

AUBURN, Ala.—Florida State dropped its second straight basketball game to Southeastern Conference opposition here Saturday night, easily succumbing to taller and more accurate Auburn, 65-47.

The Seminoles, who had suffered an embarrassing 80-59 defeat at the hands of Florida Thursday night, were never in the game when Auburn forged ahead in the opening minutes. It was 36-24 Auburn at halftime.

FSU is now 2-2, having taken easy warmup wins over Tampa and Valdosta State. Coach Bud Kennedy's charges will meet Alabama in Tallahassee Monday night.

The story Saturday night could be found in Auburn's height and superior marksmanship. The Tigers, with three players measuring 6-7 or taller, had a 35-25 advantage under the backboard and hit an even 50 per cent from the field compared to FSU's below-par 40.4.

Auburn also had a big edge at the free throw line, sacking 15 or 20 while FSU could connect on only five of nine attempts.

Leading scorers in the game were 6-7 Layton Johns and little Larry Cart of Auburn, both with 16 points. FSU had three men in double figures: Dale Ricketts and Jerry Shirley with 11 apiece and Dale Reeves with 10.

A capacity crowd of around 2500 screamed and howled as the Tigers looked every bit the part of an SEC contender they were said to be this winter.

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	G	F	T	
Long	2	0	4	B
Huge	1	0	2	
Reeves	5	0	10	C
Shirley	5	1	11	
Ricketts	4	3	11	O
Winter	0	0	0	
Lovell	0	0	0	P
Dale	0	0	0	
Rogers	2	0	4	C
Totals	21	5	47	
AUBURN				T
	G	F	T	
Chapman	4	1	9	le
Blackwell	6	0	12	
Johns	6	4	16	ar
Cart	7	2	16	
Kirkland	1	4	5	da
Newton	1	1	3	
Guy	0	3	3	vo
Blies	0	0	0	
O'Daniel	0	0	0	re
Totals	26	15	65	

Halftime—Auburn 36-24.
Free throws missed: FSU—Long, Reeves, Shirley, Ricketts; Auburn: Chapman, Kirkland, Newton, Guy, Cart.
Personal Fouls: FSU—Ong 2, Huge 2, Reeves 1, Shirley 1, Ricketts 2, Dale 1, Rogers 5; Auburn: Chapman 2, Blackwell 4, Johns 1, Kirkland 3, Cart.