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An unfunny thing happened to Florida State on its way to what seemed surely to be a stunning basketball romp here last night.

Skip Young fouled out, and then Dave Cowens.

An unfunny thing happened to Randy Cable on his way to faking a late layup. Artis Gilmore, who stands 7-2, and Pembroke Burrows, who is 7-0, came down on top of the 6-footer.

But it was Cable who got up first, and it was the Seminoles who got up and stayed there under the high stress of critical circumstances.

The unfunniest thing of all, however, happened to Jacksonville U., the nation's 5th-ranked college team which has thought of finishing No. 1.

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THE DOLPHINS lost their first game of an attention-getting season 89-83.

Wingman Young, a playmaking clutch performer, played less than 16 of the 40 minutes. Cowens, the 6-10 senior soon to join the newly rich as the pro leagues sign their draft choices, was out of action a bit over 10 minutes, including the excruciating final five.

Burrows, who leads the nation in individual field-goal percentage, didn't get up when he came down over Cable with 5:34 left in the game.

After minutes of lying virtually motionless on the floor, he was carried off on a stretcher for an overnight stay in the hospital as the packed 5,000 in steamy Tully Gym gave him a standing ovation. The word was muscle spasms in his back, the pain of which had brought the fear of something worse. He should be all right shortly.

He had gone 0-for-4 from the floor, had just one point on a foul shot.

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COWENS PLAYED sensationally while he was in there, got 19 points and nine rebounds, defended against the towering Gilmore as well as anyone ever has.

A Cowens field goal had tied it at 23-23, and never again were the Seminoles behind in this one. Soon after, Vernell Ellzy — a wild man with the basket in sight — sank two for 25-23. Ellzy hit seven of his eight field-goal tries for the night.

Though JU tied it 25-25, that was all. Cowens socked in two quick fielders and the rather irrepressible Willie Williams another for 31-25 with 4:54 left in the first half. At intermission it was 40-37.

Williams rammed in a game-high 22 points and snagged 14 rebounds.

Florida State's offensive strategy had been to carry the attack right at the big Gilmore. Whether that or something else upset him, Gilmore ended with 21 points, 19 rebounds, just one blocked shot — not a bad night for most, but decidedly not up to par for him. There was one goal-tending call on him, giving Cowens two points.

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IT WAS a tightly officiated game, which seemed expedient in this tense situation.

Quite significant was Florida State's hot second-half shooting, 17-for-25 from the field — 68 per cent! The game percentage was 54.8, contrasted with JU's 43.8. JU had a 50 to 42 advantage in rebounding.

In addition to Ellzy, getting 14, Ron Harris sank 11 points for the Seminoles. JU got key scoring from Vaughn Wedeking (16), Rex Morgan (16), Rod McIntire (13) as well as Gilmore, who sank an even 50 per cent of his shots, 10-for-20.

Ahead by 15, at 58-43, shortly before Young fouled out with 13:53 left in the game, the Seminoles led 78-64 when Cowens left as the clock showed 5:28 to go.

Whereupon, JU made eight of the quickest points you ever saw. McIntire got two free throws, then a field goal. Gilmore and Wedeking added free throws. That narrowed things to 78-72.

Soon the Seminoles missed their first shots three consecutive times in one-and-one foul situations, with the score standing 80-74 all that time.

The Seminoles were trying to freeze the ball in those final four minutes — deliberate

strategy to draw fouls, with the idea of capitalizing on them.

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CABLE, who had hit two in one-and-one circumstances to make it 78-64 after Burrows and Gilmore had tumbled over him, missed two of those three straight.

But on the first miss Williams grabbed the rebound, and on the second Williams got it again, whereupon Willie was fouled — and he missed!

Then, with 2:24 left, Wedeking really made it sticky with a fielder that narrowed it to 80-76. But Ken Macklin came

through in a one-and-one spot with two points for 82-76.

Then Williams got wide open for a layup as Cable shot a bounce pass to him for 84-78 at 1:36. Then Cable stole an inbounds pass of JU's and streaked for two easy points for 86-78 with 1:30 showing.

After McIntire narrowed it to 86-80 at 1:15, Harris hit three consecutive free throws for 89-80.

JU got three more never-mind points, and students flooded out of the stands to mob the Seminoles, carrying several sweat-soaked players away on their shoulders.

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AT THE start JU hit its first two floor attempts for a 4-0 lead as the Seminoles missed their first two. But Williams sandwiched four points around Young's two, and no more than two separated these rivals until the Seminoles pulled away from that 25-25 tie.

With JU jamming that middle with its height, Cowens was winging them home from outside, as were his teammates often enough.

Young got his fourth foul with 10:44 remaining in the

first half, and went to the bench until after intermission. JU had the advantage of the one-and-one at that point but couldn't make much of it.

Ellzy, Cowens, Harris and Williams hit early field goals after intermission to spur a 47-39 lead.

Along about there Cowens ~~got his third and fourth fouls in~~ rapid succession — the latter for elbowing while a JU player was shooting on the prior call against him. So he went to the bench with 16:37 remaining in the half, came back at 11:34.

Meanwhile, Young and Williams led the charge to the 15-points lead. Cowens re-entered two minutes after Young drew his fifth, and the pace continued until Cowens got his fifth — and things in general got thick.

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JU DREW 23 foul calls, the Seminoles 22. The Dolphins

were 13-for-21 at the line, Florida State 21-for-30.

Both teams felt the keen pressure at time. JU had 23 turnovers, Florida State 20 — abnormally high for each.

Held without a field goal for the first eight minutes, Gilmore was checked on just eight first-half points. But the agile Wedeking, only 5-10, Morgan and others took up something of the slack — firing from outside.

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Cowens got 15 of his points in that first half.

With a show that figures to get them some proper attention, the Seminoles carry a 15-2 record into Saturday night's game here against Virginia Tech. The Dolphins, now 13-1, are at home to St. Peter's on Friday.

But the Dolphins don't figure for another really big test until Feb. 18 when the opponent will again be Florida State — in Jacksonville.

#### JACKSONVILLE

	FG	FT	RB	ASST	PF	TP
Wedeking	7-15	2-4	3	2	2	16
Morgan	7-17	2-3	8	5	4	16
Burrows	0-4	1-1	3	2	4	1
McIntyre	6-9	1-1	3	8	3	13
Gilmore	10-20	1-4	19	2	3	21
Nelson	1-8	3-3	7	0	1	5
Baldwin	1-2	0-0	0	0	1	2
Dublin	3-7	3-3	4	1	5	9
TEAM			3			
TOTALS	35-82	13-21	50	12	23	83

#### FLORIDA STATE

	FG	FT	RB	ASST	PF	TP
Harris	2-5	7-8	2	2	1	11
Macklin	1-5	3-4	1	5	2	5
Cowens	8-13	3-4	9	4	5	19
Young	3-9	1-1	2	4	5	7
Williams	9-15	4-7	14	1	4	22
Cable	2-2	2-4	0	1	1	6
Burt	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Gies	2-3	1-1	6	1	3	5
Eltzy	7-8	0-1	5	1	1	14
Macomber	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	34-62	21-30	39	20	22	89
Jacksonville				37	46	83
Florida State				40	49	89