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GAINESVILLE—Outside it was freezing. Inside it was plenty hot and many among the 5,000 spectators, warmed to their toes by Dixie's most vigorous young basketball rivalry, bought ice cream sandwiches to keep cool.

At the finish University of Florida had pulled one out of the fire, 71-70, and Florida State went home still pining for its first hardwood success against the Gators following four unfruitful results was many tries.

The script was pretty much like last year's.

FSU led most of the way. With minutes to go, the Seminoles seemed to have it in the bag.

Then, like last year, Joe Hobbs won it for Florida.

Hobbs did it a year ago with a field goal that was in the air as the buzzer sounded. That final score was 67-65.



Joe Hobbs

This time it was a staggering sum of six free throws by Hobbs in the closing minutes that ruined the Seminoles. Hobbs had just six chances with time running out, made good on all,

In 1954 FSU lost to Florida by 82-79, Biggest margin in the series came when the two met for the first time, in the 1951 Gator Bowl, with Florida winning, 61-51.

Almost, Jim Liteky, the newcomer from Jacksonville Junior College, won it for FSU. The 6-2 guard poured in 27 point, the game's high total. He was red-hot all evening, bagging 10 of 15 shots from the field, adding seven of eight foul-line tosses.

Hugh Durham, who hurt his ankle in the last seven minutes and finally went to the bench with 1:28 left, had 16 points and Bert Deckel 15.

Florida had a more balanced effort. Hobbs led with 20. Jerry Henderson—a stunning surprise—racked 16. Dick Hoban contributed 15 and Charley Pike 14.

FSU lost the services of Larry Strom, one of its reliable big boys, with eleven minutes left in the game. He fouled out. Strom had grabbed 12 rebounds, which proved high for the night in the FSU camp.

Just as big a blow was Durham's hurting his ankle.

The clock showed just 6:49

left. FSU was in front 62-55. That was about the time Durham got hurt. But he remained in the game.

Henderson and Hobbs hit fielders, cutting it to 62-59. Then Pike sank one from way, way out. After Jim Savage missed a foul shot for FSU, Pike tore through for a lay-up that put Florida ahead, 63-62 with 4:40 to go.

Liteky dropped in two free throws that again moved the Seminoles into the lead. Hoban connected with a twisting shot from the field to make it 65-64, Florida. Liteky bucketed one from the corner and FSU was again in command, 66-65, with 3:20 remaining.

Then came the big play.

Remembering that efforts to freeze the ball had backfired its last two times out against Florida, FSU chose to go for broke. Durham drove for the basket. Hobbs was in his way.

The referee called it charging.

Hobbs made good on both free throws. Florida started the freeze. Durham deliberately fouled Hobbs to break the freeze. Hobbs added two more free ones for 68-66.

Savage got a 2-pointer for FSU with 51 second left. But Hobbs was fouled again and added his final two free shots. Fifteen seconds remained and Florida led, 71-68.

Deckel added a fielder that cut the final count to 71-70 be-

fore the buzzer went off.

It was a game that saw the lead change hands 19 times. Twelve times the score was tied.

At the beginning, with the swift Liteky hitting well, FSU raced to a 10-4 lead.

The Gators caught up and went ahead at 17-16 with 11:21 to go in the first half. It was tit-and-tat to the half with FSU nursing a 37-35 advantage at intermission.

After Florida tied it 37-37 on Henderson's shot shortly after the last half opened, FSU took over again on Liteky's lay-up. The Seminoles were ahead, 50-44, at one point and Florida actually never led in the last half until Pike plunked that one in with 4:40 left.

Henderson against Georgia last week had gone 0-for-5 from the field. Against FSU he hit on an incredible seven of nine field shots, most of them of the 'unbelievable' variety. This contrasted with five of 16 for Pike, four of 12 for Hoban, six of 19 for Hobbs.

All told, Florida connected on 25 of 70 field-goal attempts, FSU on 26 of 61. In the final reckoning, FSU was beaten at the foul line, getting 18 of 26 versus 21 of 28 for Florida.

FSU's freshmen also succumbed, 84-63.

The Baby Seminoles started as though they'd make a rout of it, led 8-2.

At the half, however, Florida was in command, 39-35. Led by Bobby Shriver, star of Lakeland's state prep champs last year, the

Gators quickly took control at front as the last quarter. FSU had set back the game pace and could not sustain it. The Baby Seminoles seemed to tire.

Shiver got the game-winning shot for FSU. His mate Frank Etheridge also scored. Archer and Thomas totaled 13 each.

FLA. STATE (70)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Strom, f	3	0-0	5	6
Decker, f	6	3-5	4	15
Boltz, c	1	2-3	1	4
Litkey, g	10	7-8	4	27
Duthart, g	3	6-9	3	16
Garcia, g	0	0-0	1	0
Salage, f	1	0-1	1	2
Castro, c	0	0-0	1	0
Totals	26	18-28	20	70
FLORIDA (71)	FG	FT	PF	TP
Hobbs, g	6	8-9	4	20
Pike, g	5	4-5	3	14
Cherwood, c	1	0-0	3	2
Hashan, f	1	0-0	1	2
Holan, f	4	7-10	4	13
Binn, c	1	0-0	4	2
Henderson, f	7	2-4	1	16
Totals	25	21-28	20	71
Florida State		37	33	70
Florida		35	35	71

FSU FROSH (63)	FLA. FROSH (84)
Conrad (10) F	Shiver (35)
Archer (19) F	Etheridge (23)
Tinsley (18) C	Osborn (6)
Whitehead (7) G	Mosny (6)
Hobbs (4) G	Merchant (10)
Halftime: Florida Frosh 39, FSU Frosh 35.	

Subs: FSU—Scheffsky, Walser (3), Daniel, Miller (1), Schmuck. Florida—Geoghagan, de los Reyes (2), Smith, Kendall (2), Sells, Coleman, Daugherty, Preisler.