

In the final analysis the Indians were finally weighted down by the overwhelming difference in the free throw department. FSU matched the Bears field goal for field goal as each team slipped in 24 double deckers. But the Bears clicked on 17 of 27 foul shots while the Indians, who had only 13 charity tries, connected on eight.

Those same penalties which led to the Seminoles downfall, also provided the crowd with most of its displeasure as they continually hooted the decisions of the officials.

Glenn Wilkes was billed as the man the Seminoles had to stop, and the rangy Eatonton, Ga. boy

FSU 55				Mercer 53			
	fg	ft	tp		fg	ft	tp
Weigle, f	3	2	8	Reeder, f	7	0	14
Kendall, f	1	1	3	Wilkes, f	5	6	18
Benjamin, f	3	2	16	Murdock, f	1	0	2
Adams, c	1	0	2	Pender, c	0	0	0
Dickson, c	1	0	2	Clements, c	0	0	0
Pender, c	0	1	1	Barnett, c	0	0	0
McLaughlin, g	8	1	17	Stewart, g	9	8	24
Wyman, g	1	1	3	Marchman, g	0	0	0
Perry, g	1	1	3	Dobbins, g	1	3	7
Wyman, g	1	0	2				

Totals — 24 8 56 Totals — 28 17 83

Score at halftime: Mercer 33, FSU 25.

Free throws missed: Weigle, Adams 2.

Wyman, McLaughlin, Reeder 4, Murdock 2, Barnett, Marchman, Dobbins 2.

Personal fouls: Weigle 4, Kendall 3, Benjamin 3, Adams 2, Dickson, McLaughlin 3, Perry 2, Wyman 2, Reeder, Wilkes, Murdock, Clements, Stewart, Marchman, Dobbins 4. Referee Love; Umpire Wykoff.

maintained his reputation by dunking 18 points through the cords. But last night the Bruin ace was overshadowed by teammate Rudy Stewart who put on a brilliant set-shot show.

Stewart Gets 24

The stocky, southpaw ball handler who looked more like a mid-dieweight wrestler than a cage star, hit nine times from the field and six times from the free throw line for a 24 point total that dominated the night's individual scoring. In addition he engineered most of the Bruins floor work, and set up plays with his deft passing and ball handling.

With Wilkes, who operated under the hoop as "Mr Inside," and Stewart pouring set shots through as "Mr Outside," the Bears displayed a potent one-two punch that was tough to stop.

When Wilkes and Stewart were both momentarily shackled early in the second half Reeder hit a hot streak and slipped in six quick field goals to offset the Seminoles' counterattack.

Little Lee Benjamin and big Tom McLaughlin paced the Indians with 18 and 17 points respectively, and when Benjamin fouled out with FSU trailing 61-55 the ball game was over.

McLaughlin led the Seminoles in their play off both boards, and twice picked them up when they were lagging badly by slipping in braces of field goals.

The victory was Mercer's sixth in eight starts this winter, and the setback was FSU's fifth against six wins. The Bears have lost once in Dixie circles, while last night's setback was the Indians' third within the loop against five wins.