

Sophomore Billy Peacock opened the door, and Florida State rushed through to one of its most satisfying basketball victories in awhile."

A 6 - 4 sophomore from little Campbellton, Peacock hit eight field goals from long range and busted Memphis State's zone defense wide open as the Seminoles triumphed 91 - 90 before 3,800 rooters here last night.

It was Florida State's first victory ever over the Capable Tennesseans. Memphis State had downed the Seminoles seven straight times.

It was no fluke thing. Florida State led by 11 points with 3:38 to play. The Seminoles played it ultra safe from there to the wire. Memphis State came within a point on a basket as the gun went off and the Seminoles staying clear of the shooter to avert any possibility of a foul that caught have brought a tie.

And new FSU, yet unbeaten in five home starts, carried a 6-7 record into tomorrow night's wrestle here with University of Georgia. Memphis staggers off to a date at Miami, carrying an 8-5 chart.

Despite Peacock's key accomplishment — he missed only four attempts all evening — the Seminoles added considerable scope to the meaning of that kicked-around term, team victory.

Five other Seminoles were in double scoring figures. Pete Rogers, beautifully consistent, matched Peacock's total of 17 points, pulled down nine big rebounds to tie teammate Cal Huge for game-high in this significant department.

Pete Gonzalez, fast-emerging as a floor leader, bagged 15. Jerry Shirley and Bobby Lovell, both flashy in the last half, had 13 apiece. Gary Schuoll managed 11 though hobbled with three early fouls and out of action much of the way.

Memphis State's Tim Morgan, a six-foot guard, staged a spectacular scoring exhibition with his 35 points, getting a tremendous 27 in the second half.

Morgan, out of Sedalia, Mo., was a junior college All-American last season. He led the nation's junior college players in scoring with 938 points, a 28.8 average.

Bob Neumann, the Tigers' touted 6-5 junior, should have stayed in bed. He had his worst night. FSU didn't allow him a field goal until 6:50 remained. His points-total was eight.

The Seminoles trailed 37 - 34 at the half and were down as much as five points.

It started as a tit-for-tat duel, with the score deadlocked 6-6 after three minutes or so. Then

Huge and Lowell dropped in field ers. Schull added a free throw for an 11-6 FSU lead.

Then the Tigers got three buckets for a 12-11 lead. FSU was ahead 17 - 14 with 10:42 to go in the half when Schull drew his third foul and was ushered to the bench by Coach Bud Kennedy.

It was 19 - 19, 21-21 and 23-23 in short order, with Peacock entering and hitting his first long one to make it 23-23. Soon Peacock hit another from far out, then two in succession — four shots, four baskets. The Tigers had gone in front 31-28, and Peacock's last pair regained the driver's seat for FSU, 32-31, with 3:40 left in the half.

Another Morgan fielder provided Memphis with its biggest lead, 39 - 34, just after the second - half tipoff.

Memphis State still couldn't believe Peacock was for real. He soon put in three more longies as things seesawed, 42-42, 44-44, 46-46.

But, actually, the Tigers' last lead was 46-44.

Huge hit a 2 - pointer from the side. Schull sank a foul shot and tipped in a rebound for 51-46 after 5½ minutes of the second half.

A minute later Schull got his fourth foul and went back to the bench. FSU led 53-50. Shirley entered and picked up the slack, stylishly.

With 11:12 to go, just after Peacock sank another way-out-er, Memphis State called time. Coach Dean Ehlers told his lads to start playing FSU a little man - to - man.

Morgan kept pushing them in from all directions, and with about eight minutes to play Memphis was still within range at 67-64.

Memphis St.	FG	FT	REB	PF	TP
Neuman	3-7	2-4	7	2	8
Hillman	5-11	3-4	8	4	13
McMahan	2-5	4-5	6	2	8
Kirk	5-14	0-1	6	5	10
Morgan	14-20	7-7	1	5	35
Petty	1-4	4-5		2	6
Weaver	4-8	2-2	4		10
Team			5		
TOTALS	29-67	22-28	37	20	90
Fla. St.	FG	FT	REB	PF	TP
Huge	2-4	1-1	0	3	5
Rogers	7-12	3-6	9	3	17
Schull	3-8	5-7	5	4	11
Gonzalez	6-11	3-4	1	3	15
Lovell	5-12	3-4	3	3	13
Peacock	8-12	1-1	1	1	17
Shirley	4-8	5-5	6	1	13
Ek	0-3	0-0	1	1	0
Team			4		
TOTALS	35-69	21-28	38	10	91
FSU			34	57	91
MEMPHIS			37	53	90