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Big Gary Schull shook loose for a couple of key scoring spurts, and that was just about the size of it as Florida State's basketball team knocked off Memphis State by a surprising 74-61 here Saturday night.

It was the Semonoles' eighth straight home success, fifth this season, and lifted their record to 9-6.

But it was only their second victory over the tough Tennesseeans in 11 tussles down through the years. According to Coach Bud Kennedy, his FSU boys were 9 - points underdogs in this one.

Though Florida State twice led by 16 points in the late going, it wasn't as easy as the final count makes out.

Memphis State, now 6-7 for the campaign but only once a winner on the road, pulled within 56 - 50 range with about six minutes to play after abruptly switching to a pressure defense that had the Seminoles reeling for a bit.

But with 5:28 to play Memphis State's seventh team foul put the one - and one rule in for the Seminoles. As Bill Peacock sank his first foul toss for 57 - 50, a technical foul was called on the Tigers' little (5-8).

Steve Betzelberger.

Ken Leakey put in a free throw after the technical, the Seminoles retained the ball and Schull worked free for a layup that extended things to 50-50 with 4:59 left.

That pretty well did it ----

It was a game of fit - and tat most of the first half, with the two swapping leads until Schull potted a 25 - footer that sent the Seminoles in front to stay at 18 - 17. Schull then added a lay - up and a free throw for 21-17.

That was his first big burst, and FSU broke away for a 33-24 halftime lead.

Schull's second spree came in the early minutes of the last half, as he tipped in three errant shots of teammates. The 6-7 junior from Pompano Beach finished with 22 points, going 9-for-14 from the field and 4-for-4 at the foul line.

Sophomore Ros Malmen. a rising force, put in 18 points. Bobby Lovell contributed 12 and a team - high total of nine rebounds. Schull and Malmen had eight recoveries apiece.

Memphis State's justly touted big guy, 6-6 John Hillman, had rough going early, was scoreless in the first half, going to the bench with his third foul - he had two within the first three! minutes - as the clock showed 11:48 left in the half.

Averaging 21.5 points per game going in, Hillman came back brightly in the last half, ended with 12 points, going 4-for - 5 from the field and 4-for 4 at the foul line. He fouled out with 3:39 to play.

Florida State lost Peacock and guard Pete Gonzalez on fouls in the last three minutes, and t

the Tigers' Harry Johnston was another late departee via that route. The Tribe's Jerry Shirley got four fouls with 16 minutes to go and played not at all after that.

Memphis State's 6-5 Craig Alexander simmered down after racking 11 first - half points; finished with 16. Memphis State led in rebounding, 39 to 35, and 6-4 Larry McMahan was the pace - setter with 12 recoveries.

A statistical difference was FSU's efficiency from the field, hitting 28 of 58 for 48 per cent versus Memphis State's 21 of 54 for 39 per cent. They were about even at the foul line, FSU dropping in 18 of 27 and Memphis 19 of 26.

FSU lost a preliminary thriller to Baby Tigers 81-76 in overtime. Memphis led 43-39 at

halftime. It was 58-68 at the end of regulation time. Darrel Stewart, a 6-1 Indiana boy, led Tribe scoring with 23 points. Mike Butler, a 6-2 Tiger, racked a game - high 29.

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