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Kent State's six gold-clad cheerleaders, cute as kittens, acted like they owned the place. Florida State's pep band would play, and the six would do their swinging thing to the beat of the Seminoles' own music.

Meanwhile, the Kent State basketball team, moving around with much the same poised looseness, did own the playing arena. The Golden Flashes put down Florida State in a manner it hadn't figured to be put down by many in this season.

The score was 76-67, and it was an accurate reflection as the Ohio boys showed why they stand 15th nationally in scoring defense. Florida State, now 7-5 for the campaign, had been No. 11 in scoring offense with an average yield of 63.9 points per game.

Ahead 37-35 at intermission after coming from eight points behind, the Seminoles lost the lead at 48-47 and never regained it though they knotted the count twice thereafter, 52-52 and 54-54.

**AFFLICTED WITH** multiple turnovers in the last half, the Seminoles found Kent State calling the shots on how the game was to be played. In the late going the visitors jammed the defensive middle, forced Florida State to keep its distance from the basket.

Scoring ace Dave Cowens after hitting FSU's first eight points in the final half had 21 at the time, but managed just four after that. The big fellow pulled down a game-high 18 rebounds as the Seminoles controlled the boards — mainly because of their first-half dominance — by a 43 to 35 margin.

Kent turned loose 6-5 Doug Grayson and 6-6 Tom Lagodich upon the Seminoles with telling effectiveness. Grayson, going 12-for-18 from the field, topped scorers with 29 points. Lagodich gathered 21 points, 10 rebounds.

Skip Young contributed 11 points, Ken Bash and Jan Gies 10 each for the Seminoles, but sophomore Young, dogged by 5-9 defender Roger Harper, was far from the playmaker he has been much of the season.

In winning its six games in 11 starts (the Ohio team lost three straight 1-pointers recently), Kent hit a hot 50 per

cent of its field-goal tries, went 22-for-29 at the free-throw line. FSU bagged just 40.6 per cent from the field, dropped in only 15 of 22 foul shots.

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JAN GIES scored six of Florida State's first eight points in the exceedingly close early stages. Four free throws in succession, two each by Ken Bush and Cowens, put the Tribe ahead 15-12 but Lagodich hit four quick 2-pointers in leading a Kent rally that provided a 21-17 lead.

With Grayson bagging three straight from the field, Kent stretched that to a 31-23 before the Seminoles started whittling back.

Kent was in front 34-32 when Bruce Burden stepped to the free-throw line. FSU's Jeff Hogan called attention to the fact that Harper should be shooting, and the referee called a technical foul on the Flashes, after which Harper missed two shots — the only ones Kent failed to sink in the first half. On the technical

Hogan dropped in a point for the Seminoles, making it 35-34.

Grayson tied it with a free throw with 1:58 to go in the half, but Hogan gave the Seminoles a 37-35 intermission lead on a driving layup.

Cowens lifted Florida State to its biggest lead, at 41-37 and 43-39. A possible turning point came right after that when Cowens was charged with goaltending and a foul on a Lagodich shot, precipitating three Kent points that narrowed FSU's advantage to 43-42.

The Seminoles soon fell behind 52-47 before Gies struck for three points and Cowens two to tie it 52-52. From 54-54 moments later, 8:31 left, Kent outscored the Seminoles 17-to-4 and took a whopping 71-58 lead with less than four minutes to go.

Florida State had 16 turnovers for the night, Kent just eight.

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Seminoles is here Saturday night, a return game with Tulane.

KENT STATE	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	TP
Brown	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Burden	3-6	2-3	4	5	1	8
Grayson	12-18	5-5	4	3	3	29
Lagodich	9-18	3-3	10	1	3	21
Wilson	2-3	3-3	4	0	3	7
Fleming	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Foote	1-2	3-4	2	2	1	5
Halbert	1-6	0-0	2	1	4	2
Harper	1-5	2-4	1	6	0	4
TEAM			6			
TOTALS	29-58	18-22	35	18	15	76

FLORIDA STATE	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	TP
Hogan	3-9	1-1	3	4	1	7
Young	4-18	3-4	1	7	3	11
Bush	4-11	2-3	4	4	2	10
Gies	4-6	2-3	7	1	4	10
Cowens	9-15	7-11	18	3	4	25
Williams	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0
Cable	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Burt	2-4	0-0	0	0	1	4
Klay	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
TEAM			6			
TOTALS	26-44	15-22	43	20	15	67

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