

FSU Runs Hot, Cold To Win Opener, 93-84

Wernke Hits 35 To Lead NAIA Tourney Triumph;
Seminoles Draw 2nd Test Against Beloit Tomorrow

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KANSAS CITY, Mo.—With guard Ham Wernke packing in 35 points, Florida State's Seminoles survived some bad moments to eliminate Montana State, 93-84, here Monday afternoon in an opening round game of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics basketball tournament.

As first round matches in the 32-team field continue today, Coach Bud Kennedy's team takes a rest. Their next assignment is against Beloit (Wis.) tomorrow afternoon (3:30, EST).

HIGH PERCENTAGE

Seeded second in the tourney, Beloit had its troubles yesterday but rallied in the last half to oust Whitworth of Spokane, Wash., 88-75. The winners hit 50.9 percent of their shots from the field, led 42-40 at the half.

The Seminoles were considerably colder than that, hitting only 28 percent of their efforts from the court.

Montana State started fast and ripped to an eight-point lead at 11-3 before a startled FSU started finding the range. By halftime, the Seminoles were in command, 43-37.

FSU continued to roll as the second half opened, extending its lead to 64-50 at one stage. But Montana State whittled away at the margin and finally gained a late tie at 80-80.

Again the Seminoles cut loose and bagged 13 points to make it 93-80 before their opponents tallied again.

Though his mates were "off," Wernke netted 50 percent of his field goal attempts (13 of 26) and made good on nine of 11 free throws.

Another vital factor was the free throw contributions of guard Jimmy Oler, who struck for 16 of 17 from the line. Oler added two field goals to rank second to Wernke for team honors on 20 points. Rick Benson contributed 15 for the victors.

Montana State, which matched FSU's total of 28 field goals, had fewer opportunities for free

throws, totalling 28 versus 37 for FSU. Forward Ted Carter was the losers' best with 24 points.

| FSU | G | F | P | T |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Wernke, f | 13 | 9 | 2 | 35 |
| Twomey, f | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Artmeier, f | 2 | 6 | 3 | 10 |
| Wold, c | 2 | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| Williams, g | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Benson, g | 8 | 0 | 5 | 16 |
| Patton, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oler, g | 2 | 16 | 3 | 20 |
| Burst, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Watts, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 28 | 37 | 20 | 93 |

| MONTANA ST. | G | F | P | T |
|--------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Carter, f | 8 | 8 | 4 | 24 |
| Black, f | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Saldnen, f | 5 | 11 | 4 | 21 |
| Sak, f | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Oliver, c | 8 | 2 | 4 | 18 |
| Cotton, g | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Casey, g | 4 | 2 | 3 | 10 |
| Durham, g | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ingaldson, g | 3 | 5 | 5 | 11 |
| Knapp, g | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Totals | 28 | 28 | 27 | 84 |

Halftime: FSU 43, Montana St. 37.

Free throws missed—Florida State:

Wernke 2, Twomey, Artmeier 2, Wold 3, Williams 2, Oler, Montana State: Carter 3, Saldnen, Oliver 2, Casey, Ingaldson 2.