

Stetson Beats FSU 70-61 In Overtime

The Stetson University Hatters defeated the Florida State University Seminoles here last night 70-61 in a rough and tumble basketball game that was decided in one overtime period. It was the initial loss of the season for the Seminoles on their home court and their eighth defeat in 15 games.

The lead changed hands 14 times in the exciting contest and was tied up on seven occasions as first one team and then the other held the advantage.

Stetson led at halftime 33-30 and was on top in the second period until the Seminoles caught them with 10 minutes to play. Florida State then set the pace until Jim Taveniere, big Hatter center, put Stetson out front again, 61-60, with 15 seconds of regulation game time remaining. Guard Whitey Wyman came through for Florida State 13 seconds later to tie the game up with a free throw at 61-61 and send the contest into the extra period.

It was all Stetson in the overtime chapter as Forward Walter Nichols and Center Pete Peterson scored early field goals. The Hatters then froze the ball and made 5 free throws good as desperate Florida State players fouled them trying to gain possession of the ball.

The Seminoles played over half the game without the services of their star center, Tom McLaughlin, who left the contest via the personal foul route two minutes before intermission.

Forward Dick Kendall and Guard Bill Weigel, playing their finest games of the season, paced Florida State's attack with 22 and 18 points respectively. Wyman, Weigel and Ted Hewitt played outstanding floor games for the Seminoles.

Taveniere led the Stetson scorers with 22 points and Guard Fred Wimer got 15 markers for the Hatters. Stetson's win was its fourth in ten starts this season.

Stetson (70)				vs Florida State (61)			
				(Overtime)			
	fg	ft	tp		fg	ft	tp
Nichols, f	2	5	9	Kendall, f	8	6	22
Anderson	0	4	4	Benjamin f	3	1	7
Halle	0	0	0	McLaughlin c	1	1	3
Eakin, f	2	1	5	Dickson	0	0	0
Rossi	1	1	3	Weigel, g	7	4	18
Peterson, c	3	3	9	Hewitt	2	0	4
Taveniere	9	4	22	Pence, g	0	1	1
Wimer, g	4	7	15	Wyman	2	2	6
Maynard, g	1	1	3				
Totals	22	26	70	Totals	23	15	61
Score at halftime: Stetson 33, Florida State 30.				Referee: Streetman. Umpire: Love.			