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TAMPA—A fired-up Tampa basketball club used a strong first half to upset Florida State here last night, 79-56.

The Spartans out-rebounded and outshot the Seminoles during the first 20 minutes, and left the court at intermission with a 41-17 edge.

TOO FAR BACK

The Seminoles were never able to close the gap to less than 17 points during the final half, though they did outscore Tampa, 39-38, during the final 20 minutes.

The difference in the game was under the boards. Tampa grabbed 44 rebounds, while the Seminoles got just 24 for their night's work.

In the field, also, the Spartans were far superior. Tampa dropped 29 of 66 shots for a .439 showing, while FSU sank just 24 of 78 for a .308 mark.

The Spartans owned a 16-3 lead after the first 10 minutes of play, as the Seminoles hit just once from the field during that time.

After that, Tampa steadily increased its lead until half-time, mostly on the scoring of forward Ed Holton and guard Billy Turner.

Holton emerged the game's high scorer with 24 points, dropping nine of 14 tries afield, mostly from in close. Turner added 17 for the Spartans.

DECKEL LEADS

Leading scorer Burt Deckel led the Seminoles with 18, 15 in the second half. Guard Hugh Durham had 13, all of them in the final half.

The victory was only Tampa's third of the season against 22 losses. FSU now has an 8-16 seasonal mark.

The Seminoles close their season on the home court next Monday night in Tallahassee against the University of Georgia.

FLORIDA STATE	G	F	P	T
Strom	2	0-0	1	4
Deckel	7	4-5	4	18
Holm	3	2-2	4	8
Durham	6	1-1	3	13
Litsky	0	1-3	1	1
Garcia	2	0-0	1	4
Savage	0	0-0	1	0
Westhafer	2	0-0	1	0
Castel	1	0-0	3	2
Williams	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	74	8-11	21	56
TAMPA	G	F	P	T
McNamara	4	3-4	2	11
Holton	9	5-8	3	24
Miller	5	1-1	1	11
Turner	6	5-7	0	17
Sullivan	2	1-4	3	7
Baxter	1	2-2	1	4
Gubielok	1	0-0	0	2
Mosminger	1	1-1	0	3
Swigert	0	0-1	0	0
Totals	79	19-25	10	79
Halftime: Tampa 41, Fla. State 17.				