

South Alabama Fumbles 105-72

Seminoles Find Time to Practice

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If indeed practice leads to perfection, then the 10th ranked Florida State Seminoles got a jump on the world Wednesday night with an extra 20 minutes worth.

Cruising along with a 28-point halftime lead enroute to a 105-72 whacking of South Alabama in Tully Gym, Coach Hugh Durham experimented with a new defense that left him neither overly pleased or displeased.

The Jaguars did put up 43 points in the second half against the UCLA-type zone press, which Durham first introduced to his players only two days earlier.

"We didn't want to try and blow them out in the second half," Durham noted with emphasis on the 57-29 intermission lead. "It gave us a chance to practice on something our players weren't ready to use."

"To be very honest," he added, "I was practicing, too." Durham went on to note that

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it would probably take a while to work the new defense, with any great degree of effective-

ness, into the Seminoles's arsenal.

As it was, the Seminoles

went back to an early season favorite full-court, man-to-man point-press at the beginning and ripped away fast.

"I was really pleased with the fact we played hard in the first half," he said. "Really the game was over early."

That it was.

The Seminoles streaked to an 11-0 lead in less than two minutes and were up by 22-6 after six minutes. They came within a point of tripling the score (29-10) a minute or so

later and were on top by 24 at 39-15 midway the period.

Rowland Garrett, who went on to score a career high 24 points, led the first half run-away — hitting six of six floor shots and one of one from the free throw line.

"He's playing well now," Durham offered of the 6-foot-6 senior who has been in double-figure scoring in the last seven games. "He's getting up and down the floor — playing at both ends."

Garrett was one of six Seminoles in twin-digit scoring —

Ron King 16, Reggie Royals 15, Otis Cole 13, Lawrence McCray 11 and Ron Harris 10.

About all South Alabama offered in the way of a counter was the pair of Andy Denny and Kent Carson, who flipped in 31 and 21 points respectively.

Jaguar Coach Jim Taylor, who watched his club slip to 2-10 on the season, thought the second-half reprieve might have helped his club regain some confidence.

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"We looked like we wanted to play again in the second half," he said. "But we threw the ball away too many times early and just gave them 10 points. Without them they wouldn't have broke a hundred on us."

The century-mark cracking was left up to John Amick, who hit a 10-foot baseline jumper with 47 seconds left. It came in a final flurry in which the Seminoles dumped in 14 points in the closing two minutes.

Up until then, the Seminoles had been outscored by five points since intermission, and appeared headed for an unrealistic sub-100 performance.

"But what I didn't want to see," joked Durham, "was the 70 points . . . 105 to 69 looks like a 40-point margin."

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Durham was also lighthearted about the double technical foul called against him in the second half — on one protest.

"I sure didn't want to get that third one," he cracked. "I didn't want to get thrown out of this game."

A third technical, of course, calls for automatic banishment from the game, and Durham, unmistakably was thinking back to Hawaii.

The Seminoles completely ruled the backboards to the tune of 62 to 24.

It helped add up to victory No. 14 in 16 games, with a visit to Georgia Tech coming up Saturday night.

SOUTH ALABAMA

	FG	FT	Rb	A	P	T	P
Denny	12-24	7-7	5	2	2	2	31
Carson	6-19	9-10	5	8	2	2	21
Neuman	2-3	0-1	1	0	2	4	
Prescott	2-4	0-0	1	1	5	4	
Schmitt	1-7	4-6	9	4	4	6	
Sosienski	2-4	0-0	2	4	5	4	
Left	1-2	0-0	1	0	0	2	
TOTALS	26-63	20-24	24	19	20	72	

FLORIDA STATE

	FG	FT	Reb.	A	P	F	T	P
Samuel	3-8	2-2	3	5	1	8		
Garrett	10-14	4-5	11	1	1	24		
King	7-17	2-5	12	2	1	16		
Royals	5-12	5-7	9	4	3	15		
McCray	4-8	3-4	9	0	2	11		
Harris	5-11	0-0	7	3	1	10		
Petty	0-3	0-0	3	8	2	0		
Cole	6-8	1-1	4	2	3	13		
Gay	2-3	2-3	4	0	2	6		
Amick	1-1	0-0	0	1	0	2		
TOTALS	43-85	19-27	62	26	16	105		
South Alabama			29		43	72		
Florida State			57		48	105		