

Comeback After Mississippi Loss

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JACKSON, Miss, Feb 5. — The Florida State University Seminoles beat off a desperate closing rally by Millsaps here tonight to hand the Majors a 49-46 setback in a Dixie Conference cage tilt.

The Seminoles bogged down in the closing minutes after holding the upper hand all the way, and the Majors drove from behind to tie the score at 43-43 and 46-46.

Center Bob Pence hit with a double-decker to put the Indians back in the lead 47-45, but Whatley dropped through a charity toss to haul Millsaps up to a 47-46 deficit.

McLaughlin Clinches It

Big Tom McLaughlin then slammed a hook shot through the net in the closing minute to ice the decision.

The victory was FSU's ninth of the season against eight setbacks, and broke the spell of road defeats that had dogged them since Jan. 14 when they defeated Stetson's Hatters.

Little Lee Benjamin and Bill Weigle divided the Seminole scoring lead with 15 points apiece, but they had to relinquish too many points to the Majors' Otis Pigott who poured 22 points through in a losing cause.

FSU's volleyball team broke even in a three-team tourney here tonight.

The Seminoles lost to Vicksburg 4-15 and 0-15 but defeated Jackson 15-5, 14-16 and 15-9.

En route to the local volleyball meet FSU dropped a five-game match to Mobile YMCA 10-15, 14-16, 11-15, 5-15 and 10-15.

FSU	fg	ft	tp	Millsaps	fg	ft	tp
Benjamin, f	7	1	15	Weems, f	0	1	1
McLaughlin, f	4	1	0	Pigott, f	7	8	22
Pence, c	1	0	2	Carr, f	6	0	12
Adams, c	0	0	0	Bell, c	1	0	2
Nettles, g	1	0	2	Whatley, g	0	2	2
Kendall, f	1	4	6	Branch, g	1	1	3
Weigle, g	3	5	15	Wood, c	2	0	4

Totals 19 11 49 Totals 17 12 46
Score at halftime: FSU 29, Millsaps 21