

## DIXIE FOES MEET AT 8

### Newcomers Dot Seminole Lineup

By FRED PETTIJOHN

The Florida State University Seminoles will open their 1948-49 basketball season tonight when they tackle the Mississippi College Choctaws in the West Campus gym at 8 p. m.

The tilt is a Dixie conference affair, and pits the Indians against their toughest Dixie loop grid foe in a continuation of the newly-formed athletic rivalry between the two schools.

The Seminoles, in their second season of the cage sport, are expected to field a much taller, improved quintet over the stocky squad that won five and lost 13 in FSU's initial campaign last year.

Coach J K "Bud" Kennedy, who has succeeded Don Loucks at the helm of the Garnet and Gold hoopsters, has a 35-man squad that includes a wealth of big, rangy boys.

#### Rangy Newcomers

Heading the list of newcomers are Art Adams and Tom McLaughlin, a pair of six-foot-four-inch performers, Bill Weigle, six-foot 2½-inch forward, Lee Benjamin, a sharpshooter on Miami's Riddle college squad last season, Bob Pence from Shelbyville, Ind and Bryan Stanfill, a local boy.

Adams played last year with Brooklyn's YMCA entry in the Olympic tryouts and is slated to start tonight at the vital pivot post.

The newcomers, together with six lettermen from last year's squad should give Kennedy a fast, balanced and fairly well experienced group.

Veterans who will see action tonight are Larry Dickson, hero of FSU's initial cage triumph last year, Bill Kratzert, individual high-point man, and Jim Pavy, Orlando Wyman, Sheldon Hildman and Ronald Nettles, a quartet of fast, clever ball-handlers and shotmakers.

Kennedy indicated early today that he will probably open with Kratzert and Weigle at the forwards, Adams at center, McLaughlin and either Pavy or Wyman at guards.

#### Pavy is Veteran

This will be Pavy's third year of action at the West campus courts. He is a veteran of the TBUF quintet of 1946-47 and scored the first points of the season for that team and last year's Seminole five.

Tonight's game will be the Choctaws second loop affair in as many nights.

Last night they nipped Stetson 50-48 in the last 10 seconds when Barnes slipped in a field goal to break a deadlock.

The Chocs' margin of superiority came from the free throw line where they clicked with 14 attempts against 10 for the Hatters.

While little is known of this year's combine they are expected to present several members of last year's team which averaged nearly 66 points per game for the season.

Tom Brown, well-known local sports figure and Ed Boell, Eustis will officiate the game.

# ADAMS PACES INDIAN ATTACK

## 700 See Listless Dixie Loop Tilt

By FRED PETTIJOHN

The Florida State University Seminoles opened their 1948-49 basketball campaign last night with a 53-21 victory over Mississippi College in a dull, listless Dixie Conference tilt witnessed by 700 fans in the West Campus gym.

The Seminole squad, decked out with a "new look" that included five rangy newcomers, a new coach and spanking white and garnet uniforms, controlled the ball, backboards and ball game from the time the opening horn sounded.

They employed a "weaving" offense that failed to run the Mississippians out of their zone defense, but piled up points steadily throughout as the Indian sharpshooters displayed a knack for hitting the rims the hard way.

### \* Chocs Badly "Off"

The Choctaws continually got the jump on the FSU defenders and ganged the goal in two, three and four man forays that had the Indian defense badly outnumbered, particularly during the first half. But the Mississippians were suffering from a woeful "off" night, and they missed enough short shots to have given them a successful season.

The pattern of the game remained the same throughout the 40-minute session as FSU employing its slow, deliberate attack, worked around the fringe of the Choc zone until they got an opening or took a crack from outside. They were hawking the ball off the boards, and usually tipped in or recovered their misses.

Mississippi would then storm the basket with a volley of short shots that missed with amazing inaccuracy, and the Indians would recover and plod down to a score.

After Jim Pavy dropped in a foul shot to score the initial point for the third straight year, FSU pulled steadily away and built up a 23-10 margin at halftime as the Chocs were limited to four field goals and a pair of foul tosses.

Bouncing out after the half-time the Seminoles rolled up a 44-16 margin before the Chocs took advantage of the usual last minute flurry to stage their biggest scoring spree of the night and amass five fairly closely grouped points.

### Cleans Bench

Coach Bud Kennedy, fielding his first varsity squad since taking over the helm, cleaned the

FSU	FG	FT	PF	TP
Kratzert, f	1	8	0	2
Potliard	0	0	2	0
Weigle, f	4	1	2	9
McKay	0	0	0	0
Adams, c	7	0	1	14
Pence	1	1	0	3
MacLaughlin, g	3	0	2	6
Fellows	0	1	0	1
Dickson	1	2	1	4
Pavy (c), g	1	1	2	3
Hilaman	0	1	1	1
Benjamin	2	0	2	4
Wyman	2	0	0	4
Stanfill	0	0	0	0
Nettles	1	0	0	2
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>53</b>
MISS COLL	FG	FT	PF	TP
Potter	0	2	0	2
Sessums	1	1	2	3
Carr	1	1	1	3
Tullish	0	0	0	0
Evans	0	0	1	0
Merritt	2	1	0	5
Stratton	1	0	1	2
Lawrence	0	4	1	4
Barnes	1	0	0	2
Beard	0	0	0	0
Muse	0	0	1	0
Ferrell	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>

Free throws missed: Weigle, Dickson, Sessums, Carr (2), Barnes, Beard (3).  
Officials: Brown and Boell.  
Halftime score: FSU 23, Miss Coll 10.

bench of subs as he poured 15 performers into the game. And every combination he sent out continued to click.