

Seminoles Stroll To 88-70 Victory

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MOBILE, Ala. — Florida State ran its string of tournament wins to six Monday night with an easy 88-70 win over outmanned Denver to move into the finals of the Senior Bowl Classic at Municipal Auditorium here. (The Seminoles play at 10 p.m. EST)

Tonight's game will begin at 10 o'clock (Tallahassee time) with WTNT broadcasting the action.

The Seminoles started slowly and never really put their offensive machine into high gear as they let defense and Denver's cold shooting set the pace.

Florida State jumped off to a 5-0 lead in the first minute of play against the Pioneers, but the quick start was not indicative of what was to follow as Denver roared back to tie it up at 7-7 with just three minutes gone.

After trading baskets, the Seminoles spurted out to a nine point lead at 20-11 midway in the half.

But the Pioneers, led by 6-8 Dave Bustion, would not be denied. With Bustion, a Helms Foundation All-America, last year doing most of the damage with five points, Denver quickly climbed back within four points at 22-18.

Again, however, the Seminoles spurted away, getting

their biggest lead of the half (34-24) on the strength of the shooting of Rowland Garrett and Ron King with four minutes left.

The Tribe held that margin for most of the half before two quick baskets cut the margin to six at 42-36.

The biggest difference in the half was shooting percentage — the Seminoles shot 52 per cent from the field while Denver managed only 36 per cent. The Pioneers held a substantial rebounding edge.

A trio of Pioneer starters went out at intermission with

three personal fouls each — a factor which eventually weighed heavily.

With 15:25 left in the game, the Tribe was leading 52-44 when Bustion was called for his fourth personal.

Without his aggressive board help the Pioneers suffered and the Seminoles began pulling away.

With King and Reggie Royals doing the damage, the Florida State lead jumped to 11 at 13:50 and was at 15 with 10-minutes left in the game.

A minute later Bustion picked up his fifth foul and the Pioneer spirit collapsed.

Garrett, King and Royals put in six straight Seminole points and the Tribe led by 20 with five minutes left in the contest.

The rest was anti-climatic.

King led all scorers with 24 points, while Royals picked up 18 and Garrett 16. Lawrence McCray, who continues to improve with each game, was the only other Seminole in double figures, scoring 13 points.

Bustion shared the Pioneer scoring lead with Bob Oliver at 17. He also led with 16 rebounds, 14 of them coming in the first half.

The Seminoles shot 1 per cent from the field, but had only a 69 per cent mark from the free throw line. They were

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outrebounced 41-28 by the Pioneers.

The win was the fourth straight for the Tribe and their ninth of the season against only the two losses suffered in Hawaii.

Tonight's game ends a gruelling 20-day road trip for the Tribe. Saturday the Seminoles return to Tully Gym and open a four-game home stand against East Tennessee State at 7:30 p.m.

FSU has not played at home since its record breaking 134-65 performance against Valdosta State Dec. 11.

DENVER						
	FG	FT	RB	Asst.	PF	TP
Bustin	6-18	5-8	16	0	5	17
Sharpshorn	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Oliver	8-13	1-2	8	0	2	17
Jones	0-4	0-0	2	3	5	0
Wallace	6-13	4-7	10	5	4	16
Thompson	2-5	2-3	0	0	5	6
Wishnier	2-4	4-5	4	1	0	8
Bridgeman	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Gramer	3-5	0-0	1	0	2	6
Schroy	1-1	0-0			0	2
TEAM						
Totals	27-64	16-25	49	9	18	70
FLORIDA STATE						
	FG	FT	RB	Asst.	PF	TP
King	9-13	6-8	6	2	2	24
Royals	8-16	2-3	6	4	3	18
McCray	6-10	1-1	3	0	5	13
Garrett	7-16	2-3	5	1	4	16
Samuel	2-16	2-2	2	4	0	6
Harris	0-2	0-1	5	0	3	0
Cole	2-3	2-2	2	1	2	6
Petty	1-4	0-2	0	3	0	2
Gay	2-2	0-0	0	0	1	4
Amick	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
TEAM			5			
Totals	37-73	15-22	33	15	20	88
Denver				36	34	70
FSU				42	46	88