

# Strong Finish Encourages Durham

With basketball over, Coach Hugh Durham recalled disappointment and pleasure during a season which saw the Florida State Seminoles wind up with an impressive 18-8 record.

"Before the season started, we had set our sights on being ranked in the top 20," said Durham after his third year as head coach.

"We started well with three straight victories. Then came disappointing losses to Virginia Tech (77-74) and Louisville (79-78). We lost some games I felt we shouldn't have lost, and before you knew it our record was 8-6.

"We couldn't go to a tournament and our chances of a ranking were gone. It would have been easy for our kids to throw in the towel. But they didn't. They came back and won 10 of our last 12, including the last three on the road.

"I think this was a tremendous comeback which took a lot of courage."

Now that 1968-69 is history, how about 1969-70?

## SEMINOLE STATISTICS

	FGM-FGA	PCT	FTM-FTA	PCT	REB-AVG	ASST	PF	PTS	AVG
Cowens	202-384	.526	104-164	.634	437-17.5	71	76	508	20.3
Young	157-336	.467	76-102	.745	115- 4.5	155	75	390	15.0
Hogan	155-335	.463	56- 80	.700	55- 2.1	78	64	366	14.1
Klay	94-198	.475	27- 36	.750	93- 3.7	24	50	215	8.6
Williams	83-191	.435	37- 71	.521	249- 9.6	23	76	211	8.1
Gies	80-129	.620	40- 62	.645	128- 4.9	21	55	200	7.7
Cable	48-114	.421	29- 40	.725	15- 0.6	20	17	125	4.8
Burt	46-124	.371	38- 77	.486	81- 3.5	18	44	110	4.8
Bush	41- 88	.466	13- 21	.619	39- 2.0	17	20	97	5.3
Reynolds	11- 36	.306	2- 4	.500	12- 0.9	7	4	24	1.8
Macomber	5- 12	.417	2- 5	.400	11- 0.9	0	6	12	1.0
Macklin	3- 15	.200	4- 8	.500	7- 1.0	2	3	10	1.4
Kimrey	0- 3	.000	3- 4	.750	1- 0.3	0	2	3	0.8
Team Rebounds				93					
Florida State	925-1965	.471	412-633	.651	1336-51.4	436	494	2260	86.9
Opponents	774-1708	.453	498-688	.724	1039-40.0	308	467	2056	79.1

"We should have more depth next season than last year," said Durham. "However, when you have to replace the school's fifth all-time scorer (guard Jeff Hogan), and one of the finest substitutes Florida State has ever had (forward Dale Klay), it is no easy task." Hogan and Klay were the Seminoles' lone seniors.

"Before we can improve next season, we have to fill both of those spots," continued Durham.

The coach sees junior Randy Cable as a candidate for Hogan's spot.

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"Rowland Garrett and Ron Harris will be battling for starting positions," said Durham. "We think they are

two of the better freshman prospects in the country. One or both could crack the starting five.

"I think Roy Glover (another freshman grad) will make a definite contribution to our team. With his quickness, he fits into our style of play.

"With normal improvement from our 10 returning lettermen and help from our upcoming freshmen, we should be able to show continued advancement at Florida State."

Two of the key returnees will be center Dave Cowens and guard Skip Young.

"I thought they both had outstanding years," said Durham. "Cowens was overlooked on the All-America teams because he isn't among the nation's leading scorers. But he moved from the nation's eight-ranking rebounder in 1967-68 to sixth this year and he raised his scoring average to over 20 points. Dave has the desire to improve and he'll be a better basketball player next year."