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Seminoles' Season Over; **Royals Tops Final Figures**

Florida State's basketball season is over. The remote possibility of a bid to the National Invitation Tournament vanished Friday when North Carolina, Alabama and the runnerup team in the Big Ten Conference - either Minnesota or Indiana - were officially designated for the three remaining berths. The Seminoles finished 18-8,

averaging 81 points per game compared to 71.5 for the 26 opponents.

Four Seminoles averaged more than 11 points per game, not counting Ron King who had a 15.0 average at the time he dislocated his ankle in the sixth game and was sidelined for the remainder of the season.

Reggie Royals was tops with a 16.5 average, followed by Lawrence McCray (14.7), Benny Clyde (13.0) and Otis Cole (11.7).

Royals also led the team in rebounding with a 10.2 average, just above McCray's 9.3. As a team the Seminoles out-rebounded opponents 48 to 39.3. Otto Petty, the Seminoles'



Royals

all-time leader in assists, had a total of 202, an average of eight per game.

Otis Johnson were the only Seminoles to play in all 26 games. Petty saw action in 25. Rovals, McCray, Cole and But only Royals topped Petty

SEMINOLE STATISTICS PTS AVG. FGM-FGA PCT. FTM-FTA PCT. REB-AVG. ASST. PF-D
TM.-FTA PCT.
REB.AVG.
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193-382
.510
44-68
.647
265-10.2
81
75-5
430
16.5

170-293
.580
41-71
.577
262-9.3
9
77-4
381
14.7

130-283
.488
28-40
.700
75-2.9
77
47
304
11.7

111-216
.514
25-37
.676
131-6.9
37
50-2
247
13.0

86-309
.411
32-50
.440
55-2.2
202
69-2
204
8.2

86-172
.500
27-47
.574
135-6.0
23
22
199
7.7

45-104
.433
14-30
.467
83-3.8
26
279
101
4.6

38-56
.655
23-42
.548
73-3.5
7
17
97
4.7

41-91
.451
8-13
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in actual playing time, 856 minutes to 765.

Clyde was the highest scorer in a single game, getting 35 points against Oklahoma City.

Royals, Petty, Cole and King are the team's four seniors. But there is a chance King will return for an other year of eligibility. Because he was injured early, he has been officially designated by the school as a "hardship case" and may play again if he so chooses. His decision is expected to hinge upon what sort of offer he may receive from a pro club.

The Seminoles this season topped the 100 mark in scoring just three times this season in their first game against Georgia Southern, their last one against Mercer and a mid-season one with Georgetown. Last year, in marching to the NCAA finals, they topped 100 seven times.

For all games a season ago the Seminoles averaged 86.9 points. Opponents a year ago averaged 71.4, just slightly less than this season's 71.5.



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