

Tough Memphis State, which prides itself on defense, had more than it could handle for awhile here last night.

But the talented Tennesseans winners of nine of 10 starts this season, rallied to overcome a surprising Florida State effort, 75-72.

The Seminoles had the satisfaction of scoring as many points as anybody has on Memphis State this season. Mississippi State got the same total in dealing the Tigers their only defeat, 73-55.

Still, it was defense that decided the issue. The Seminoles got off only 62 shots from the field, compared to 79 for the visitors. And FSU's better percentage, .444 to .367 went for naught.

**GUARDS HOT**

FSU's two hushhot guards, Hugh Durham and Don Bates, couldn't be contained by the dogging defenders. Bates, playing one of his better games, bagged 23 points, with all but one coming on field goals as he hit 11 of 22 for a warm .500 average. Durham tossed in 21.

The swift, tall Memphis team was spurred by Jim Hockaday with 18.

With Durham providing the early spark, Florida State sprinted to a 12-point lead at 21-9.

At that stage, the Tigers called a halt. They outscored the Tribe, 9-0, and trimmed things to 21-18. It was anybody's ball game from then on.

Six straight successful free throws by the Tigers—four by Hockaday—put a big dent in FSU just before halftime. And the Tennesseans led at intermission, 39-38, after George Price popped in two field goals.

Florida State came back big, pulled ahead by 49-43 early in the last half. It was tit-for-tat until Lowery Kirk sank a 2-pointer for Memphis State to provide a 66-64 lead with three minutes to go. The Seminoles couldn't close the gap after the Tigers extended things to 72-68.

Dan Boltz, the aggressive 6-6 center, was a mighty one in FSU's fine showing. After getting three fouls called on him in

the first 10 minutes, he made no more, went the distance for only the fourth time this season.

#### **BOARD STRENGTH**

Boltz snagged 15 rebounds and teammate Charlie Tinsley matched the big effort. Still, Memphis State, with Hockaday pulling down 16, outrebounded the Tribe, 49 to 41.

Fouling was even. Each team committed 19 infractions. Memphis State hit 17 of 25 free-throw attempts while FSU succeeded on 16 of 25.

Playing its roughest schedule in history, FSU now stands 5-7. Three of the reversals have come at the hands of two of the nation's top-ranked teams, Kentucky and Auburn. Ere the final polls are made, Memphis State may well rank with the best of em.

The Seminoles next go against the country's highest scoring team, Miami's Hurricanes, here Saturday night.

In a preliminary last night, the FSU freshmen collared Chipola Junior College in an overtime fray, 78-71. It was 70-70 at the end of regulation time. Ray Swain, all-star from Jacksonville, led the Baby Seminoles with 20. Tom Whitaker got 18 for Chipola.

MEMPHIS STATE	FG	FT	PF	TP
Arnold	1	1-1	1	3
Price	8	1-2	3	13
Hockaday	5	3-12	1	12
Wolfe	5	3-4	4	13
Gummersbach	3	1-3	1	7
Wilfong	4	3-3	5	11
Kirk	5	0-0	4	10

Totals	29	17-25	19	75
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FLORIDA STATE	FG	FT	PF	TP
Savage	2	1-1	2	5
Tinsley	3	2-3	3	8
Boltz	2	2-2	3	6
Bales	11	1-4	4	23
Durham	7	7-12	2	21
Archer	1	2-2	4	4
Litky	2	1-1	1	5

Totals	28	16-25	19	72
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Memphis State 1 16-36—75

Florida State 1 18-34—72

FSU FROSH (78) CHIPOLA JC (71)

Swain (20) F Whitaker (18)

Fedor (16) F Smith (10)

Davis (14) C Kirkland (10)

Edney (11) G Dodson (10)

Ashworth (11) G Chambliss (8)

Halftime: Chipola 37, FSU 36.

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Score at end of regular game, 70-70.