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Score tied 68-68 and Florida State, with the basketball in its hands, calls timeout with 19 seconds left. The Seminoles take the ball out of bounds, pass it in and around, just a little, before Jeff Hogan fires from 25 feet out with nine seconds showing on the clock.

Swish! Southern California, ranked 20th in the nation and winner of five straight, gets whipped 70-68 as 3,800 fans whoop it up in Tully Gym on a slightly warmish Saturday night.

COACH HUGH DURHAM climbed down off the shoulders of his exuberant players, and right away someone asked him what the plan was he had mapped during that timeout.

"I'll tell you this," said the grinning Durham. "It wasn't for Hogan to shoot."

Southern Cal, now 5-3 for the season (it lost its first two to Colorado and Brigham Young), had been in a man-to-man defense. The plan basically was to get the ball to Dave Cowens, who was having perhaps his hottest of many hot nights.

But the Trojans switched to a zone defense, and the Seminoles had to make do with what strategy they could put together there on the floor. Hogan got open, though it was from rather far out, and didn't hesitate.

Southern Cal brought to town a taller team that frequently looked faster and fresher than the fast-plenty Seminoles. It was a disciplined group that handled the ball extremely well, made few mistakes. Florida State's modified pressing tactics fazed the Trojans little.

AHEAD BY AS many as nine points in the early going, Florida State soon found itself trailing by six. Southern Cal, in this first-ever meeting of the two, led 39-37 at halftime.

No more than two points separated these aggressive antagonists in the last five minutes. The biggest spread in the last half was four points, and the Trojans were on top each time at 45-41, 47-43, 49-45 and 61-57.

Cowens pushed home 28 points and pulled off 18 rebounds, both game highs. Fre-

quently torrid in one half or the other, but not both, Cowens put two big ones together this Saturday night.

It was timely doing on his part, because Southern Cal controlled the boards, snaring 45 rebounds to the Seminoles' 38, and honestly it seemed a bigger margin than that.

Meanwhile, sensational sophomore guard Skip Young wasn't having one of his better nights. He was 4 - for - 16 on field-goal tries, ended with just 11 points. Hogan, with 10, was the lone other Seminole in double-scoring figures.

The two teams were even in free-throw shooting, each making two-thirds of their efforts good, but Southern Cal led

from the field, 44.8 per cent to 42.2.

Southern Cal had some versatile shotmakers. Ernie Powell led with 15, Steve Jennings and Vince Mannino 13 each, Don Crenshaw 11. But Jennings got no last-half points and Mannino only two.

The Trojans' giant center, 7-1 Ron Taylor, wasn't such a much on this night. Rather slow afoot, he got just nine rebounds, scored six points, including his team's first two and last two.

With Cowens, who hit 15 first-half points, scoring six consecutive points the Seminoles jumped to a 14-5 lead as more than five minutes elapsed before Southern Cal got a second field goal after scoring its first in the opening minute.

With Jennings getting hot, the Trojans took the lead at 24-23 with 9:30 left in the half, and kept it until intermission. FSU was down 35-29 when Randy Cable scored two straight from the field. The Seminoles stayed within two at

intermission as Ken Bush hit a late 15-footer.

Taylor drew his fourth foul with 14:36 left in the game, and Cowens his third with 13:15 to go, but nobody fouled out, though there was some judicious substituting.

FSU trailed 51-48 when Hogan twice in succession fed the ball to Jan Gies for relatively easy 2-pointers that lifted the Seminoles in front for the first time in the last half 52-41.

But with 6:19 to go Southern

Cal was in command 61-57. Willie William got a free throw and Geis another layup, on a Cowens feed, to cut it to 61-60. Cowens got a layup to tie it 62-62 with 4:45 left, and Young put the Seminoles in front with a 20-footer 64-62. Powell got two free throws, typing it again, before Cowens made it 66-64, FSU, with another layup.

Crenshaw knotted it once more with a 6-footer. Cowens followed with still another layup for 68-66 FSU lead with 2:33 showing on the clock.

The Trojans missed a shot, and Cowens pulled in the rebound with 1:34 remaining.

FSU called a timeout, tried to freeze the ball, but when Geis got loose near the basket Cowens fired a pass to him — and the ball got away, out of bounds, with 1:04 to go.

When Taylor hit a layup to make it 68-68. Thirty seconds left.

FSU brought the ball downcourt, then called that

timeout with 19 seconds showing.

After Hogan was true with his dramatic long shot, the Trojans called time. Six seconds to go. Mack Calvin got a rather good shot at the basket, but was too hasty. Powell pulled off the rebound and fired just as the buzzer sounded. He missed anyhow.

Florida State now stands 4-2 with another well regarded team on the national scene — Ohio State — coming up next, here Saturday.

SOUTHERN CAL.						
	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP	
Taylor	3-6	0-3	9	4	6	
Powell	4-11	1-7	11	2	15	
Clemo	1-3	0-0	2	0	2	
Jennings	5-11	3-4	6	1	13	
Calvin	1-3	2-2	0	2	4	
Mannino	6-11	1-2	7	1	13	
Crenshaw	4-8	2-6	5	3	11	
Bowling	1-3	0-0	1	1	2	
Browning	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
Page	1-2	0-0	1	0	2	
Team Rebounds			3			
Totals	26-58	16-24	45	16	68	

FLORIDA STATE						
	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP	
Hogan	3-6	4-5	3	4	10	
Bush	1-3	1-2	1	0	3	
Cowens	12-21	4-6	18	3	28	
Young	4-16	3-3	2	1	11	
Klay	2-6	1-1	3	4	5	
Williams	1-3	1-2	1	3	3	
Geis	3-5	0-2	2	2	6	
Cable	2-4	0-0	1	0	4	
Team Rebounds			7			
Totals	28-64	14-21	38	17	70	

So. Cal	39	29--68
Fla. St.	37	33--70