

Tar Heel stars upstage FSU

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MIAMI — If it were a movie, it would have gotten three stars — and the Florida State men's basketball team would have gathered kudos for a strong supporting performance.

But the stars dominated Saturday as the ninth-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels pushed to a 78-69 victory, improving their record to 10-1.

The final nine-point margin was as large a lead as the Tar Heels mounted all day — a lead that matched FSU's biggest advantage, which came midway through the first half. The Seminoles, now 6-3, led for the first 16 minutes of the game, and on two occasions in the second half.

But FSU's last lead, 51-50, came with 10:17 remaining and, despite spunky effort, could draw no closer than two points the rest of the way.

A crowd of 4,319 spectators, most of whom paid \$15 for the privilege, watched in the Knight Convention Center — an odd amphitheater-type facility with seats on only one side that gave the impression of a game played on a tele-

vision stage.

"We were very happy to win," said North Carolina head coach Dean Smith. "I was very impressed with Florida State. Joe (Williams, FSU head coach) had them very well-prepared."

Williams, who acknowledged great pride in his team despite the loss, said the defeat was a matter of a better North Carolina team.

"For us, it was an excellent performance," said Williams. "We played our way into the game, we had our chances to win."

"North Carolina has so many strengths. You shut down one strength and they find another."

Williams said FSU's downfall was its inability to stop the Tar Heel transition game as directed by North Carolina point guard Kenny Smith, a quick player who had a game-high eight assists to go with his 13 points.

"Smith is just about the best point guard in the country. You can never beat North Carolina if you don't stop their transition game," said Williams. "I thought when we were able to stop their transition game, and get into a halfcourt game, we played very well."

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"There was a point there, when we were down only four points with about three minutes to play, and we had the ball. But we missed the shot, they got a fast-break layup, and that was the turning point. We just couldn't control their transition play."

Actually, FSU was within two points, 63-61, with 4:35 to play, when North Carolina made its final push to victory.

Tar Heel center Brad Daugherty scored on a quick turnaround to move the score to 65-61. Daugherty then blocked a shot by FSU's Randy Allen at the other end of the court, leading to a fast-break basket by North Carolina's Steve Hale.

FSU's Al Gipson then missed a shot at the Seminole end. The ball was fed to Smith, who dribbled the length of the court and dumped ball off to a trailing Daugherty, who laid it in for a 69-61 North Carolina lead with 2:13 to play.

The show then was over for FSU despite four baskets, two by point guard Joe Farrar, in those final two minutes. Working from its trademark four-corner offense, North Carolina gave up eight points to FSU but got nine of its own with seven free throws and a rousing dunk at the buzzer by the 6-foot-3 Smith.

"I thought we could have done a better job offensively down the stretch. But we were tired, and had some mental lapses," said FSU senior guard Dean Shaffer, who had 10 points and a team-high seven assists against the team he played for as a freshman and sophomore. "I'm disappointed. We could have beaten them. We had our chances to win until about three minutes to go."

"But what can you say? They're a great fast-break team. They're a great team."

FSU surprised most everyone by controlling the first 12 minutes of the game. After breaking to an 8-2 lead with 16:46 to play in the first half, FSU pushed to its largest lead, 23-14, with 8:05 in the half.

But North Carolina, after making only three of its first 17 shots, began to find the range. Led by Hale, who wound up with a game- and career-high 23 points, the Tar Heels came back to take their first lead, 28-27, with 3:20 to play in the half. The teams then traded baskets four times, before a dunk by Dave Popson started the Tar Heels on their way to a 39-33 lead at halftime.

FSU opened with another rush in the second half, before North Carolina moved to a 46-39 lead with 15:23 to play. FSU then responded with a 10-0 run to take a 49-46 lead. But though FSU managed temporarily to maintain con-

trol, leading 51-50 with 10:17 to play, North Carolina eventually asserted itself. The Tar Heels moved to as much as a seven-point lead before FSU narrowed the gap to 63-61, and North Carolina made its drive to victory.

Still, despite the loss, FSU gained some admirers. Gipson, repeatedly double-teamed by North Carolina's trio of 6-10-and-bigger forwards Daugherty, Warren Martin and Dave Popson, led the Seminoles with 18 points. Farrar and Allen added 14 apiece. Maurice Myrick led all Seminoles with nine rebounds.

"I didn't know, from looking at film, that Allen was that good," said Dean Smith. "But believe me, he's a player."

"I knew Shaffer was that good. He created havoc with his assists and (two) steals."

Shaffer, playing with great intensity, was labeled by Daugherty, whose 10 rebounds led all players, as extremely pesky.

"He's got the quickest hands I've ever seen," said Daugherty, noting that Shaffer's slapping at the ball caused problems even when he didn't steal the ball. "His

hands are right up there with Michael Jordan."

Shaffer, though, was just one of several who played well for FSU.

"Everybody played with great intensity," said FSU coach Williams. "We might have made some mistakes, but it wasn't because of a lack of effort."

FSU's next game is Monday against St. Joseph's in the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center.

Florida State (69)

	FG	FT	Rb	Asst	S	Min	TP
Shaffer	4-7	2-2	6	7	2		10
Farrar	7-10	0-0	5	1	0		14
Gipson	8-22	2-2	5	6	1		18
Allen	6-16	2-3	7	0	2		14
Myrick	2-4	0-1	9	5	0		4
Fitchett	3-4	0-0	2	0	0		6
Speights	1-1	1-1	0	0	0		3
Totals	31-64	7-9	37	19	5	200	69

North Carolina (78)

	FG	FT	Rb	Asst	S	Min	TP
Hale	8-12	7-7	7	7	1		23
Smith	5-9	3-4	0	8	0		13
Daugherty	8-16	5-5	10	3	3		21
Peterson	3-9	0-0	0	1	1		6
Popson	3-8	0-0	5	0	0		6
Hunter	2-4	0-0	2	4	2		4
Martin	2-7	1-2	3	2	1		5
Totals	31-65	16-18	30	25	8	200	78

Halftime score: North Carolina 39, Florida State 33; Fouled out: Martin (North Carolina); Technical fouls: none; Total fouls: Florida State — 16, North Carolina — 15; Attendance: 4,319.