

## Durham in Rhubarb

# FSU Forfeits to Hawaii

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HONOLULU — Florida State's high-ranked basketball team lost its first game, a forfeiture-shortened 30-10 decision to University of Hawaii here late Saturday night.

An official called a forfeit when Coach Hugh Durham, who had gone on the court to protest a foul call, refused to leave the scene. The official had ordered him not only off the floor, but also off the bench — which would have left his team playing the remainder of the game without him.

The clock showed 11:43 remaining in the first half when the game was terminated, boosting Hawaii's record to 5-0 and leaving Florida State 5-1.

During the argument Durham placed his hands on the chest of the official.

"I didn't have any reason to leave," Durham was quoted, "and the official didn't have any reason to ask me to leave."

A technical foul had just been called on Otto Petty. Disturbed by the uninspired play of his team in the early action, Durham apparently intended that an additional technical be called on himself — hopefully to snap his team out of its slow-starting spell.

The official said Durham swore at him.

Durham denied he swore at the official. He did not deny, however, that he swore — but he declared it was not at the official.

The official, David Muhukoma, said Petty made an "uncalled-for remark" when he called a foul on him. Whereupon the official called a technical on Petty.

Durham rushed out at that point. The official told him to sit down or he'd call a technical on him, too.

"Go ahead and call the blankety-blank," Durham reportedly said. Then the official asked Durham to leave. Durham said he was staying. But Durham said he did return to the bench at that point.

After John Pencbacher of Hawaii followed with four successful foul shots, boosting the score to 30-10, the official called the game.

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Durham denied he took his team off the floor.

The coach made an apology to the crowd of 7,495, to the Hawaii team and his own team. On Wednesday night the two are scheduled to meet again.

"I hold no ill feelings against Hawaii," said Durham, "We plan to go ahead and play them on Wednesday as scheduled."

Durham has questioned earlier calls of officials. The Seminoles were whistled down on numerous violations. "Most of those turnovers," said Durham, "were on the three and five-second rules."

Holding a 9-7 lead with about three minutes gone in the first half, Hawaii erupted for 13 straight points. The Seminoles were credited with nine turnovers by the time the Rainbows built their lead to 22-7.

Yesterday the Seminoles defeated the Hawaii Marines 128-95 in an exhibition that will not count in the standings. Rowland Garrett led Florida State with 26 points.