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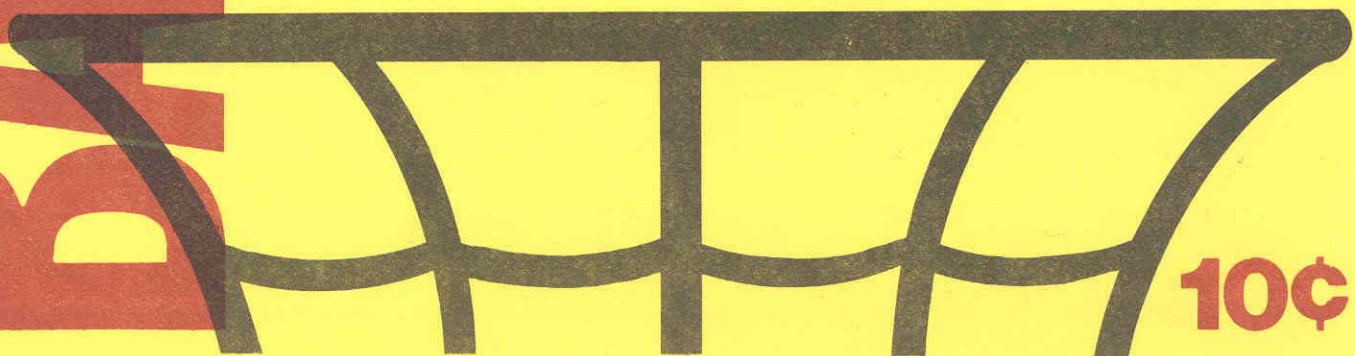
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY SEMINOLES

vs. TULANE UNIVERSITY

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Seminoles Win 94-84, Then Big Blast Comes

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Florida State and Tulane battered each other around Tully Gym Saturday night, shot 68 free throws between them and sent Otto Petty to the hospital as the Seminoles won, 94-84.

But, the on-court action was mild in comparison with the verbal blast between the two coaches following the game.

Tulane's Dick Longo leveled the first volley and FSU's Hugh Durham countered immediately.

"I'll never play Hugh Durham again as long as I'm head coach at Tulane, never," said a steaming Longo. "He didn't have to leave his regulars in there at the end and try to run up the score. I know he's trying for national ranking, but that's a disgrace and an unsportsman act. So what if he beats Tulane, what has he gained?"

His statement excited Durham. "He's bush," Durham snapped. "It's not my job to hold the score down. It was my job down there last year and I failed and we got blown out of 19 points. But, I didn't go begging and crying to pull the regulars.

"He wouldn't shake my hand after the game," Durham said. "Hell with him. I played 10 players in the first half, how many did he play?"

"Besides," Durham added, "he told me before the game he wasn't playing Florida State again. He said we had too many black players."

The verbal blast left the game almost lost in the shuffle.

But, for the record, the 11th and 14th ranked Seminoles had to fight most of the way before posting their 19th victory in 23 games.

They got a spark down the

stretch from Junior Ron King, who fired the sometimes sagging Seminole offense with 15 of 19 points in one span, and generally played his best game in a number of weeks.

He finished with 24 points, his highest number in 10 games, and pulled off 12 rebounds as the taller Seminoles dominated the boards.

King was joined by four teammates in double-figure rebounding — Rowland Garrett, Reggie Royals, Lawrence McCray and Ron Harris — with 12 each.

"That might be an all-time high at Florida State," Durham said. "Five players in double-figure rebounding is really pleasing."

It was more than the number to get into twin-digit scoring.

Behind King came Garrett with 22 points and McCray with 15.

