

Indians Top Hatter Cagers In 74-68 Tilt

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DELAND—The Florida State University Seminoles continued their late-season surge through all basketball opposition last night as they squeezed past Stetson's Hatters 74-68 in a renewal of a heated intra-state rivalry.

The triumph gives Coach Bud Kennedy's cagers a seven game winning streak to take into the second annual Dixie Conference tourney which gets underway Monday night in Tallahassee, and it climaxed the Indians most successful season of play on the courts.

The win was FSU's 14th against nine defeats in their third year of basketball.

Benjamin "Hot"

Hawk-eyed little Lee Benjamin was having one of his "hot" nights last night, and it was his sharp-shooting that paved the way for FSU's triumph. He sparked a rally that gave the Seminoles an early lead, then dropped in some vital points in the second half as he piled up a total of 19 tallies.

After leading 41-35 at half-time, FSU fell behind early in the second half 44-42. But the Indians came back eight minutes later to regain the lead 54-52 and they were never headed after that point.

Walt Nichols sparked Stetson with 20 points.

The box score:

Fla State	fg	ft	tp	Stetson	fg	ft	tp
Kendall.f	6	4	16	Nichols.f	8	4	20
Benjamin.f	8	3	19	Wimer.f	1	4	6
Nettle.f	1	0	2	Anderson.f	2	2	6
Hewett.f	2	1	5	Ross.f	0	1	1
McLighlin.c	0	0	0	Peterson.c	6	5	17
Cummings.c	0	0	0	Byrom.c	1	0	2
Weigel.g	4	2	10	Stones.c	0	0	0
Wyman.g	2	1	5	Maynard.g	2	3	7
Dickson.g	0	0	0	Halle.g	1	0	2
				McCully.g	0	0	0
				Eakin.g	1	2	4
				Sappia.g	0	3	3
Totals	29	16	74	Totals	22	24	68