

The victory balanced Birmingham-Southern's books at 11 wins and 11 losses with two games left to be played against Sunshine state rivals.

Nifty Fake

FSU scored first when McLaughlin's nifty fake allowed Adams to break into the clear for a layup, and the Seminoles moved on to an early 9-5 lead. But Birmingham, led by towering Buddy Oxford, started finding the range from outside and pulled steadily away during the last eight minutes of the first half.

Oxford, one of the top all-around performers to appear here this year, was a constant pain in the Seminoles side. The big center was plain as an old shoe in his play, lacking the frills that

FSU	fg	ft	tp	BIRM-SOU	fg	ft	tp
Benjamin, f	2	1	3	Chapman, f	2	1	3
Kendall, f	1	0	2	Dominick, f	1	3	5
McLaughlin, f	1	0	2	Green, f	0	0	0
Hewitt, f	0	0	0	West, f	2	0	4
Adams, g	6	1	13	Nicholsen, g	0	0	0
Weigle, g	3	3	15	Oxford, g	8	2	18
Pence, g	0	1	1	Hopping, g	2	0	4
Nettles, g	0	0	0	Stanford, g	4	8	14
Wyman, g	3	0	6				

Totals 12 1-44 Totals 19 12-59

Halftime score FSU 19 Birm-Sou 23.

Officials: Wyckoff and Brown

Mercer's Glenn Wilkes and Tampa's Mac Williams exhibited on the local floor, but he was dead-ly from the field, a hawk on re-bounds and a convincing faker.

He piled up eight field goals and two foul shots to take scoring honors with 18 points, but that doesn't begin to tell the story of his value to the Cats.

FSU, with its two scoring lead-ers Lee Benjamin and Tom McLaughlin, badly off in their shoot-ing, was unable to gain ground on Oxford and company after the intermission, and had to scramble desperately to stay within nine points of the Alabama five.

Finally, by sheer drive, the In-dians started to click, only to see the rally die out before any real damage could be done.

Small, But Loud

The crowd of 530 was one of the smallest of the season, but it was one of the loudest, and it vented displeasure at most of the decisions of the officials until the Seminole rally gave the assembly something to whoop about.

Bill Weigle, bespectacled for-ward, led the Seminoles with 13 points compiled on five field goals and an equal number of foul shots.

Weigle, who managed to slip behind his defender steadily in the early action of the second half, kept the Indians in the running by hitting eight of the 10 points they collected over one stretch.

While the action was fast and both teams battled for the ball, only 28 fouls were called. FSU lost Benjamin and McLaughlin via the personal foul route late in the second half.

Ace Adams, in the midst of a late season comeback, and Ernest Stanford, classy Cat guard, took runnerup scoring honors with 13 and 14 points respectively.