

Applying a smothering press, Florida State's basketball team broke a tight game wide open in the last minutes and skipped on to a 91-76 upset victory over highly favored Tulsa here Monday night.

The lead changed hands 21 times in the first half, with the Seminoles ahead 48-45 at the buzzer.

FSU went all lead for good with 9:46 left in the game, when guard Pete Gonzalez flipped in an underhand shot to make it 66-64.

The Tribe went into a full court press.

With Gonzalez, forward Pete Rogers and guard Bill Peacock each sinking field goals, FSU led 74 - 67 two minutes later.

Spurred on by the flashy defensive work of Gary Schull and Rogers, FSU turned the game into a runaway when the clock read 2:33.

Peacock, a 6-4 sophomore from Campbellton, ended it with two easy field goals, the last one a layup without a Tulsa player within 20 feet of him.

The victory went a long way toward brightening up FSU Coach Bud Kennedy's Christmas. His Seminoles, 3-4 now after a rough start, meet the Air Force Academy in the Gator Bowl Tournament Thursday night at 7:30.

Well regarded Tulsa is 5-3 now.

Tulsa is a member of the Missouri Valley Conference, a traditional source of national champion basketball teams. The Golden Hurricanes finished fifth in the eight-team league last season, had an overall 17-8 record.

Only other teams to top Tulsa this season have been a pair of powerhouses, St. Bonaventure and New York University.

A sparse crowd of 1,000 at Tully Gymnasium saw the Seminoles use their first press of the season. Along with Schull and Rogers, Peacock made some timely interceptions and stole the ball twice from the Golden Hurricanes.

Game's top scorer was Tulsa forward Bill Kuslekia, a 6-3 deadeye who rained in 10 field goals and hit six of seven foul shots for 24 points.

FSU was led by Peacock, who struck for a total of 22, on 10 fielders and two charity tosses. Four other Seminoles had double-figure totals — 6-6 center Jerry Shirley 17, Schull 16, Gonzalez 12, and Rogers 11.

Both quintets had accurate shooting. FSU rang 38 of 64 attempts from the floor for 59 percent, the Golden Hurricanes 29 of 50 for 58 percent.

Kennedy's cagers hit a sizzling 79 per cent of their 19 free throw attempts. Tulsa scored on 67 per cent of its 27 trips to the foul line.

With Shirley and Schull showing the way, FSU outrebounded the visiting Oklahomans 28-22. Shirley pulled down nine, Schull 8. Tops for Tulsa was 6-4 guard Bob Fedorko.

The Seminoles started the game with a press, and led 5-0 before the Hurricanes got into the scoring. FSU discarded its press for a zone defense.

The Tribe held the front until Fedorko's short jumper from the baseline tied it 18-18 with 12:17 left in the half. Tulsa went ahead seconds later on Kuslekia's one - hander. Peacock tied it with a long set shot, and the Seminoles led 21 - 20 on Schull's free throw.

During the next five minutes, the game turned into a scoring spree, with each retaliating after the other scored a basket. One point separated the two for four full minutes.

Rogers was shaken up and taken out of the game with 8:11 to go.

With 3:20 left in the half, Gonzalez went to the foul line, missed his shot. Shirley leaped, tipped it in and FSU led 43-39. A long jumper by Cal Huges and three foul shots by

Gonzalez gave FSU its final points of the half.

Kuslekia, showing the talent that has made him one of the Southwest's best, quickly potted two long distance field goals, and it was 48-45 at the half.

Tulsa tied it up and went ahead 53-51 early in the second half, with Kuslekia providing the points for the most part. Shirley's baseline shots were crucial in keeping the Tribe going.

That 53-51 lead was both Tulsa's last and biggest. Shirley continued his deadly shooting, and he and Kuslekia kept the scoreboard blinking until FSU went into its well - executed final press.

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	fg	ft	tp		fg	ft	tp
Luslička	10	6	26	Huge	2	2	5
Gripado	2	3	7	Rogers	5	1	11
Berke	4	3	11	Shirley	7	3	17
Park	7	3	17	Gonzalez	3	6	12
Fedorko	2	1	5	Peacock	10	2	22
Johnson	3	1	7	Schull	7	2	16
Crawley	0	0	0	Leakey	1	0	2
Jeck	0	0	0	Ek	3	0	6
Maddox	1	1	3	Phillips	0	0	0
Tebenkp	0	0	0	Lovell	0	0	0
Tolliver	0	0	0	Wallace	0	0	0
Kelly	0	0	0	Hinton	0	0	0
Totals 29 18 76			Totals 38 15 91				