

GAINESVILLE—Florida State's Seminoles lost the kind of basketball game here last night to Florida's Gators that the "book" says you're supposed to win. And an overflow crowd of 7,000 watched it.

The final score favored the Gators, 84-86 even though FSU wound up on the long end of two vital departments, notching 11 more field goals than Florida and coming up with 11 more rebounds.

It took a record-shattering performance at the free-throw line to produce Florida's ninth win in 15 starts this season and saddle FSU with its third straight setback and ninth defeat in 18 outings for the year.

FULL ADVANTAGE

The Seminoles were called for 32 fouls in the contest. The Gators took full advantage of their gratis chances, to drop in 46 of 53. This broke a Gator mark that had stood since 1955 (and tied in 1957) of 40 successful free throws.

The Seminoles were in contention right down to the wire after

making a sterling second-half comeback. Florida led only 85-84 with 54 seconds left but sewed it up by dropping nine free throws in the last minute while the best FSU could manage was a pair by Dale Reeves.

The Gators played without ace guard Brooks Henderson whose severe knee injury may sideline him for another week. But his substitute, Bussy Bales, sparked a Florida surge that helped the Gators build a sizeable lead in the first half.

The game started draggy as FSU was called for foul after foul in the early minutes. Florida led 12-9 after six minutes of play and had only two field goals. The first eight UF points were on free throws.

Tom Barbee, who led Florida with 24 points, combined with Bales, who collected 18, to do most of the Gators' early scoring. They had to as Charlie Long, FSU's top point-getter with 24, fired in 18 of his in the first half which saw the Gators leading, 56-46.

QUICK MOVEMENT

FSU trailed only 24-22 when the Gators broke away with about nine minutes to go in the first half. Taylor Stokes, Bales and Barbee boosted Florida to a 41-28 lead in the next five minutes.

The Seminoles, sluggish against Florida's zone press defense — Long excepted — opened the second half with a zone against the Gators. And the tide of battle turned in a hurry. Florida couldn't find the range while Wally Dale and Pete Rogers clicked to get FSU within range.

FSU pulled up successively to 61-57 in the first six minutes, made it 68-65 in the next six, caught up at 71-all with about eight minutes left and went ahead at 80-79 on a one-hander by Rogers with 4:32 to go.

The lead was short-lived. FSU, still in foul pains, had lost Jerry Shirley at 14:37 on a fifth foul call that appeared to be an error by the officials as the fine sophomore center was nowhere near the play involved. The Seminoles lost Dale at 6:41, Cal Huge at 6:10 and Pete Gonzalez with just four seconds left.

Tom Baxley put Florida back in front at 4:00 with a one-hander and then Stokes followed with a vital three-point play on a driving layup, an ensuing foul and the charity toss to make it 84-80 with 3:04 left.

FSU had another dogged effort as Reeves and Long hit from close-in to make it 85-84 before Florida's final parade to the foul line got under way. Baxley and Stokes hit a pair. Sub Lanny Sommese, in for Bales who fouled out at 6:28, made three and Baxley ended it with another pair.

Barbee got 16 of his 24 points on free throws and equaled a Gator individual mark set by Bob Emrick in 1956 and tied by Joe Hobbs in 1958.

GAME ODDITY

Behind Long's 24 for FSU, which equaled his season's high against Tennessee, came Rogers with 15, Dale 14, and Reeves 11. FSU hit 35 of 74 shots for a dandy 47.3 percentage but the Gators were even better on 24 of 49 for 49 percent. The game's oddity saw Florida shoot more times from the charity line (53) than it did from the floor (49).

The Baby Gators made it a clean sweep with a 64-53 win in the preliminary to avenge an 82-55 setback at Tallahassee. Bruce Moore, 5-10 guard from Akron, Ohio, led the UF frosh with 17 points and Dick Peek, 6-11 center from Pensacola, had 16. Bill Peacock had 14 for FSU while Gary Schull added 13.

FLORIDA STATE

	FG	FT	Reb.	PF	TP
Long	9-18	6-8	10	4	24
Rogers	6-16	3-5	9	3	15
Shirley	4-5	0-1	4	5	8
Dale	6-12	2-3	3	5	14
Reeves	3-8	5-6	6	2	11
Huge	4-9	0-0	7	5	8
Winter	0-1	0-0	1	1	0
Gonzalez	1-2	0-1	0	5	2
Lovell	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Ek	2-3	0-0	6	0	4

Team Totals 35-74 16-24 46 34 86

FLORIDA

	FG	FT	Reb.	PF	TP
Barbee	4-9	16-19	14	4	24
Stokes	6-17	5-7	11	3	17
Hoffman	2-2	4-4	4	3	8
Baxley	8-9	10-11	3	3	22
Bales	6-10	6-6	1	5	18
Tomlinson	0-1	2-2	2	0	2
Koss	0-1	0-0	0	1	0
Sommese	0-0	3-4	0	0	3

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Florida State 45 40-86

Florida 58 38-94

FSU FROSH	FG	FT	TP
Peacock	6	2	14
Phillips	2	4	8
Wallace	3	2	8
Schull	6	1	13
Leakey	2	4	8
Hey	1	0	2
Kingsberry	0	0	0
Smith	0	0	0
Totals	20	13	53

FLORIDA FROSH	FG	FT	TP
Keller	3	0	6
Peek	7	2	16
Goalsby	5	1	1
Moore	6	5	17
Boyd	0	0	0
Clifford	1	1	3
Poore	3	1	7
Riggle	2	0	4
Totals	27	10	64

Halftime: UF Frosh 32, FSU Frosh 25