

Florida State's up-and-down basketball team was pretty well up today after hitting close to 60 percent of its field-goal tries in a 74-74 whomping of Oklahoma City University here last night.

The Seminoles of Coach Bud Kennedy hit on 41 of 69 efforts from the floor for a 59.4 percentage.

That padded the season's field-goal average to 51.9 per cent and made them No. 1 in the nation in this statistical category.

Going into the game with OCU, Florida State was rated second nationally, behind Ohio State. The Seminoles had a 50.7 percentage to the Buckeyes' 51.6.

Last night's hot endeavor put FSU ahead of the idle Buckeyes, 51.9 to 51.6.

FSU left this morning for two road engagements that figure rough. The Seminoles play at Furman tomorrow night, at Clemson on Monday. Earlier Clemson beat FSU in two overtimes at Tallahassee.

"And last Saturday night," Kennedy pointed out, "Furman beat Clemson, 89-63."

Last night's tussle with OCU was a dilly for a half. The game was tied nine times before intermission. OCU at one stage held a 20-13 advantage. FSU rallied, on the pointmaking of Dave Fedor, to grab a 41-39 half-time lead.

Quickly, in the second half the Seminoles sewed it up.

After OCU tied it for the last time at 41-41, the Seminoles cut loose. With the score 45-43, Ray Swain poured in three straight field goals for a 51-43 advantage and the Tribe raced on to a 56-43 lead before OCU scored again.

Fedor, hitting 12 of 20 from the floor for an even 60 per cent, was top scorer and rebounder for the evening with 28 points, 10 recoveries. Swain, connecting on eight of 11 from the floor for a torrid 72.7 per cent, got 20 points.

Charlie Long and Rufus Ashworth were close behind with 20 and 19.

Normally a hot-shooting team from the outside, OCU used this asset to keep things close early. But the Chiefs simmered down on their long bids in the late going. They finished with a 43.8 percentage on field goals.

Though the visitors drew only 24 fouls, four of their starters fouled out. But the issue was clear-cut when the first of the four departed with 8:30 left in the game.

Larry Jones, one of the nation's ranking scorers, led OCU with 20 points, a couple below his season average. Gary Hill contributed 15 and Gene Tsoodle 13. The first to foul out, Tsoodle had hit four of six field goal tries, five of five free-throw attempts when he left.

All season long the Seminoles have been something less than sensational at the free-throw line. Last night was no exception. FSU bagged a mere 17 to 29 foul shots, compared to OCU's 18 of 20.

With 3:12 left and FSU leading 91-62, Kennedy finished with a lineup of substitutes. The last minutes were marked by often comical efforts to top the 100 mark in scoring.

The Tribe had its 99 with over a minute left.

OKLA. CITY	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hill	11-6	3-4	4	13
Koper	10-5	1-2	1	11
Johnston	2-0	2-2	5	2
Tsoodle	6-4	5-5	3	13
Jones	21-7	6-6	0	20
Heusman	9-5	0-0	5	10
Faulkner	0-0	0-0	0	0
Duncan	2-1	0-0	2	2
Stephens	1-0	1-2	1	1
Hawkins	1-0	0-0	0	0
White	1-0	0-1	0	0
Totals	64-28	18-22	24	74

FLA. STATE	FG	FT	PF	TP
Fedor	20-12	4-7	0	28
Long	15-8	3-4	4	19
Swain	11-8	4-7	4	20
Ricketts	2-1	0-0	0	2
Davis	2-1	0-2	3	2
Ashworth	10-6	4-4	1	16
Coogle	5-2	2-4	1	6
Ek	1-0	0-0	0	0
Dale	0-0	0-0	2	0
Reeves	2-2	0-1	0	4
Edney	1-1	0-0	2	2
Totals	60-41	17-29	17	99

Oklahoma City	39	35-74
Florida State	41	58-99
Attendance	4,000	