

Box score may be in the Florida Times Union

MOBILE, Ala. — Florida State's smooth-working Seminoles regained what basketball prestige they may have lost in December by dumping Gator Bowl champion Spring Hill, 81-72, here last night.

First-round losers to Florida after blowing a 12-point lead in the Gator Bowl, FSU wound up in third place by throttling Georgia. Spring Hill then tumbled Florida for the championship.

With play-maker Jimmy Oler and sharpshooter Ham Wernke leading the way, the Seminoles had little trouble posting their 10th victory against only two defeats last night. The other loss was to highly-regarded Duke.

Winning its fourth straight, FSU played a slow, deliberate game against Spring Hill. With Oler setting up the plays and Wernke canning the crucial baskets, FSU led most of the way.

Wernke scored 28 points, mostly on long shots, to run his season's total to 286 points and a 12-game average of 19.7. Hitting 12 consecutive free throws before missing, Oler bagged 21 points to hike his aggregate to 244 points and a 20.3 average.

Spring Hill's best point-makers were forward Happy Mahfouz and guard Whitey Barnes, with 27 and

21 points.

FSU moves over to State College, Miss., tonight for a game with Mississippi State's Maroons. The Seminoles must cope with sophomore star Jim Ashmore, third leading scorer in the Southeastern Conference with a 21-point average.

FSU Throttles Spring Hill

MOBILE, Ala. —(P)— Florida State capitalized on a brief defensive letdown by Spring Hill late in the first half and defeated the Badgers, 81-72 last night.

With three minutes left in the half, FSU starting cutting Badgers' 8-point lead, scoring 11 points while Spring Hill made only one field goal and grabbing a 42-41 halftime edge.

FLA. STATE			SPRING HILL		
	fg	ft tot		fg	ft tot
Aitmeier	6	1 13	Mahfouz	10	7 27
Benson	2	3 7	Atkinson	5	2 13
Wold	6	8 18	Coyle	3	1 7
Oler	4	13 21	Barnes	8	5 21
Wernke	9	4 22	Hasser	0	0 0
Williams	0	0 0	Poole	1	1 3
			O McGuire	1	0 2
			Reagan	0	0 0
Totals	27	27 81	Totals	28	16 72
Halftime: Florida State 42, Spring Hill 41.					