

Ken Leakey came to Florida State on a make-good scholarship. Last night he made good.

So did Gary Schull, on one of the most pressure-smothered efforts that Florida State athletics have ever known. And the Seminoles won the basketball game 51-50.

It is now, like, 4 and 0. That is, four sports victories over Florida for FSU this scholastic year. None for Florida.

The Exchange Club of St. Petersburg gives a scholarship, or something, to the one of the state rivals who posts the most triumphs over the other during a school year. Florida State doesn't know too much about it, really. It never has won the prize.

But in this deal cross country counts as big as football. So, FSU now has won two from Florida in cross country, plus one in football and now one in basketball.

But back to Mr. Leakey. Back to Mr. Schull first.

It was 50-50 on Leakey's—the guy sneaks in there first anyhow—shot from 20 feet out with 2:01 left.

Florida goes into this stall, and did they ever do a good job of it, looking for a foul—which never came—or a last-second shot.

And with eight seconds to go Tom Baxley, who is a fine little (5-10) player, lets go one from way out. Too way out. It bounces off and who grabs it but Make-Good Leakey.

Instantly, Leakey crosses his hands, which is not a really easy trick with the basketball in your mitts, and the referee, lo and behold, catches the cue and calls timeout.

So FSU goes into this huddle with six seconds to play.

Out they come, and the Seminoles have the ball just beyond midcourt. Pete Gonzalez passes to Leakey, who is just beyond the center line. And what does Leakey do? Why, he crosses his hands again.

Another timeout. Five seconds left.

FSU had thought it had the ball on the other side of the court. The referee says no—you have it on this side. So the play was set up the wrong way, inadvertently. But Mr. Leakey is not going for any of this in-

advertently stuff, so he coaches a little and calls that timeout on his own.

What does it take to make Phi Beta Kappa at this school?

So Gonzalez goes back out of bounds, this time at midcourt.

He heaves a darling but slightly high throw to 6-7 Gary Schull, who has broke just to the right of the basket.

He goes up, shoots, misses, takes the rebound for another try. Brooks Henderson fouls him as he lets fly.

Three seconds left.

Schull missed that first one. And there was no joy in Mudville.

Florida calls timeout. Three seconds left.

Schull comes back, and with 4500 folks—give or take a few negative types—saying their little prayers, he twitches that twine—oh, was it ever a time for a good old cliché!

And Florida now has two chances—(1) a slim one, (2) a poor one. Somehow the Gators get the ball down to 6-10½ Jeff Ramsey, who is within 10 feet of the FSU basket. He turns and fires as the gun sounds, or just after. No matter. He misses.

Ken Leakey, No. 45, a 6-2 junior guard from Fort Wayne, Ind., and a substitute.

Scored eight points, shot five times — three from the field, two from the foul line. Missed no times. Won the game, or just about.

FSU trailed 40-46 with 4:13 left when Leakey started making like a grandstander.

He zips through a quick 20-footer for 43-46.

Then this eager-beaver fouls Paul Morton, and Morton makes one for 56-46 with 2:26 to go.

So Leakey pops in another 20-footer with 2:01 to play.

Then he grabs the rebound after Baxley's final miss, at cetera.

Jerry Shirley, the FSU center who wasn't supposed to play until after Christmas, did right well for a sick fellow, leading

scoring with 18 points, pulling down eight rebounds to tie Schull for game-high.

Shirley has, or had, mononucleosis. They should all have mononucleosis.

He saw his first action Monday night at Alabama, got 15 points.

The Seminoles did a big job on containing the dangerous dual threat of Florida's slick guards, Baxley and Henderson. Gonzalez stole the ball five times, and Henderson was his primary victim.

Florida forged bids to pull away several times.

On two buckets by Baxley, the Gators shot in front 19-14 with 7:46 to go in the first half. But Gonzalez stole one, and Shirley went on a 6-points run that boosted FSU ahead 20-19. That was FSU's last lead in the half.

