

PORTLAND, Wash. — Florida State, with a hot hand in the first half, blitzed into the semifinals of the Far West Classic with an 85-77 win over highly-touted Washington Monday night.

It was a game that pitted what many considered the two finest teams in the tournament and ironically they drew each other for the tourney opener.

By virtue of their win, the Seminoles will meet either Oregon State or Dartmouth at 10 o'clock (Tallahassee time) Wednesday night. Those two clash tonight as the first-round continues.

The Seminoles had a torrid first half in which they hit 63 per cent from the field and all three of their free throws. At one stretch they outscored the scrambling Huskies 13-1 to open a 17-5 lead.

Hitting mostly from outside against the Husky zone, the Tribe built a 47-37 halftime lead.

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They needed every point of it though as Washington came storming back in the final 20 minutes and cut the Seminole lead to two points with 5:30 left in the game.

That was as close as the Huskies could get, however as they resorted to fouling in order to break up the Seminoles semi-stall and the Tribe converted time after time.

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Ron King and Reggie Royals paced the Tribe with 20 points each, while Lawrence McCray was the only other Seminole to hit double figures, getting an even 10.

Washington's Steve Hawes, 6-10, 220, senior center, led all scorers with 26 points. Ray Price chipped in 15 for the los-

ers — 11 in the last nine minutes.

Charles Dudley and Ray Price also hit double figures for Washington getting 13 and 11 respectively.

The Huskies outrebounded the Seminoles, 42-35, but committed 19 turnovers to 14 for the Tribe. Hawes was the leading individual rebounder, pulling down 15.

Royals, McCray and Rowland Garrett had six each for the Seminoles.

Washington held its only lead when Dudley made the game's first bucket at 19:30. The two clubs traded turnovers before King and Greg Samuel put the Seminoles out front with long jump shots.

Florida State's tenacious defense took over then and the slightly-rattled Huskies could manage only a single free throw while the Seminoles poured in 13 points to take a 17-7 lead with 13:30 left in the half.

Hawes got his first basket at this point and kept Washington

alive as the Huskies cut the lead to seven, 24-17.

But the Seminoles, paced by the outside shooting of King and Royals, opened a 15 point advantage with 5:30 left in the half.

Hawes again pulled Washington to within eight, but that was as close as it could get and trailed at the half, 47-37.

In the second half, the Seminole defense was not as sharp and neither was their shooting eye.

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The two clubs battled on even terms for the first 10 minutes, then trailing, 69-59, Washington made its move. With Price and Hawes leading the way, it outscored Florida State 16-7, cutting the lead to 76-73.

Capitalizing on the ball handling ability of Otto Petty and Otis Cole, the Seminoles went into a semi-stall and forced the Huskies to come after them.

In the last five and half minutes, the Seminoles hit six of seven free throws and added baskets by Cole and Harris to ride out the Husky charge.

The win snapped a two-game losing streak for the Seminoles who are now 6-2 for the year. It was Washington's second straight set-back after six wins.

The Seminoles are now assured playing their remaining two games at night. Washington on the other hand will move into the sometimes dreary afternoon consolation rounds Wednesday and Thursday.

Tuesday's second set of opening round games has Washington State playing Michigan and Oregon meeting New Mexico.

| FLORIDA    |       |       |    |       |    |       |
|------------|-------|-------|----|-------|----|-------|
|            | FG    | FT    | RB | Asst. | PF | TP    |
| Garrett    | 3-3   | 1-1   | 6  | 1     | 2  | 7     |
| King       | 10-19 | 0-0   | 4  | 6     | 3  | 20    |
| Samuel     | 3-4   | 3-3   | 1  | 4     | 0  | 9     |
| McCray     | 5-10  | 0-0   | 6  | 1     | 1  | 10    |
| Royals     | 9-15  | 4-6   | 6  | 3     | 3  | 20    |
| Harris     | 3-6   | 2-2   | 2  | 1     | 3  | 8     |
| Cole       | 2-5   | 1-1   | 6  | 3     | 3  | 5     |
| Gay        | 1-2   | 0-0   | 0  | 0     | 0  | 2     |
| Petty      | 1-1   | 2-2   | 2  | 3     | 0  | 4     |
| TEAM       |       |       | 2  |       |    |       |
| Totals     | 36-65 | 13-15 | 35 | 22    | 15 | 85    |
| WASHINGTON |       |       |    |       |    |       |
|            | FG    | FT    | RB | Asst. | PF | TP    |
| Tillman    | 1-7   | 0-0   | 5  | 0     | 1  | 2     |
| Nelson     | 3-11  | 5-5   | 4  | 3     | 2  | 11    |
| S.Hawes    | 12-19 | 2-5   | 15 | 3     | 1  | 26    |
| Dudley     | 6-13  | 1-3   | 4  | 5     | 4  | 13    |
| Price      | 7-11  | 1-3   | 6  | 2     | 2  | 15    |
| Ball       | 4-9   | 0-0   | 3  | 1     | 2  | 8     |
| J.Hawes    | 1-1   | 0-0   | 1  | 0     | 0  | 2     |
| Case       | 0-1   | 0-1   | 2  | 2     | 0  | 0     |
| Krell      | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 0     | 0  | 0     |
| Totals     | 34-72 | 9-17  | 42 | 16    | 12 | 77    |
| Wash.      |       |       |    |       | 37 | 40-77 |
| Fla. State |       |       |    |       | 47 | 38-85 |