

Florida State basketballers blew an 8-point lead in the second half here last night and dropped their second straight game to Florida Southern, 73-67.

Last Tuesday the Moccasins took the Seminoles, 78-63, in Lakeland.

Leading 40-32 at the half, the Tribe saw its lead steadily dwindle during the final 20 minutes until the visitors caught up and went ahead for the first time with 13 minutes remaining, 47-46.

It see-sawed back and forth until the final five minutes when the Moccasins pulled out 59-55, never again to be headed.

For Southern, it was its seventh conference success in nine tries and gave the Moccasins the FIBC lead over Miami and Stetson.

The Seminoles now have a 3-4 conference mark, and an overall record of five victories in 19 games.

Southern out-rebounded the Tribesmen, 26-18, in the last half, and that was probably the biggest difference in the drive to victory.

Tobin tossed in 24 and freshman Nick Lapolla 17 to lead the

winners, while Hugh Durham led the Seminoles as usual with a 23-point production.

Saturday night the Tribe faces Rollins College on its home court, will make an effort to even its conference record.

FLA. SOUTHERN	FG	FT	PF	TP
Lapolla, f	6	5-8	5	17
Tobin, f	7	10-18	4	24
Ball, f	6	6-8	2	12
Lasch, f	0	0-0	0	0
Scuderi, c	4	3-7	3	11
Collins, g	1	0-0	2	2
McNamara, g	2	3-4	5	7
Totals	26	21-35	21	73
FLORIDA STATE	FG	FT	PF	TP
Durham, f	9	5-7	2	23
Strom, f	3	3-4	3	9
Gregory, f	1	0-0	4	2
Ward, f	0	2-4	0	0
Casteel, f	1	0-1	2	2
B. Williams, c	3	2-3	2	8
Garcia, g	3	6-6	3	12
Watts, g	3	2-2	5	8
J. Williams, g	0	1-3	0	1
Totals	23	21-31	21	67
Halftime: Florida State 40, Florida Southern 32.				