

Jacksonville rolls over FSU

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JACKSONVILLE — Ronnie Murphy says he just takes what the defense gives him. He did a lot of taking on Saturday night.

Murphy scored 30 points to lead Jacksonville past Florida State 90-78 before 6,274 at the Jacksonville Memorial Coliseum.

The victory improved the Dolphins' record to 5-5, while FSU fell to 7-2.

What did in the Seminoles was a Jacksonville firestorm early in the second half. The Dolphins outscored FSU 24-5 during the first eight minutes of the half to turn a 42-37 halftime deficit into a 61-47 lead. The Seminoles could do little right during the span and Jacksonville could do nothing wrong.

"We just didn't come out ready to play in the second half," said guard Pee Wee Barber. "We had two plays called, one for a man-to-man defense and one for a zone. We didn't run what we were supposed to run and that stopped out momentum right there."

The Seminoles weathered the storm and eventually

cut the Jacksonville lead to three points on a three-pointer by Barber with 8:12 left. That would be as close as FSU would get as the Dolphins spread out their offense and forced the Seminoles into a man-to-man defense.

Murphy, a 6-foot-5 senior, has a habit of destroying man-to-man defenses. He simply took over the game down the stretch.

"They had bigger guys trying to guard me and I figured I could go around them because they're used to covering bigger players," he said. "I could play against a man-to-man defense all day."

"He was a lot tougher than I was and that made him harder to guard," said Randy Allen. "But that's no excuse."

Danny Pearson complemented Murphy's performance by scoring 24 points, while guard Troy Mundine added 12. Barber led FSU with 31 points, including four three-pointers. The Seminoles couldn't sink the long ones when they had to though, missing four three-pointers in the final minute as Jacksonville pulled away for the 12-point victory.

FSU hit five three-pointers in the first half on the way to a 43-37 lead. As he has been most of the season, Davis was the chief marksman, making four of seven bombs to lead FSU with 14 first-half points.

He hit two straight three-pointers to give the Seminoles a 10-2 lead with 16:50 left in the half. While he was sizzling, Murphy and the rest of the Dolphins got off to a slow start. They hit 15 of 42 shots in the first half, with Murphy connecting on only four of 14.

With all that misfiring going on, the Seminoles took a 20-13 lead with 12:47 left in the half on a turnaround by Allen. About that time the Dolphins suddenly found their shooting touch and outscored FSU 9-0 during the next two minutes. Their biggest lead came when Murphy hit a three-pointer to make it 25-22, but FSU heated back up as quickly as it had cooled.

The Seminoles scored the next four baskets to take a 30-25 lead. Guard Pat Laguerre scored three points for Jacksonville cut the margin to 30-28, then Barber and Davis made consecutive three-pointers to make it 36-28 with 5:09 left in the half.

The teams traded baskets for the rest of the half, with Pearson hitting a three-pointer with nine seconds left to make it 42-37.

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FLORIDA STATE 78									
player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	a	f	tp		
Allen	36	4-7	2-3	8	2	4	10		
Fitchett	24	2-5	0-0	4	2	4	4		
Choice	34	4-6	1-3	7	0	4	9		
Davis	38	5-14	0-0	1	3	2	14		
Barber	37	11-20	5-6	1	5	3	31		
Mateer	5	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0		
McCloud	16	4-8	2-2	3	2	1	10		
Hunter	4	0-0	0-0	2	0	1	0		
Karsak	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0		
Team							1		
Totals	200	30-61	10-14	30	15	21	78		
JACKSONVILLE 90									
player	min	fg-a	ft-a	reb	a	f	tp		
Pearson	39	9-18	5-5	13	7	4	24		
Murphy	34	14-29	0-0	9	3	4	30		
McDuffie	37	4-7	1-2	10	0	3	9		
Mundine	30	4-9	2-4	5	3	0	12		
Boykin	18	0-3	3-6	1	2	1	3		
Laguerre	22	1-4	4-5	1	0	2	6		
Brown	10	3-4	0-0	1	1	1	6		
Stocum	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0		
Team							2		
Totals	200	35-74	15-22	47	16	18	90		

Halftime score: Florida State 42, Jacksonville 37. Three-point goals: Florida State 5-20 (Davis 4-10, Barber 4-7, Fitchett 0-1, Choice 0-1, Mateer 0-1), Jacksonville 5-8 (Pearson 1-2, Murphy 2-2, Mundine 2-3, Brown 0-1). Field-goal percentages: Florida State 49.2, Jacksonville 47.3. Turnovers: Florida State 21, Jacksonville 13. Technical fouls: None. A — 6,274.