

Florida State's basketball team needs a new script-writer. These cliffhangers stand a chance of getting monotonous.

Georgia fell 64-63 before 4,600 nail-biters in Tully Gym last night.

This, on the heels of a 69-67 victory over Auburn, 80-78 over Miami, 91-90 over Memphis State. All at Tully Gym.

The Seminoles, in six starts here, remain unbeaten at home. They evened their record at 7-7 for the season.

It seemed an incredible fact, in retrospect; that Georgia's last lead was 22-21, though it was a 31-31 deadlock at half-time.

FSU trailed by as many as eight points in the first half, led by as many as 11 in the last half. Until Charlie Bagby shot one in from the corner just before the gun sounded, Georgia was no closer than two points in the late going, that only once.

But it was a hair-raiser, all right. Neither coach thought this was close to being his team's best game. Mistakes were abundant, and FSU's Bud Kennedy was put out at the cautious approach of his lads in the final minutes.

Georgia, now 4-7, came in with fire in its eye, ready to romp after taking a 59-57 upset from Florida in Gainesville the night before.

But the Bulldogs had a dickens of a time making the ball go through the hoop, hitting only 22 of 73 floor shots for a poor 31.4 per cent. They stayed close on their foul shooting, 19 of 24.

FSU had a poor night from the foul line, 10 of 16, but was pretty fair at making two points, dropping in 27 of 62 for 43.5 per cent. And FSU outrebounded Georgia, 52 to 43.

Two sophomores, Gary Schull and Bill Peacock, were considerable factors for the Tribe. Schull hit 15 points, pulled down a game-high 15 rebounds. Peacock, bucketing 'em again from long range, got 14 points. Jerry Shirley had 11 points, nine rebounds.

Billy Rado, heralded guard of the Bulldogs, doesn't care if he never sees Tully Gym again. Last year he was 3-for-21 from the floor in a game here. This time he was 4-for-17, managed 14 points.

Georgia's ace for the evening was Jerry Waller, 6-7 sophomore, with 17 points, 14 rebounds.

After 9½ minutes Georgia was breezing 20-12.

Then FSU went on a 9-points tear and took the lead for the first time, 21-20, with 6:23 left in the half. Rado got loose on a fast break for two points that gave Georgia its last lead, 22-21.

FSU came storming from the halftime tie and led 49-38 after eight minutes as Shirley and Schull led the push.

Georgia, checked with two field goals for the first 7½-minutes after intermission, kept nipping, pulled within 54-47 and started a full-court press that seemed to upset the Seminoles a bit.

On four successive free throws by Jimmy Pitts, two more by John Mathews, the Bulldogs cut it to two points,

57-55, with 5:01 left.

Then Schull took a long pass from Pete Gonzalez, a floor leader all evening. Schull missed his easy layup, but pushed in the rebound, got fouled, emerged with three points that made it 60-55.

Georgia came within three, 62-59, on three points by Waller. Then Pete Rogers dropped in a pair in a clutch 1-and-1 situation to make it 64-59 with 2:24 to go.

Waller struck for two more points, for 64-61 with the clock showing 1:59.

FSU tried to freeze the ball. Peacock was twice fouled, and twice missed in 1-and-1 situations in the final 31 seconds.

Just before the end, Gonzalez came up with his eighth rebound of the night after Rado missed one from the field that could have made a difference. And Cal Huge leaped high to grab Mathews' two-short shot, stifling another Georgia threat. Schull also grabbed a key rebound under the Georgia basket in those final pulsating two minutes.

Georgia got the ball with about nine seconds left. Bagby shot from the corner and FSU left him alone, avoiding a foul. Then the gun went off.

Next case.

Florida here Thursday.

Ron Malmen threw in 28 points as the FSU Freshmen swept by St. Leo Junior College of Dade City 120-88. Lee Canter added 20 points, while Bryan Murphy had 18 and ex-Leon High star Bill Glenn 14.

Exploding for 67 points in the last half, the Baby Seminoles outran the tired Monarchs to improve their record to 4-3. St. Leo is now 4-7.

GEORGIA	FG	FT	Reb.	PF	TP
Crenshaw	2-5	0-0	9	0	4
Martin	4-13	0-0	1	2	8
Waller	6-13	5-6	14	4	17
Plitts	2-13	5-5	3	0	9
Rado	4-17	6-8	4	4	14
Bagby	4-7	0-0	0	2	8
Matthews	0-3	3-5	2	1	3
Taylor	0-2	0-0	2	2	0
Totals	22-73	19-24	35	15	63
Team rebounds—8					
FSU	FG	FT	Reb.	PF	TP
Rogers	3-9	2-2	6	1	8
Huge	2-5	0-1	4	4	4
Schull	5-11	4-4	15	3	14
Gonzalez	3-7	1-2	8	3	7
Lovell	1-2	0-0	0	0	2
Peacock	7-13	1-4	4	2	15
Shirley	5-14	1-2	9	1	11
Leakey	0-0	1-1	0	2	1
Phillips	1-1	0-0	4	0	2
Totals	27-62	10-16	50	14	64
Team rebounds—2					

ST. LEO (88)	FSU FROSH (120)
Lockett 23	Malmgren 28
Noriega 14	Glenn 14
Orchully 18	Danford 11
Smith 15	Murphy 18
Zajack 18	Bloodworth 4
Halftime—FSU Frosh 53-42.	
SUBS: St. Leo—Donovan, Brennan, Gaddis; FSU—Doyle-12, Canter-	
20, Nelson 4, Rogers 6, Wallace 2,	
Lager.	