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CINCINNATI O.—Weary Florida State put on a dandy last-half showing here last night, but Xavier short-circuited the rally in the final four minutes for a 76-60 basketball victory.

It was the 14th victory against only four defeats for Xavier, ranked 15th in the nation by the International News Service.

The Seminoles took their fourth straight setback on this northern jaunt, moving their season record to 6-12.

STUBBORN DEFENSE

But for a stubborn Xavier defense in the first half, the Seminoles may have pulled a shocker. Down 34-17 at intermission, FSU banged away to pull within eight points with 4:21 left. The Seminoles outscored their lasts 43-42, the last half.

Joe Viviana, a Louisville High school teammate of FSU's Burt Deckel, produced a three-point play as FSU drew near and it was all over. Viviana was more than half the show for the Musketeers. He canned 29 points, on 12 field goals and five free throws.

FSU's Hugh Durham put forth a spectacular effort before his family, who motored over from Louisville. Hugh sparked the Seminoles' second-half drive, hitting 10 consecutive free shots. He finished with 25 points.

Burt Deckel and Jim Kiteky collected 13 and 12 points respectively.

BACK HOME

The Seminoles, who learned much about "Yankee" basketball since last Friday, are scheduled to fly into Tallahassee at 4:05 p.m. today. FSU meets Army at home Friday night.

Both teams were cold at the out set. After six minutes, it was only 6-3, with Xavier in front.

Viviana popped in two from far out and the Musketeers were off to a 12-point lead. But two buckets by Durham and one each by Liteky and Strom cut it to four with 6½ minutes left in the half.

That was the closest the Seminoles came as the Musketeers parlayed foul shots with deadly outside shooting for a 34-17 bulge at intermission.

The Seminoles were assessed 11 fouls during that rough first half, Xavier was penalized but five times in the first 20 minutes.

It was different in the second half, it was plenty rough, but the Seminoles got their share of charity shots, making 17 of 22 after intermission.

FSU trailed by only eight points with 4:21 left. But Viviana squirmed under for a layup and was fouled in the process. He converted and Xavier built up its winning margin in the final seconds.

FLORIDA STATE		FG	FT
Strom	1	8-0	
Deckel	2	7-9	
Politz	2	2-3	
Liteky	5	2-2	
Durham	7	11-12	
Westhafer	1	0-0	
Savage	0	0-0	
Casteel	0	0-1	
Totals	13	22-27	
XAVIER		FG	FT
Viviano	12	5-6	
Tarlton	2	1-3	
Piontek	3	2-5	
Casteel	3	2-5	
Oldham	1	1-3	
Palmer	1	0-0	
Conchaine	0	0-0	
Gundrum	2	0-2	
Jannett	0	1-2	
Totals	29	18-32	
Halftime: Xavier 34, FSU 17.			