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Florida State ripped apart Tulane's almost vicious press and sent the Green Wave floundering back to Bayou Country as the Seminoles stormed to a 99-90 victory Saturday night in Tully gym.

Marked by sterling performances of All-America candidate Dave Cowens and gunning of Randy Cable, the Seminoles pushed their record to 8-4.

Tulane threw up its full-court press from the start and kept Florida State bottled up in the early minutes before the Seminoles went ahead to stay with 12 minutes remaining in the first half.

The Greenies tied the score 20-20 with 11 minutes to go, but the Tribe gradually pulled away, as much as 10 points, with four minutes left.

By intermission, Tulane had whittled the lead to six and that was as close as they were to come.

Cowens opened the second half with three driving layups to increase the margin to 11 with 17:34 left. Tulane again pulled within seven but no further.

In the next eight minutes the Green Wave never landed a field goal. Tulane, however got off 10 free throws, but FSU produced 20 points in the same time period.

With seven minutes remaining in the game the Seminoles were ahead 14 points and by 3:01 were out front by 18.

Then the Greenies began closing the gap. Florida State felt the pinch and started ball control to assure the win.

Cowens, 6-9 forward from Newport, Ky., popped the nets for 28 points while raking clean the boards for 20 rebounds.

Cable, who displayed his last year's form, accounted for 20 points, 13 coming in the first half.

Skip Young, dazzling the crowd of some 4,000 fans with his fancy dribbling, hit 14 while teammate Willie Williams had 13 and trailed Cowens in rebounding with 17.

High scorer for Tulane was Terry Habig with 20. Johnny Arthurs contributed 16 while Drew Madar and Harold Sylvester had 13 each.

Florida State dunked 36 of 75 field goal tries for 48 per cent. From the charity line, the Seminoles managed a 73 per cent mark on 27 of 37 free throws.

Tulane hit 47 per cent from the floor on 33 of 69 attempts while going 82 per cent at the line for 24 of 29 charity shots.

The Seminoles now travel to Houston on Monday to face Rice University.

Tulane's record now stands at 6-11.

TULANE

	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP
Artburns	7-16	2-3	4	3	16
Roberts	0-1	0-0	3	3	0
Habig	6-15	8-9	5	2	20
Reese	2-3	5-6	2	3	9
Sulter	3-5	0-1	5	2	6
Madar	4-6	5-5	3	1	13
Fitzgerald	2-5	0-0	4	3	4
Riddle	2-4	0-0	2	2	4
Spurck	2-3	1-1	0	1	5
Sylvester	5-11	3-4	8	3	13
Team			2		
Totals	33-69	24-29	38	23	90

FLORIDA STATE

	FG	FT	RB	PF	TP
Cowens	9-14	10-14	20	4	28
Gies	1-2	2-2	3	2	4
Bush	1-1	0-0	0	2	2
Young	5-12	4-6	1	4	14
Hogan	2-7	2-3	0	4	6
Cable	7-13	6-6	0	0	20
Williams	6-14	1-2	17	3	13
Macklin	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Burt	3-4	2-2	6	4	8
Reynolds	2-6	0-0	0	0	4
Klay	0-2	0-0	1	2	0
Team			2		

FSU	50	49—99
TULANE	44	46—90