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PENSACOLA—Auburn, led by the 34-point performance of Lee DeFore, defeated Florida State here Monday night 80-64 on this neutral court.

DeFore hit for most of his points on quick jump shots from 10 or 15 feet out, and it was his shooting that brought the Tigers from a 10-point deficit to a commanding lead in the second half.

Florida State, paced by the hot hand of Bill Peacock, stayed close to Auburn through the opening minutes of the game. Peacock scored the first six FSU points and had 12 of first 23.

With eight minutes left in the first half, the Seminoles held a 23-13 lead over the unbeaten SEC title contenders.

DeFore quickly closed that gap and sent Auburn ahead 35-33 at the half.

It was Larry Milsap, Auburn's little guard, who was the second-half surprise.

After scoring only one field goal through the first half, Milsap hit on three straight shots quickly after the intermission. DeFore made good four free throws, Auburn had a 54-42 lead.

Jim Lytle led FSU's efforts with 17 points. He was closely followed by Peacock with 16. Darrel Stewart and Gary Schull with 12 each.

The Seminoles, now 5-4, travel to Athens on Monday night for a game with Georgia.

AUBURN	FG	FT	REB	PF	TP
DeFore	15-22	5-4	5	3	34
Milsap	8-10	0-0	6	3	12
Montgomery	0-5	0-0	2	2	0
Walker	1-1	0-0	2	1	0
Quick	4-8	5-4	7	4	15
Greene	1-1	0-0	1	0	2
Bulsson	2-3	9-9	7	4	15
Muller	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Howell	2-3	1-0	4	0	4
Faircloth	0-2	0-0	2	1	0
Totals	31-55	20-17	38	18	80
FSU	FG	FT	REB	PF	TP
Peacock	7-13	2-2	6	5	16
Danford	1-1	0-0	2	1	2
Glenn	1-5	0-0	4	0	2
Schull	7-11	11-8	7	4	12
Biggs	1-1	0-0	0	0	2
Boyle	0-1	2-1	2	1	1
Lytle	8-11	1-1	2	1	17
Stewart	5-11	3-2	3	4	12
Phillips	0-1	0-0	2	4	0
Murphy	0-1	0-0	1	0	0
Fairchild	0-1	0-0	0	1	0
Totals	25-50	21-14	29	18	64
Auburn					35-33
FSU					31-54