

MIAMI BEACH—A last-ditch explosion by Florida State fell two points short here last night and Miami's Hurricanes wrapped up a perfect home basketball season by shading the hard-luck Seminoles, 75-73.

The Hurricanes, who make their first appearance in the National Invitation Tournament in New York next month, appeared to have the game wrapped up with a 73-60 lead and only 3½ minutes to play.

But the dead-game Seminoles, with Dandy Dave Fedor and soph corner Charlie Long doing the damage, whittled the final margin to one basket.

The Seminoles missed by a fraction sending the game into overtime. With Miami ahead, 75-67, the Tribe rammed in six straight points. Miami's 7-1 center Mike McCoy missed a shot and Ray Swain came down with the rebound and called a time out.

There were two seconds left. When FSU put the ball back in play, Davis hurled a full-court pass to Swain, who batted the ball over to Long. Long fired a 25-foot push shot but the ball bounced off the rim as time ran out.

15TH AT HOME

It was Miami's 15th home-court triumph with nary a loss. The Hurricanes were 5-6 on the road to finish with a 20-6 record. FSU, winding up a grueling three-game road swing through Florida, now is 13-10 with a season finale remaining against Loyola at New Orleans Tuesday night.

FSU came within a whisker of spoiling Miami's perfect record at home. The Seminoles came even closer (74-75) to ruining Florida's perfect Gainesville record on the Gators' court Wednesday night.

Coach Bud Kennedy's youngsters led most of the first 12 minutes of the opening half last night before a Miami Beach Auditorium turnout of 3,957. But Julie Cohen and Ron Godfrey hit on successive field goals to give Miami a 24-22 lead.

Miami shot ahead, 40-29, before the Seminoles rallied to trail by only 40-37 at halftime. The Hurricanes, controlling the backboards, stayed comfortably ahead throughout the second half before FSU's late burst.

The taller Hurricanes, led by 6-7 center Harry Manushaw's 17 rebounds, outrebounded the Tribe, 51-37. The Hurricanes, one of the nation's hottest-shooting teams, managed 40 per cent from the field while FSU upped its 45.5 team percentage by hitting on 47 per cent of its shots. It was a case of Miami getting off many more shots than the Seminoles.

Fedor, bagging double figures for the 48th straight game in two seasons, led FSU with 18 points. It

Fedor fouled out with 35 seconds left. Guard Jack Davis had one of his finer offensive nights with 18 points. Long and center Ray Swain finished with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

DAVIS RUGGED

Davis, who had checked Miami's all-time scoring leader Dick Hickox with only three points in an 89-78 FSU verdict over Miami at Tallahassee last month, did another superb defensive job on the 5-6 All-American. Davis limited Hickox last night to three field goals, six free throws, and a total of 12 points—far below Hickox' season average. The 12 points boosted Hickox' all-time Miami high to 1,504 points.

Godfrey led the 'Canes with 21 points and Cohen had 17.

Already assured of the best FSU basketball finish since the 1954 Seminoles posted a 16-9 record, the Seminoles will return to Tallahassee today.

Miami, which moved its series lead over FSU to 14-9 with last night's victory, during the course of the season scored home-floor triumphs over such winners as Florida, Holy Cross, Miami of Ohio, Houston, and Louisville.

FLORIDA STATE	G	F	P	T
Fedor	7-12	4-4	3	18
Long	5-11	2-3	3	12
Swain	5-11	2-3	3	12
Davis	5-11	4-4	1	16
Ashworth	4-7	0-0	3	8
Coogler	1-1	2-3	1	4
Edney	1-4	2-3	1	4
Totals	21-54	19-23	18	73
MIAMI	G	F	P	T
Godfrey	9-23	3-5	3	21
Applegate	5-9	1-3	2	13
Manushaw	2-5	0-1	5	4
Hickox	3-15	8-7	2	12
Cohen	8-11	1-1	1	17
Woods	0-2	0-1	0	0
Stavrell	0-0	0-0	1	0
McCoy	3-10	2-3	3	8
Allen	0-0	0-0	1	0
Totals	30-71	15-21	18	73
FLA. STATE			37-76	73
MIAMI			40-55	75
Attendance: 3,537.				