

Seminoles Grab Another Crown

Edge St. Louis 63-62
In Senior Bowl Finals

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MOBILE, Ala. — Florida State's basketball team wrapped up a 20-day road trip Tuesday night with a 63-62 victory over the St. Louis University Billikens in the finals of the Senior Bowl Basketball Tournament.

The championship was the third for the Tribe this year, the others coming in the Sunshine Classic in Jacksonville before Christmas and the Far West Classic in Portland, Ore., last week.

St. Louis missed three chances in the final moments to pull this one out, but failed each time as Florida State maintained the final one-point lead the last 1:26 of the game.

The Seminoles trailed 38-36 at halftime after the lead changed hands six times in the first half. The Billikens went on top 29-28 with 3:40 showing on the clock and FSU didn't lead again in the half although it did tie the score three more times.

Florida State came out in the second half using a zone defense after playing man-to-man in the first 20 minutes and St. Louis was content with just holding the ball outside and working for the good shot. The two teams scored just points after intermission, with FSU on the top end of a count.

Finally the Billikens began trying to shoot over the FSU zone and the Seminoles ran up a nine-point margin, 59-50 with 6:10 left in the game.

But on FSU's next four trips down the court it committed three turnovers and missed a shot and each time St. Louis converted the miscues into points, trimming the margin to 59-58.

With 3:32 showing Otto Petty's free throw put FSU up by two at 60-58, but St. Louis tied it on a basket by Rick Stallworth. Ron King's jumper and made it 62-60 FSU with 2:53 remaining, then the Seminoles weathered the Billikens' late bid for their 10th victory in 12 games.

King led FSU's scoring with 23 points while Reggie Royals had 15 and Rowland Garrett 10. Harry Rogers topped St. Louis with 19, while Carlos Martinez had 14.

Royals was named the most valuable player in the tournament and was joined on the all-tourney team by King, Stallworth. Andy Denny of South Alabama and Dave Bustion of Denver.

It was the 13th time King has been chosen on an all-tourney

team and he's never missed one in his high school and college career.

In the consolation game Denver came from behind to nip South Alabama 64-58.

Florida State was scheduled to arrive at Tully Gym between 3:30 and 4 o'clock this afternoon. Saturday night the Seminoles entertain East Tennessee State, and next Tuesday they're at home against Mercer.

FLORIDA STATE						
	FG	FT	RB	ASST	PF	TP
King	11-21	1-1	7	1	2	23
Royals	6-13	3-8	8	2	3	15
McCray	2-6	0-0	3	2	4	4
Garrett	3-6	4-4	7	2	2	10
Samuel	2-5	2-2	0	10	9	6
Harris	1-4	0-0	2	0	3	2
Cole	1-2	0-0	1	1	3	2
Petty	0-0	1-1	0	4	1	1
TEAM						8
TOTALS	26-57	11-16	36	22	18	63
ST. LOUIS						
	FG	FT	RB	ASST	PF	TP
Leonard	1-7	3-4	4	1	0	5
Martinez	6-16	2-2	3	2	1	14
Paradowski	3-4	3-5	9	3	4	9
Rogers	7-15	5-5	6	1	1	19
Stallworth	2-8	3-3	8	4	2	7
Frailey	3-8	2-2	0	0	1	8
Wade	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Lott	0-1	0-1	2	0	2	0
TEAM						7
Totals	22-59	18-22	39	12	11	62
Florida State				36	27—	63
St. Louis				38	24—	62