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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A brilliant second half comeback by the Florida State Seminoles fell a point short Monday night against 19th ranked Louisville 79-78.

It was the second straight heart-breaking setback for the FSU cagers, who dropped a 77-74 game to Virginia Tech on Saturday night.

The Seminoles, down by nine points at halftime, came back strong in the final 20 minutes, actually led several times, had the ball trying to work for a shot when time ran out.

Louisville, playing before a home crowd of 7,566, jumped out front 7-0 in the opening minutes, stretched the lead to 11, 17-6 at one point. From that point on, however, the Seminoles matched the unbeaten Cardinals basket for basket, trailed 49-40 at the half.



WITH FLORIDA State's full-court zone press causing Louisville considerable trouble, the Seminoles scored ten points in less than two minutes midway in the final half.

The Tribe whittled the nine-point halftime deficit to just three with 15:28 left in the game, and finally pulled even with the Cardinals 61-61 with 13:18 left.

Randy Cable's 12-foot jumper from the corner with 9:52 remaining gave the Seminoles their first lead of the evening 67-66, and another jumper by Cable — this one from 19 feet out — gave the Tribe a three-point margin 69-66.

Jerry King connected for Louisville to make it 69-68, and with 6:52 remaining, Marv Selvy added one for the Cardinals to put them back on top 70-69.

The next three and a half minutes was a see-saw scramble, with Skip Young's basket at 3:27 giving FSU a 78-76 lead.

Big 6-9 center Mike Grosso fed Butch Beard, 6-3 guard, for a basket to tie it once more, and after being fouled by Seminole forward Dale Klay, Grosso dropped in the first of two free throws to make it 79-78.

Louisville got the ball and froze the action for a minute,

five seconds before Jeff Hogan stole the ball for FSU with 0:52 remaining. The Seminoles called a time out with 46 seconds left, then tried to work for a good final shot.

Unable to find an opening, the

Seminoles called time once again with 0:07 showing, then tried to feed Willie Williams for the last shot, but he was able only to get off a hasty desperation shot as time ran out.

FSU's All-American candidate Dave Cowens led the big second-half rally, pulling down 10 rebounds and scoring 15 points. The 6-10 center finished the game with 23 points, 16 rebounds.

Young, sensational sophomore guard, scored 20 points, Hogan 12 and Klay 10. Williams was the Tribe's No. 2 rebounder with 12.



BEARD LED Louisville's scoring with 24, followed by King with 23, Grosso 17. Grosso led the Cardinals on the boards with 21 rebounds.

The difference in the scoring was at the free throw line.

Florida State outscored Louisville from the floor 70-62, but the Cardinals hit 17 of 25 free throw attempts, while the Seminoles made eight of 14 tries.

The loss left FSU with a 3-2 record, while Louisville is 5-0.

The Seminoles return home now for a Saturday night date with the University of Southern California at Tully Gym. Game time is 7:45.

# FLORIDA STATE

	FG	FT	RB	TP
Williams	1-9	1-4	12	3
Klay	5-12	0-0	6	10
Cowens	11-18	1-2	16	23
Young	8-19	4-5	3	20
Hogan	6-13	0-0	0	12
Gies	2-3	0-1	3	4
Cable	2-5	2-2	2	6
Burt	0-1	0-0	0	0
Macomber	0-0	0-0	0	0
Reynolds	0-0	0-0	0	0
Bush	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	35-81	8-14	45	78

# LOUISVILLE

	FG	FT	RB	TP
King	9-21	5-6	9	23
Linonis	4-9	0-0	8	8
Grosso	7-18	3-8	21	17
Deeken	2-7	1-3	6	5
Beard	8-14	8-8	2	24
Neety	0-1	0-0	0	0
Selvy	1-1	0-1	0	2
Perkins	0-0	0-0	1	0
Totals	31-71	17-25	55	79
Florida State		40	38	78
Louisville		49	30	79