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Florida State's basketball team, in a kind of shakedown cruise for this weekend's Florida Sunshine Classic in Jacksonville, opened its season with a breezing 120-75 triumph over Valdosta State here last night.

The Seminoles next play University of Miami on Friday night in the Jacksonville tournament. A second game on that evening's program pits Florida against Jacksonville U.



SHOULD BOTH FSU and Florida win on Friday, they'll meet — for perhaps the last time in a long while — in the tourney finals on Saturday.

University of Florida abruptly severed basketball relations with the Seminoles earlier this year, and nothing is in the works for the resumption of the series.

Dick Davis, a UF assistant coach, scouted last night's game here and, for what it's worth, Valdosta State is not on UF's schedule.

What Davis saw was a lot of Skip Young. The quick and versatile sophomore guard hit

for 21 points, going 9-for-16 from the field, and contributed a game-high five assists in sparking the floor game.

Senior guard Jeff Hogan matched Young's total of 21, was 10-for-17 from the field.

It was not one of Dave Cowens' better nights. The towering redhead, a sophomore sensation last year, did pull off a game-high 20 rebounds and managed 14 points but was hardly up to form.

Perhaps the challenge simply wasn't there. Valdosta State had played the Seminoles close games each of the last three seasons, with the Seminoles winning by one, four and 10 points. Save for the early going, however, the Georgians weren't in this one.

THE SEMINOLES led 65-40 at intermission. Cowens got 14 of his rebounds in the runaway last half.

Other Seminoles in double scoring figures were Dale Klay (13), Ken Bush (13) and Jan Gies (12). The Seminoles had a 79-to-43 advantage in rebounding. Willie Williams grabbed 14 off the boards, and Klay 10.

Valdosta got a big effort from John Jones, who fired away 23 times, connected on 10 from the floor and finished with 24 points.

Only 14 of FSU's 120 points came at the free-throw line. It was the fourth highest single-game scoring total in school history.

| VALDOSTA | FG | FT | REB | A | PF | TP |
|-------------|-------|-------|-----|----|----|----|
| O'Brien | 3-10 | 1-2 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| Dorsett | 5-10 | 1-2 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 11 |
| Smith | 9-28 | 0-3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 18 |
| Trimnell | 2-3 | 5-8 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 9 |
| Jones | 10-23 | 4-6 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 24 |
| Croft | 3-5 | 0-1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| Porterfield | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 32-79 | 11-22 | 33 | 11 | 14 | 75 |

| FLORIDASTATE | FG | FT | REB | A | PF | TP |
|--------------|--------|-------|-----|----|----|-----|
| Hogan | 10-17 | 1-2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 21 |
| Cowens | 6-14 | 2-2 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 14 |
| Young | 9-16 | 3-3 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 21 |
| Klay | 6-13 | 1-1 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 13 |
| Williams | 4-11 | 1-2 | 14 | 2 | 4 | 9 |
| Bush | 4-7 | 5-5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 13 |
| Burt | 2-7 | 0-1 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Gies | 6-13 | 0-0 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 12 |
| Cable | 4-9 | 0-2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| Reynolds | 1-3 | 0-0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Macomber | 1-1 | 1-2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Totals | 53-111 | 14-20 | 71 | 21 | 20 | 120 |

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| Valdosta St. | 40 | 35— | 75 |
| Fla. State | 65 | 55— | 120 |