

# FSU Wins, 91-83; Kansas City Ahead

**Benson, Artmeier Lead Bombardment As Seminoles  
Gain NAIA Tourney Spot With Thriller Over GTC**

Getting sensational support from a pair of under-rated workhorse forwards, Florida State's Seminoles came from behind six times to whip Georgia Teachers, 91-83, for the District 25 NAIA basketball championship last night.

A noisy Florida High gym crowd watched Bud Kennedy's spirited team take charge with six minutes to play and wrap up their second national NAIA tournament berth in five years.

FSU, which shattered Georgia Teachers' 14-game winning streak, will carry one of the best records in the nation (21-3) into the 32-team, week-long NAIA meet at Kansas City, Mo., starting Monday.

Georgia Teachers, which lost a regular-season game to FSU (75-67) in December, closed its season with a 20-4 mark.

## CLUTCH PERFORMANCES

FSU wouldn't have made it but for some terrific clutch play by senior Rick Benson and junior Dick Artmeier.

That forward combination was forced to carry the burden when Georgia Teachers, wanting badly to win, trained its heaviest defensive guns on FSU's Jimmy Oler and Ham Wernke, the team's leading scorers.

Benson and Artmeier spoiled the Professors' strategy Benson loosened up for his best night in a four-year FSU career, pouring in 29 points and giving the visitors fits under both baskets.

Artmeier was just as effective, scoring 22 points while he wasn't spearing a rebound or tying the Teachers up.

## FREE THROWS HELP

Wernke and Oler turned in some wonderful decoy work, and centers Gary Wold and Bobby Williams chipmunked in with some nice rebounding chores that aided FSU in getting 93 shots at the basket.

Figure-wise, the difference came at the free-throw line. Some pinpoint long-range bombardment by the Professors netted 33 field goals, five more than FSU could muster.

But the Seminoles cashed in 35 of 47 foul shots, while Teachers hit only 17 of 27 charity throws.

It was the seventh game that State has won this season from the 15-foot line.

Chester Webb, GTC's sharp-shooting center, hit for 29 points to tie Benson for individual honors. It sounds silly, but the Seminoles bottled Web up when

it counted, and the flashy 6-7 junior did not do nearly as much damage as was expected.

## TAKE 6-POINT LEAD

The Tutors opened fast. After a 13-13 tie, the Profs edged ahead by six points, 25-19, at the 10-minute mark. Artmeier and Benson found the range, though, and FSU had a healthy eight-point spread, 48-40, at intermission.

It didn't last. Guards Bo Warren and Don Wallen started ringing the bell from outside in the third period and the Teachers sprinted to a 68-65 lead with 10 minutes left.

That's when the Seminoles

took over. Gary Wold dunked a difficult hook shot from a bad angle for a 76-74 FSU lead. Benson shoved in a one-hander from the side, and Oler hit a fast-break layup after a Wernke steal. He was fouled on the two-pointer, sank the free throw, and FSU led by 81-74 with four minutes left.

## PAYOFF ON FOULS

The Seminoles elected to stall, and, with GTC trying desperately to get possession of the ball, it paid off with eight free throws before the final buzzer.

The lead had swapped hands 11 times and the score had been tied on five occasions before the Profs went sour in the waning minutes.

The losers had been hot enough earlier to finish with the best shooting percentage, hitting 33 of 84 shots for 39.3 per cent. FSU's Oler and Wernke hit only one of 25 first-half attempts and the Seminoles' final percentage was a below-average 30.1 on 28 of 93 connections.

GA. TEACHERS					FSU				
	fg	ft	pt	tp		fg	ft	pt	tp
Ca'ell,f	2	0	5	4	Ben'n,f	9	11	3	29
Cle'ts,f	1	0	3	2	Art'er,f	8	6	5	22
Corry,f	1	3	5	5	Burst,f	0	0	1	0
Rush,f	1	3	2	5	Two'y,f	0	2	0	2
We'b,c	10	9	2	29	Wold,c	3	3	3	9
Wal'n,g	8	2	3	18	Wil's,c	0	0	3	0
Wa'n,g	9	0	5	18	Oler,g	3	7	2	13
Ward,g	1	0	0	2	Wer'e,g	5	6	1	16
C'am,g	0	0	2	0					
Totals 33 17 27 83					Totals 28 35 18 91				

Halftime: Florida State—48. Ga. Teachers 40.

Free Throws Missed: Florida State—12. (Artmeier 2, Wold 2, Benson 4, Oler 4.) Ga. Teachers—10. (Wallen 2, Warren, Webb 3, Corry 3).