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HOUSTON — Houston's touted basketball team beat off a determined effort by Florida State and won, 84-76, here Monday night.

The triumph boosted the Cougars' record to 16-4 for the year. They are rated among the top independent college teams in the nation. The 8-point margin over FSU was similar to the 80-52 decision Houston dropped to No. 3 ranked Cincinnati last Thursday.

High-scoring Lyle Harger paced the winners with 27 points. He dumped in a rousing 11 of 16 field goals for 69 per cent, made five of eight free throws. He also led Houston's rebounding forces with 13.

Hitting 20 for the winners was Folley Malone. He hit 80 per cent from the field (9-of-15) and made both his free throw attempts.

Houston's Jack Thompson meshed 71 per cent of his shots from the floor, getting five of seven, dumped in all seven of his free throws for 17 points. Don Schversak, collected 16 points for the Cougars, was the No. 2 rebounder with 11.

Florida State's Charlie Long had his second straight big night. He blazed in 25, hitting 11 of 18 from the floor for 61 per cent.

Dave Fedor, 6-6 Seminole ace, made half of his 16 shots from the field for 19 points. He pulled down 10 rebounds. Ray Swain hit eight of 13 for 18 points.

Florida State presented a big threat, leading 42-38 at half time.

Both teams were torrid from the field. Houston cashed in on 54 per cent of its floor shots, while Florida State hit 50 per cent.

Three Seminoles fouled out. Long, Swain and Jack Dais all went down with five personals. A total of four FSU players is all that has fouled out all season.

Florida State, 8-8 for the year, meets a formidable test back in Tallahassee Thursday. The Seminoles tie up with unbeaten Valdosta State, 14-0 for the season.

FSU						
Fedor	16	8	5	3	4	19
Swain	13	8	4	2	5	18
Long	18	11	5	3	5	25
Ricketts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashworth	7	2	6	5	2	9
Davis	5	1	0	0	5	2
Ek	3	1	0	0	0	2
Coogie	0	0	1	1	0	1
Totals	62	31	21	14	21	76

HOUSTON						
Harger	16	11	8	5	4	27
Thompson	7	5	7	7	3	17
Tollan	5	1	0	0	3	2
Malone	15	9	2	2	4	20
Schversak	15	7	7	2	2	16
Luffli	4	1	1	0	1	2
Thurman	1	0	0	0	0	0
Yost	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	63	34	25	16	17	84