

AUBURN, Ala. — Guard John Blackwell pumped in six straight points in the final three minutes to pace Auburn's Tigers over Florida State for a 63-59 come-from-behind victory Tuesday night.

The Seminoles, absorbing their eighth loss in nine road games played this season, return to Tallahassee tonight for a 7:45 encounter with Alabama.

FSU had led by as much as 13 points in the first half, but Blackwell, guard Larry Chapman and 6-5 forward Lee Defore inspired a Tiger comeback late in the second period.

Defore dunked a layup with 4:37 remaining in the first half to tie the score 26 - all. FSU regained the lead on baskets by Bill Peacock and Jerry Shirley, and led 30 - 28 at the half.

The lead changed hands six times early in the second half. A Chapman basket with 3:14 left in the game put Auburn ahead to stay, 53-52.

Chapman hit another jump shot, then Blackwell followed with his six straight points to put it on ice.

Jerry Shirley's layup for FSU with 1:53 remaining put the game in doubt for a brief time, but a Blackwell field goal and two Chapman free throws kept

the Tigers safe.

FSU's man-to-man defense couldn't stop the Blackwell-Chapman-Defore combine — the trio scored all of Auburn's second half points.

The Tigers capitalized on 14 FSU fouls and hit 15 of 16 from the foul line. Blackwell led the Tigers, who evened their record at 7-7, with 21 points, and Defore had 18.

For the Seminoles, guard Pete Gonzalez had 17 points. Gary Schull and Pete Rogers each contributed 10.

Rogers hit four straight in the first half, then missed one, then picked up his third foul midway the second quarter and was removed from the game. It slowed the Seminoles considerably.

Led by 6-7 center Joe Newton's eight rebounds, the Tigers dominated the backboards 31-28. Schull had six for FSU.

Auburn shot true of 51 per cent of its 47 field goal attempts, the Seminoles on 44 per cent of their 56.

FSU's opponent tonight, Alabama, lost to Florida 68-60 Tuesday night. Alabama beat the Tribe 62 - 53 at Tuscaloosa in December.

FSU	fg	FT	Reb.	PF	TP
Rogers	5-12	8-8	2	3	10
Huge	3-8	0-0	4	2	6
Schull	5-9	0-3	6	2	10
Lovell	2-9	3-4	5	1	7
Gonzalez	6-9	5-6	4	1	17
Shirley	3-5	1-1	4	3	7
Peacock	1-2	0-0	0	2	2
Ek	0-2	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	35-58	19-24	28	14	59

Team rebounds—3

AUBURN	FG	FT	Reb.	PF	TP
DeFore	7-13	4-4	6	2	18
Guy	1-5	2-2	7	1	4
Newton	2-4	1-2	8	4	5
Blackwell	8-18	3-3	1	3	21
Chapman	4-8	1-5	2	3	15
Fibbe	0-1	0-0	1	0	0
Totals	24-47	15-16	31	14	63

Team Rebounds—6

FSU 30-29—59
 Auburn 23-35—63