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Late Memphis State Rally Overcome By Schull, Lyttle

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Terrible sinners at the foul line all evening long, Florida State's Seminoles, virtuous fellows on defense, scrambled to a 67-63 victory here last night over a thoroughly tough Memphis State basketball team.

Three weeks ago FSU led the nation in free-throw marksmanship, but has somehow shed the sublime for the ridiculous.

Only 25 of 46 free-throw attempts — many missed in tense 1-and-1 situations — found their target.

Rugged defense also helped overcome a run of offensive errors, some precipitated by Memphis State's own tight defense.

In front by 14 points early in the last half, the Seminoles saw that margin fade to just one with 5:55 to play.

Not big Gary Schull, just before fouling out, banged in two dunks for a 64-60 advantage. The Tigers quickly pulled back within three before Jim Lyttle extended it — and virtually wrapped things up — with a pair of free throws. That put the Tribe in command 66-61 with 1:04 left.

Behind early as Memphis State showed its poles from the start, the Seminoles caught up for a 13-14 lead and never trailed about that. It was 33-28 at halftime.

Schull led FSU scoring with 20 points, pulled down a dozen rebounds as the Seminoles dominated the board with 63 recoveries to the Tigers' 39.

Jim Lyttle played a remarkable floor game and threw in 13 points. Bill Peacock contributed 11. Ron Malmien, in action for the first time this season following a fractured elbow, added eight.

The Seminoles also had key contributions from — Biggs and guard Brian Murphy, who played much of the way in Darrel Stewart's spot after the latter got into early foul trouble. Stewart fouled out with 5:15 left, and Schull followed at 1:40.

Memphis State, charged with 31 infractions, lost three players on fouls — superb defender Mackie Don Smith, a 6-9 lad, at 11:03, Charles Neal at 7:23, Jim Hawkins at 4:31. The losses appeared to make the Tigers, now 6-8 for the season, all the tougher.

FSU put a defensive blanket on the Tigers' hot sophomore guard Mike Butler, held him to 11 points. Hawkins and Jack Romp led the Tigers with 12 apiece. Mike O'Dell, a hefty 6-8 center, topped their rebounding with 12 grabs.

FSU sprinted to a 47-33

advantage soon after the last half got underway. Then the Seminoles went almost four minutes without a field goal and Memphis pulled to within seven, at 49-42. Stewart quickly put in his only four points of the night to put FSU up 53-42.

Then Memphis started whacking, with Hawkins sparking a diversified push. A 3-points play by Remp narrow-

ed things to 60-58 with 1:55 showing.

Whereupon Schull bagged his two layups, and Lytle came through at the foul line.

FSU upped its record to 8-5, won its ninth straight Tully Gym came before a near-capacity turnout of 4500.

Memphis State broke to a 2-0 lead at the start as the Seminoles came out cold. It was a couple of minutes before FSU got on the board, with Biggs cracking the scorebook with a 3-points play. And more than five minutes elapsed before FSU managed more than one field goal.

With Memphis holding its biggest lead at 11-5, Schull cut it by stealing and dribbling all the way downcourt for a layup. Biggs followed with a layup to narrow the Tigers' margin to 11-9.

But the Seminoles weren't in front until 10 1/2 minutes had gone. Biggs did it with another layup, for a 15-14 FSU margin.

Florida State freshmen boosted their record to 4-3, breezing past Manatee Junior College 83-55.

Ahead 41-22 at the half, the Baby Seminoles were spurred by Jeff Hogan's 31-point effort. Ladon Boyd contributed 15, Rich Campbell 13.

The frosh showed their kinship to the varsity at the foul line, however, hitting only 18 of 31 attempts.

Reserved-seat tickets for Tuesday night's game here with Florida will be on sale at the athletic ticket office until 5 p.m. that day.

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Gaskins	3	6 12	Summers	0	1 1
Henderson	2	0 4	Hogan	13	5 31
Dodd	1	1 3	Campbell	5	3 13
Primavera	1	5 10	Boyd	7	1 15
Opperman	3	3 9	Baugh	1	1 3
Sapp	3	4 10	Letch	0	0 0
Waymire	2	0 4	Curchin	3	2 8
Clemens	1	0 2			
Lampman	2	0 4			
Totals	18	22 58	Totals	32	18 82
Manates				22	36-58
FSU Frosh				41	41-82