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There was that about Georgia Tech here Saturday night that brought out some of the very best in Florida State's basketball team—if also some of the worst.

The Seminoles, never behind, crushed Tech 97-80 in their final home game of the season.

On the one hand, Florida State sank a torrid 62.1 per cent of their shots from the floor (36 of 58), along with 25 of 29 free throws. And on the other hand, the Seminoles had a perplexing total of 32 turnovers—a season-high sum.

But the miscues detracted not much from the 21st success in 24 starts for Coach Hugh Durham's team. Georgia Tech, 15-8 record or not, is tough.

Rich Yunkus, the Yellow Jackets' gifted 6-9½ star, poured in 37 points, including 22 in the last half, again hitting more often than not from outside.

Playing for its tournament life, Tech employed sticky defense, gave Florida State relatively few easy shots, and the Seminoles themselves had to call on some outside gunning—notably by Ken Macklin—to win this one.

Following victories over N. C. State and North Carolina last week, Tech stood in splendid position to get a bid to the post-season tournaments. Last night's loss may have ruined the possibility.

Macklin got 22 points, but

again it was diversified work that won it. Dave Cowens threw in 21 while pulling down a game-high 13 rebounds as Florida State decisively controlled the boards 42 to 23.

Willie Williams—playing his final game here along with Williams and Cowens plus reserves Jan Gies and Randy Cable—racked 16 points, Skip Young 15. Both Williams and Young were in a measure of foul trouble and spent more time on the bench than Durham would have desired.

Tech was charged with 22 infractions, the Seminoles with 19. The Yellow Jackets' Bob Semmer, Bill Mayer and Jim Thorne—along with Williams and Young—had four fouls at the end, but nobody fouled out. The 6-7 Semmer, with three violations in the first half, had his style crimped by the bench, too.

Two quick baskets by Cowens and Williams gave the Seminoles a 4-0 jump at the beginning as Tech went more than two minutes without a point and 3½ before it managed a field goal.

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The Yellow Jackets started with man-to-man defense, drew some fouls, but were forcing a more than normal quota of floor errors by the Seminoles after the first few minutes.

Florida State spurted on, 6-1 and 13-5. On successive baskets by Yunkus, Tommy Wilson and John Hoggle the Jackets cut the lead to 17-13 but got no closer after that in the first half.

Vernell Ellzy, ignoring a

painful hip-pointer received in Wednesday's game with Jacksonville, connected on two layups soon after entering the game in his "sixth starter" role. Then the Seminoles had

the advantage of the one-and-one foul rule going for them with 4:09 left in the half, and Ellzy twice came through, for four more points, in those

clutch circumstances within a minute's playing span. Cowens just after that added two more points, on the one-and-one, and the Seminoles had their biggest lead of those opening 20 minutes 39-25. It was 41-29 at intermission.

The eight points, inevidently, were Ellzy's game total.

Just as the buzzer sounded, Ellzy connected on one of the more fantastic shots ever seen on any basketball court. Well over the center line on Tech's side as time ran out, he heaved the ball one-handed through the Florida State hoop from better than 70-foot range. Officials ruled, however, the ball hadn't left his hand before the buzzer sounded.

At halftime, the Seminoles were hitting field goals at a 55.6 percentage versus Tech's 42.9 and had a 16-12 rebounding lead.

Yunkus got three quick points to start the last half, but Young quickly matched them. Yunkus kept on hitting to cut FSU's lead to 46-37 on three quick field goals before Cowens bagged a free throw and Young followed with another 3-points play for 50-37.

Williams went to the bench for a spell on his fourth foul with 12:39 remaining, and Tech started whittling on FSU's 50-48 lead at that point.

With 7:51 to go, Tech was within four, at 66-62. Macklin countered with a 2-pointer from the corner. Yunkus replied with a layup, and Cowens put in a tip before a pair of Yunkus free throws made it 70-66 with 6:42 left.

Then—boom, boom, boom, boom—a Young field goal from the corner, a Macklin jumper, two free throws by Cowens, and another Macklin special from the corner. Eight straight points and a 78-66 advantage with about five minutes remaining.

But Tech wouldn't quit. Twice, in rapid succession, Jim Thorne stole the ball and went in for layups. But Young and Williams got that back with two free throws and a layup. Not long after Cowens racked five straight points for 37-72 with 2:53 to go.

That did it.

It was another packed house in Tully Gym, with hundreds turned away.

The Seminoles close with games at Stetson (Thursday) and Miami (Saturday).

GEORGIA TECH

	FG	FT	REB	A	PF	TP
Yunkus	14-24	9-9	8	4	2	37
Seemer	4-12	4-5	7	2	4	12
Mayer	2-2	0-0	1	3	4	4
Thorne	5-10	1-2	2	6	4	11
Varyzer	0-1	0-1	1	0	2	0
Taylor	4-5	0-0	2	2	1	8
Thompson	1-5	1-2	1	0	1	3
Hoggle	1-2	1-1	0	0	1	3
Wilson	1-2	0-1	0	0	3	2
Team			1			
Totals	32-65	16-21	23	18	22	80

FLORIDA STATE

	FG	FT	REB	A	PF	TP
Cowens	6-8	9-10	13	4	3	21
Williams	7-10	2-3	8	2	4	14
Young	5-10	5-6	4	8	3	15
Macklin	10-15	2-2	0	7	4	22
Harris	5-6	0-0	8	2	2	10
Cable	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Garrett	0-2	0-0	0	0	1	0
Gies	1-2	3-4	1	1	1	5
Elzy	2-5	4-4	5	3	1	8
Team			2			
Totals	36-58	25-29	41	27	19	97

Ga. Tech	29	51-80
Fla. State	41	56-97