heralded guards, Henderson and Tom Baxley, for several minutes, and the move coincided with Florida's leaping to a 9-points lead. Similarly, FSU's Kennedy worked the rally that tied it with the help of the quick Fairchild and Bill Phillips.

FSU guard Pete Gonzalez seemed little hindered by an ankle injury that threatened to limit his action. He played most of the way, had perhaps an average night although it was hardly one of his better ones.

Shirley led FSU scoring with 17 points. Peacock got 14, Lovell and Schull 11 apiece. Schull had nine rebounds and Fairchild seven.

There was a brief skirmish in the last-minute after FSU's Peacock tried to take a piggy-back ride on Morton as he moved to shoot. A player or two hit the floor, but things were quickly brought under control.

Florida's notably exuberant crowd was warned, under penalty of technical-foul calls, not to throw paper on the floor. In

past appearances here the FSU bench has been showered with other objects, including ice. This time the fans restricted themselves to tossing paper cups at the FSU bench late in the game.

Behind the press bench, there was a loud hue-and-cry for Tomlinson before and during the game. Tomlinson was saluted by one vocal fellow as a "hatchet man," and the same guy loudly exhorted him to "get a piece of him, Dick," and "sit on his head next time, Dick." Sometimes he would direct his shouts at an FSU player: "Tomlinson's going to get you!"

A star football quarterback in high school, Tomlinson swings some vigorous elbows underneath the basket . . . but it is a generally accepted form of basketball warfare.

As Sloan said, there was rough stuff going on away from the ball, too. And on both sides. It was that sort of game.

The Seminoles have two games remaining, both next week. They play at Miami, then close against Georgia in Tallahassee.

		FSU				
		fg	ft	reb.	pt	tp
Malmen		1-7	1-1	1	5	3
Shirley		7-13	3-3	3	5	17
Schull		2-12	7-10	9	2	12
Gonzalez		1-6	4-6	1	4	6
Lovell		3-6	5-6	2	4	11
Peacock		4-8	6-6	2	5	14
Leakey		0-1	0-1	0	1	0
Murphy		0-1	0-0	0	2	0
Phillips		0-1	0-0	2	2	0
Fairchild		1-3	1-2	7	5	3
Totals		19-58	27-35	21	35	65
		FLORIDA				
		fg	ft	reb.	pt	tp
Tomlinson		7-11	9-10	10	4	23
Keller		4-9	1-3	10	5	9
Ramsey		1-2	4-6	7	5	6
Baxley		1-3	4-4	1	7	6
Henderson		7-9	6-8	6	3	20
Higley		0-3	1-5	3	3	1
Morton		2-8	7-10	7	3	11
Hoffman		0-1	1-2	1	1	1
Poore		0-2	0-1	3	1	0
Totals		22-48	33-49	48	26	77
FSU			33		32-63	
FLORIDA			37		40-77	