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JACKSONVILLE — Down seven points with 42 seconds to play, and opportunity to narrow it to five as a foul was called, Hugh Durham called a timeout for his Florida State basketball team.

It was the Seminoles' sixth timeout of the game — one too many. And it brought an immediate technical foul against Florida State from the officials.

But Durham knew what he was doing. His timeout call was quite deliberate.

In such situations, the rules call for a jump ball following that technical, which was to come after Florida State's chance at the foul line. That way, the Seminoles had a chance to get the ball back on the jump — and a chance to win, however small.

Well, Skip Young, stepping to the line in a one-and-one situation, hit two points to cut the deficit to 84-79. Jacksonville University's Rex Morgan missed the technical shot. Still 42 seconds left.

The desperate ploy had worked perfectly to that point. But the Seminoles didn't get the jump ball.

Similarly, not everything went their way here Wednesday night as sixth-ranked Jacksonville U. fought off the eighth-ranked Seminoles 85-81 in a marvelous game played before 10,050 fans.

Behind by as many as 12 points in the first half, Florida State never actually led after 23-21. But that hardly tells this tale.

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With the Seminoles trailing 44-36 at intermission, Willie Williams spurred a superb comeback, put in 11 quick last-half points that brought a 58-58 tie with 11:15 remaining.

But Williams, who had 19 points and 11 rebounds, fouled out with 10:35 to go.

That damaged the cause no end.

In the last analysis, Artis Gilmore, the Dolphins' 7-2 giant, was the difference. He got 19 points and 21 rebounds, which varied not much from his earlier performance in an 89-83 Tallahassee loss to Florida State.

But Gilmore blocked eight shots over here, just one in Tallahassee. Florida State partisans thought goal-tending should have been called on three or four of the ones he blocked.

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If they were right in their judgment, it could have been the winning difference.

JU played without 6-10 Rod McIntire, who injured an ankle in practice during the week. "He could have played," said Coach Joe Williams, "but we thought it best to hold him out and not risk aggravating the ankle."

The Dolphins got a diversified team effort. Joining Gilmore in double-figures scoring were Rex Morgan (15), Chip Dublin and Vaughn Wedeking (14 each) and Pembroke Burrows (13).

Dave Cowens led Florida State with a game-high 20, followed by Williams (19), Young (17) and Vernell Ellzy (11).

Official figures showed JU out-rebounding the Seminoles 46 to 43. (An FSU accounting had the Seminoles ahead there 47 to 42.) Cowens had an official 15 rebounds.

After hitting a poor 35 per cent of their floor shots in the first half, the Seminoles finished with 42 per cent, got three more field goals than the Dolphins — 33 of 79 versus 30 of 62. JU connected on 25 of 32 foul tries, Florida State on 15 of 19.

Big was the fact that JU hit repeatedly in one-and-one foul

situations in the final 5½ minutes.

Morgan was almost as valuable as Gilmore to the winners. He was credited with 11 assists, eight in the first half. The Seminoles applied tighter coverage to him in the late going.

Florida State jumped to a 9-3 lead early, with Young getting two field goals plus a free throw.

JU rallied to pull within 13-10, but the Seminoles stretched their lead to six again, at 18-12, as Williams worked a 3-points play.

With Macklin out of the game temporarily — an elbow of the 7-foot Burrows had brought a big lump to his forehead early — JU got five quick points, finally tied it at 19-19 on a Burrows layup, then went in front 21-19 on a Dublin layup.

Ellzy regained a tie for the Seminoles at 21-21 and Young put them ahead 23-21 with a shot from outside. Then Morgan bagged a layup, and Dublin connected for two in a

one-and-one foul situation for 25-23.

Things started to happen as the Seminoles took the ball downcourt 11 consecutive times — and got just one point out of those offensive excursions. JU was displaying some quickness, plus some defense.

20 Dublin popped in five  
19 straight points for 30-24. After  
17 Cowens countered with a  
6 layup, Dublin stole the ball and  
4 dribbled down for an easy one  
11 — maybe as big a single play  
2 as any in the game.  
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0 Not long after Burrows put  
01 in three successive 2-pointers  
15 for a 40-28 JU lead. But the  
11 Seminoles got six of the final  
1/2 eight points scored in the half  
to trail 44-36 at intermission.

s Field goals by Macklin and  
e Young, plus a Cowens' free  
h throw, got the Seminoles to  
it within seven after the Dolphins  
d had jumped to a 10-points lead  
e at the start of the last half on  
a Dublin shot.

3 Then Williams took over,  
3 scoring 11 straight Seminole  
e points. Still the Seminoles were  
down by six, 58-52.

Then Ellzy got two free  
l throws, Macklin and Cowens  
field goals to tie it 58-58 with  
11:15 remaining. Burrows and  
Ellzy traded free throws for 59-  
59 before Gilmore's two free  
ones — on Williams' fifth foul  
— put JU ahead for good at 61-  
59.

Five straight JU points  
stretched it to 71-61 with 7:15  
left. But Cowens, Young and  
Ellzy hit consecutive field  
goals to make it 71-67. The  
clock showed 5:36.

The Dolphins slowed down  
the game, FSU fouled, and  
suddenly JU had the one-and-

one rule going for it. Dublin  
made good on two free throws,  
and Morgan soon matched that  
for 75-67.

Young dropped in two field  
goals to pull the Seminoles to  
within 76-73 with 3:25 to go.

Whereupon, Wedeking got  
two points out of a one-and-one  
foul, then popped in a field  
goal following a Morgan theft  
for 82-73 at 1:56.

It was 84-77 when Young  
drew his foul with 42 seconds  
left. He sank his two points.  
JU missed the technical. After  
JU got the jump ball, the

Seminoles soon stole it but Ron  
Harris was called for charging  
as he went for the basket at 24  
seconds.

Burrows sank a free throw  
for 85-79, and the Seminoles  
got a field goal just before the  
buzzer on a Rowland Garrett  
tip-in.

Ellzy was injured shortly  
before the end (hip-pointer),  
and the Seminoles may be  
without him here Saturday  
night when they carry their 20-  
3 record against Georgia Tech  
in the final home game of the  
season.

JACKSONVILLE	FG	FT	REB	A	P	F	T	P
Morgan	4-12	3-4	6	11	2	15		
Gilmore	7-14	5-5	21	1	3	19		
Burrows	5-10	3-6	7	3	3	13		
Wedeking	5-18	4-5	2	5	1	14		
Blavins	1-1	1-2	0	0	1	3		
Dublin	4-10	6-7	4	1	2	14		
Nelson	2-3	3-3	3	2	2	7		
Baldwin	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0		
Team			2					
TOTALS	30-62	25-32	46	23	14	85		

FLORIDA STATE	FG	FT	REB	A	P	F	T	P
Cowens	8-18	4-7	15	5	3	20		
Williams	8-18	3-4	11	2	5	19		
Young	7-16	3-3	4	4	3	17		
Macklin	2-8	2-2	4	4	3	6		
Harris	2-5	0-0	1	3	3	4		
Elizy	4-11	3-3	3	1	2	11		
Cable	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	2		
Garrett	1-2	0-0	2	0	1	2		
Gies	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0		
Team			1					
TOTALS	33-79	15-19	43	20	20	81		

Jacksonville	44	41—85
Florida State	36	45—81