

The Florida State University Seminoles open a weekend road trip against a pair of intra-state and Dixie Conference cage foes in Deland tonight when they meet the Stetson Hatters in a return tilt between the two teams.

Saturday night Coach Bud Kennedy's Indians move over to Tampa where they tackle the highly-touted Tampa University Spartans in the opener of a home-and-home series.

The Seminoles, idle since they thumped Stetson 49-40 in the West Campus gym Jan 5, will enter the weekend series with an overall record of 5-3, and a loop mark of four wins and only one loss.

Hatters Improved

While their triumph in the opener stamps them as favorites over Coach Ben Clemons Hatters, the Seminoles are slated to face an improved Stetson team tonight.

Jack Brooks, big sophomore center from Daytona Beach who has been out of the Hatter lineup, is scheduled to return to action tonight and his presence is expected to bolster the Central Florida school's scoring punch.

With Brooks available Clemons will probably move the veteran George Everett over to a forward post.

Against Tampa Saturday night FSU may be meeting one of the top teams on its 21-game slate.

The Spartans, under Coach Mike Gaddis, are considered one of the coming teams in this area and rank as one of the top threats to the Dixie loop title.

The Spartans recently gave Florida and Tennessee, two SEC quintets, bitter battles before dropping a pair of decisions.

Williams is Star

The Spartan attack is built around Mac Williams, former all-state high school performer at Hillsborough high, and Harry Bryan, another well-known prep performer.

Kennedy and a 16-man squad left here yesterday noon and spent last night in Daytona Beach before moving over to Stetson prior to tonight's games.

Players making the trip are: Art Adams, Bill Weigel, Tom McLaughlin, Jim Pavy, Larry Dickson, Orlando Wynne, Bob Pennington, Herman Nemes, Lee Benjamin and Dick Kendall.

STOP STETSON 40-36

(Special to The Democrat)

DeLAND, Jan 15.—The Florida State University Seminoles broke a 36-36 deadlock in the final two minutes of play Friday night to defeat Stetson's Hatters 40-36 in a Red-saw Dixie conference tilt that saw the lead change hands several times.

The victory was the Seminoles' sixth of the year against three setbacks and gave them a conference record of five wins and only one loss.

The Hatters, who had bowed to FSU 49-40 in an earlier meeting this year, put up a bitter battle against their taller opponents and held a 23-21 margin at halftime.

Coach Bud Kennedy's quintet rallied twice in the final period with the final burst providing the

clinch after an earlier comeback had failed to hold up.

Stars Foul Out

Both clubs lost valuable men via the personal foul route. George Everett, southpaw Stetson ace, was forced out in the second half. And FSU lost both Tom McLaughlin and Dick Kendall.

Kendall, whose 21 points sparked the Seminoles in their initial triumph over Stetson, was held to five points.

Ed Benjamin, Hatter forward, took scoring honors for the tilt with 11 points, followed by teammate Jack Brooks' and FSU's Art Adams with nine apiece.

FSU	fg	ft	tp	STETSON	fg	ft	tp
McLaughlin, f	1	0	2	Ed Benjamin, f	3	5	11
Pence, f	1	0	2	Bottom, f	3	1	8
Weigle, f	2	0	4	McCully, f	0	0	0
Ed Benjamin, f	1	1	3	Everett, c	1	3	7
Adams, c	4	1	8	Petersen, c	0	0	0
Dickson, c	1	1	3	Maynard, g	1	0	3
Kendall, g	2	1	5	Samson, g	0	0	0
Pavy, g	1	2	4	Bahrens, g	0	1	1
Wyman, g	3	2	4	O'Leary, g	0	1	1
				Brooks, g	4	1	9
				Reilly, g	0	0	0
				Hays, g	0	0	0
				Robert, g	0	0	0

Totals 16 8 40 Totals 11 14 26
Halftime score: Stetson 23; FSU 21.