

Mercer Wins 62-59 As FSU Rally Fails

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MACON, Ga., Jan. 29—Mercer's Bears, starring Glen Wilkes, were too much for the Florida State University Seminoles here Friday night as the Bears handed the Indians a 62-59 setback for their second loss in their two-game road trip to Georgia this week. Oglethorpe beat the Seminoles Thursday night, 64-52.

The Bears jumped to a four-point lead at the start, but the Seminoles tied it up a few seconds later and that was as close as they got until the closing seconds.

Wilkes Gets 23

Wilkes paced the victors with 23 points, followed by teammate Rudy Stewart who had 14. Big Tom McLaughlin of FSU and Bob Pence had 18 and 17 markers respectively.

After the Seminoles tied the count, Mercer pulled away and stayed about 14 points out front until the last minute and a half.

The Seminoles put on a show for the crowd in that minute and a half that saw them cut the lead from 16 points to a mere three when the gun sounded.

Little Lee Benjamin, a Seminole scoring star all year, was held to a lone field goal and two charity tosses for a total of four points.

Bob Pence, Tom McLaughlin and Bill Weigel paced the Indians' furious closing drive.

The loss squared FSU's season record at seven wins and seven losses.

FSU	fg	ft	tp	MERCER	fg	ft	tp
Benjamin, f	1	2	4	Wilkes, f	9	5	23
Pavy, f	2	1	5	Reeder, f	5	0	10
Nettles, f	0	0	0	Clements, c	1	2	4
Wyman, f	1	0	2	Stewart, g	5	4	14
Adams, c	1	0	2	Bivins, g	0	0	0
Pence, c	8	1	17	Murdock, g	1	0	2
McLaughlin, g	7	4	18	Marchman, g	1	5	7
Kendall, g	1	0	2	Kinsaul, g	1	0	2
Weigel, g	0	0	0				

Totals 24 11 59 Totals 23 16 62

FSU to Open Spring Grid Drills Monday

Football will again take over a spot on Florida State University's sports program Monday afternoon when candidates for the Seminoles 1949 grid squad report to Head Coach Don Veller for the opening session of a four-week spring training program.

The Seminoles, defending Dixie conference champions, are opening their spring grid earlier than was originally planned to allow grid candidates to participate in FSU's extensive spring sports programs.

Six Teams Active

The addition of spring grid practice will increase the number of sports teams now active to six.

The basketball, volleyball, and swimming teams are currently in the midst of their schedules.

The pitching and catching candidates for the 1949 baseball squad are working out now, and will be joined by the remaining members of the squad Feb. 21.

Track candidates were called together last week.

The FSU Rifle club opened a