

FSU bombs Tulane 79-61

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Taking advantage of a weakened Tulane squad, Florida State posted a 79-61 Metro Conference victory Saturday night before a season-high crowd of 2,524 fans in Tully Gym.

The victory, neither particularly pretty nor exciting, lifted the Seminoles' record to 9-6 overall, 3-2 in the conference. The Green Wave, winless in four conference games, fell to 7-8.

Tulane, however, was playing without the services of 6-foot-9 forward Micah Blunt, who stayed home in New Orleans with the flu, and 6-4 guard Joe Holston, who is in traction for a back ailment.

Between them, the pair had been averaging 20 points and 12 rebounds for the Green Wave. Their absence forced Tulane coach Roy Danforth to employ a slow-down offense that was effective in the first half, but had to be discarded in the second half when FSU jumped out to a quick 11-point lead.

"That's only the second time I've ever held the ball," Danforth lamented. "Last time I got beat by 40 points, this time by 18.

"I don't think I'm ever going to try that (unprintable) again."

The slow-down tactics were fairly effective in the first half. Carefully working the ball around, Tulane went up 6-4 on an Eric Dozier field goal with 13:55 left in the half. FSU pushed to a three-point lead before Craig Harris canned his only field goal of the night to tie the contest at 21 with 2:48 left in the period.

That was Tulane's last flirtation with the lead, as a pair of Mickey Dillard field goals and a James Bozeman basket gave FSU a four-point lead. After Dozier's second, and last, field goal of the game, three free throws by Elvis Rolle gave FSU a 28-23 margin at intermission.

Two baskets by Bozeman and one by Rolle to open the final period increased the margin to 11 points, and Tulane was to come no closer than nine points the rest of the way. Twice, FSU increased its margin to 17 points, before a pair of Rodney Arnold layups in the last 18 seconds created the final 18-point spread.

Dillard scored 24 points, nine in the final 1:18 of the game, to top all scorers. Tulane's leading scorer, Robert Thompson, improved on his 19.9 average by canning 23 points.

Rolle, who hit 14 points, was ejected from the contest with 10:29 to play.

Metro referee Reggie Copeland sent the 6-10 senior to the bench for kicking Clarence James as he lay on the court, after Rolle had fallen on him and been called for his fourth foul of the night.

Tulane							
	FG	FT	Rb	Asst	PF	TP	
Thompson	7-17	9-9	3	0	5	23	
Dozier	2-4	0-1	0	0	5	4	
Hurd	3-6	5-6	4	0	5	11	
Duke	1-5	0-0	1	1	2	2	
McLaurin	0-2	0-0	3	1	4	0	
Moreau	1-5	7-8	4	0	2	9	
James	1-5	2-4	4	0	3	4	
Delph	0-0	2-4	0	0	1	2	
Harris	1-3	4-4	1	2	1	6	
Beard	0-1	0-1	1	0	1	0	
Carpenter	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	
Team			3				
Totals	16-48	29-37	24	4	30	61	

Florida State							
	FG	FT	Rb	Asst	PF	TP	
Bozeman	5-13	1-4	11	0	5	11	
Anderson	1-4	5-6	6	1	4	7	
Rolle	4-7	6-8	7	0	4	14	
Arnold	5-8	0-0	2	1	2	10	
Parks	1-3	0-2	3	3	3	2	
Dillard	7-11	10-12	3	4	4	24	
Collinsworth	0-0	0-0	0	1	4	0	
Gilmore	1-1	2-2	1	1	1	4	
Groomes	3-4	1-	5	0	2	7	
Team			4				
Totals	27-51	25-36	42	11	29	79	

Halftime—Florida State 28, Tulane 23.
Technical foul—Rolle (FSU). Disqualified—Rolle (FSU). Fouled out—Bozeman (FSU), Thompson, Dozier, Hurd (Tulane). Attendance—2,524.