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WINTER PARK—A blistering Florida State offense upped the Seminoles' chances of a National Invitation Basketball Tournament bid here last night in a record 110-82 thumping of an outclassed Rollins team.

It was the 10th straight success for Bud Kennedy's men, who now have a sparkling 16.2 record, and clinched the first Florida Intercollegiate Basketball Conference crown for PSU. State has a \$-0 conference mark with a Feb. 25 at Mismi the only remaining league game.

FSU wrapped up the championship in sensational style. With three players collecting more than 20 points and another pair in double figures, the Seminoles ran up their highest total in history.

FREE-THROW MARK

A 103-point total against Jacksonville (Ala.) State in the season opener was the previous high.

Almost lost in the brilliant FSU performance was a slighter record. The Seminoles toed the free-throw line 35 times and dropped 32 of them.

The Tribe, now averaging 87 points a game, had it easy. Jimmy Oler meshed two free throws early in the second half to give FSU a 17-12 lead and start a flurry that quickly opened a 20-point gap. It was 59-40 at intermission, and the Seminoles kept at it during the second half.

Oler and center Gary Wold were getting shots—and free throws—from close in, while Ham Wernke and Dick Artmeier was ringing the bell from outside. The combination snowed Rollins, usually a tough customer at home, completely under.

Bud Kennedy cleaned his 11player bench long before the final buzzer and nine of the 11 contributed points.

THREE OVER

Oler, aided by 11 out of 12 free throws, paced the Seminoles with 27 points, running his season total to 395 points and a 21.9 average. Wernke, who now has 350 points and a 19.4 average, canned 21 points, as did forward Rick Benson.

Benson, who played high school basketball at nearby Maitland, turned in one of his more spectacular performances, helping FSU control the boards.

The Seminoles hit 30 times from the field, an all-time high, and limited Rollins to 29 field goals, Dick Bezemer, the Tars' flashy frosh, bagged 28 points.

The Seminoles will return to Tallahassee briefly today, before departing for New Orleans, where they meet powerful Loyola Saturday night.

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Totals 39 32 116 Totals 29 24 82
Halftime: FSU 59, Rollins 40.
Free throws missed: FSU — Oler,
Williams 2, Rollins—Bezemer 3, Welsenberg, Costello, Haber 2, Feldman 2,
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