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Ohio State used a deadly display of free throw shooting to put the damper on a close contest and zip past Florida State 93-86 last night before some 4,000 fans in Tully Gym.

The Buckeyes ripped open the tight game with a blistering 17 of 19 charity shots in the second half to repel a Seminole uprising which began midway in the half.

Florida State never held a demanding margin during the night as Ohio State took over 6-4 in the early moments and never relinquished it the entire first half.

With 2:17 left in the period, the Seminoles came within one point of overtaking the Buckeyes 31-30 but were held at bay and the visitors went into intermission leading 44-41.

FSU opened the second half with three quick jumpers by Jeff Hogan to again move within a point of the Bucks 48-47.

Skip Young put the Seminoles out front briefly 49-48 with 17:45 left before Ohio State regained its composure and stepped ahead 55-52.

Hogan popped in two consecutive field goals to make it 56-55. From then on the teams swapped baskets as the score was tied seven times.

With 7:33 remaining Florida State pulled ahead for the last time in the game 72-70.

The Buckeyes proceeded to shred the nets for 13 straight free throws and steadily increase their winning margin.

Nationally-ranked Ohio State was as thrifty as a miser at the free throw line bucketing 25 of 30 attempts for an 83 per cent average as FSU fouled repeatedly in the final

The Seminoles appeared almost frost bitten at the line coming up with only 14 of 24 tries for a 58 per cent mark.

From the floor the Buckeyes again outshone Florida State hitting 34 of 63 shots for a 54

per cent mark compared to FSU's 36 of 84 field goals for a 43 per cent average.

All-American candidate Dave Cowens suffered one of his coolest performances pumping in just 12 points and grabing only 12 rebounds. Jeff Hogan, who fouled out with just over a minute remaining, was high scorer for the Seminoles with 19. Dale Klay contributed 15, Skip Young added 14 and Willie Williams 12.

Jody Finney, who went 12 for 14 at the free throw line,

sporked the Ohio State attack with 28 points.

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Trailing him in double figures were big 6-7 Dave Sorenson with 22, Jim Cleamons with 17 and Steve Howell 12.

Florida State barely out-rebounded the Buckeyes 47-41. Following Cowens were Williams with 11 and Young with nine. Sorenson, Finney and Howell each had nine for OSU.

The Seminoles, now 4-3, entertain New Hampshire Tuesday night in Tully gym. Ohio State now has a 6-1 record.

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