

GAINESVILLE — Florida's Gators overcame a 28-23 Florida State lead with 3½ minutes left in the first half and went on to maintain their home-court mastery over the Seminoles, 81-71, in an early-season basketball showdown here last night.

Florida's unbeaten freshmen team made it a sweep for UF, spoiling the season debut of FSU's freshmen, 75-69, in a preliminary game.

5,000 FANS

A lively audience of some 5,000 fans turned out for the sixth meeting between the state rivals and the third in Gainesville. For awhile, it looked like the game might turn out like the two previous games played here.

In 1956 and 1957, the Gators nipped the Seminoles by two points and one point, respectively. It was a see-saw affair again last night until Florida pulled away just before the half and maintained a margin of five or more points the rest of the way.

It was the second win for the undefeated Gators and FSU's third straight loss in three games on foreign courts.

Junior guard Bobby Shiver of Florida and senior center John Richter of FSU gave the crowd most of the thrills. Both hit for 13 points in the first 20 minutes. Shiver finished with the game's scoring honors, bagging 23 points. Richter wound up with 22 points.

FEDOR SHINES

Sophomore Dave Fedor, the 6-6 southpaw from Zephyrhills, continued to show promise for Bud Kennedy's Seminoles. Fedor hit eight of 11 field goal attempts and cashed in two of free throws for 18 points. Fedor also chipped in with 15 valuable rebounds.

The big difference came on the boards. With 6-9 forward George Jung pulling in 19 rebounds and center Bobby Sherwood getting 18, the Gators out-rebounded the Seminoles, 70-55.

Both teams had four players to score in double figures. Forward Rufus Ashworth and guard Tim Eaney, both sophomores, got 11 and 10 points for FSU.

Shooting was about equal. Florida canned 32 of 80 shots for a 40 per cent effort, and FSU hit on 29 of 76 for 38 per

cent. The Gators made 17 of 31 free throws, FSU 13 of 24.

Florida took a quick 6-0 lead before Feder hit a one-hander to break the ice for FSU. Nancy got FSU a 17-17 tie with a pair of free throws. It was tied again at 23-23 when Ashworth pumped in a long one-hander. The Seminoles held their last lead at 26-27 when Richter booked two free throws.

The Gators moved into a five-point halftime lead and were never in serious trouble thereafter.

The Seminoles meet Auburn's highly-regarded Plainsmen at Auburn in their next start, also Saturday night.

In the preliminary, Florida's Baby Gators built up a comfortable 13-point lead (25-12) at intermission. Hugh Durham's Baby Seminoles rallied to outscore the hosts, 47-44, in the final half, but the drive fell seven points short.

Ronnie Poh, former Miami Edison standout, led the Baby Gators with 24 points. Charles Long had 22 for the FSU frosh.

The Florida freshmen, now 2-0 for the season, dropped to 11 of 26 free throws to 13 of 21 for the Baby Seminoles. That proved the difference.

FLORIDA STATE

Ashworth	3-14	1-1	3	11
Feder	2-11	2-2	1	10
Richter	2-10	4-4	2	10
Savage	4-5	2-2	1	10
Davis	1-17	2-2	4	4
Swain	2-8	2-2	2	10
Nancy	1-7	6-6	4	10
Smith	0-1	0-1	0	0
TOTALS	20-78	13-21	21	75
	FG	FT	RF	PTS

FLORIDA

Auburn	1-8	2-2	1	6
Jung	4-21	5-9	4	13
Eastwood	4-14	1-2	3	11
Kliver	10-18	2-2	2	20
Mosby	2-8	2-2	1	6
Babhan	2-13	1-2	2	11
Simmons	2-8	2-2	1	6
Farley	2-8	1-2	1	6
TOTALS	33-90	12-20	15	75

FSU Fresh (25)	7	10	10	27
Long (22)	7	10	10	27
Bunch (0)	0	0	0	0
Rever (1)	0	0	0	0
Casper (2)	0	0	0	0
Kliver (1)	0	0	0	0

Halftime score: Florida 25, FSU 12.
 Sub: Florida fresh, 100, 100, 100, 100.
 Thayer.
 FSU Fresh: 100, 100, 100, 100, 100.
 Dale.