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TUCSON, Ariz. — Error-plagued Florida State pulled it together in the final moments to topple aggressive Arizona 87-78 Monday night here.

It was not the easiest of victories for the Seminoles who complete a five-game road trip winning four and losing one. They return to Tallahassee Friday night to encounter Miami.

Scoring in double figures for his seventh straight contest, the Seminoles' 6-7 Willie Williams turned in another rousing performance popping in 23 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

But it was Randy Cable who came off the bench late in the first half to give Florida State a big lift. The 6-0 senior guard connected on five straight floor shots to give the Seminoles a 50-45 advantage at halftime.

Big Dave Cowens, who cleared the boards of 16 rebounds, hit a pair of quick baskets as the second half started. However Cowens drew his third personal foul with 16:41 remaining and the pressure was on the 6-10 redhead.

Arizona stayed within three points most of the second half and Lannie Mitchell's jump shot with 8:45 to go pulled the Wildcats even 65-65.

The Seminoles regained the lead however as Ken Macklin pumped in a pair of jumpers.

It was short lived though as Arizona's Walt McKinney connected on a three-point play and the Wildcats were ahead 72-71 with 6:26 left.

Then Jan Gies put the Seminoles out front to stay when he rammed in a bucket and added a free throw to make it 74-72 and FSU never trailed after that.

Florida State got some clutch rebounding help from John Burt who came off the bench in the late minutes and really sparked for the Tribe.

Cable sewed up the victory for the Seminoles.

Arizona's Eddie Myers drew his fifth foul and Cable went to the line. As Myers left he tipped off, drew a technical foul and the Wildcats' bench was assessed another technical.

Cable drilled in four consecutive charity tosses, two on the personal foul and one on each technical to make it 87-76.

Florida State shot 56 per cent from the field making 32 of 57 attempts and tallied on 23 of 33 free throw chances.

Following Williams in two-figures for the Tribe were Cable with 18, Cowens 16, and Skip Young with 10.

Bruce Anderson, a fiery 6-6 sophomore, paced the Arizona attack with 17 points and nine rebounds. Also in double figures for the Wildcats were McKinney and Tom Lee with 14, Bill Warner 13 and Myers 11.

The Seminoles suffered from acute fumbleitis which saw them turn over the ball 22 times, 11 in each half which enabled the Wildcats to keep it close all the way.

The win upped the Seminoles record to 10-2 while it was the seventh straight loss for Arizona, now 3-8.

FLORIDA STATE

	FG	FT	REB	PF	TP
Harris	0-2	1-2	0	2	1
Williams	11-14	1-2	11	4	23
Cowens	4-8	8-14	16	4	16
Macklin	4-7	0-0	2	5	8
Young	4-12	2-3	4	2	10
Cable	5-7	8-8	2	0	18
Elizy	2-4	0-1	1	0	4
Gies	2-3	1-1	1	2	5
Burt	0-0	2-2	3	1	2
TEAM			2		
Totals	32-57	23-33	42	20	87

ARIZONA

Warner	4-12	5-7	4	5	13
Foster	2-10	3-4	1	3	7
Lee	7-14	0-3	7	4	14
Myers	5-13	1-2	7	5	11
McKinney	5-12	4-5	5	3	14
Anderson	8-11	1-2	9	2	17
Mitchell	1-2	0-0	0	2	2
TEAM			2		
Totals	32-72	14-23	40	24	78
Florida State			50	17	87
Arizona			45	13	78