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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Florida State University's sizzling Seminoles train their sights on mighty little James Millikin University and its fabulous scoring star Scotty Steagall in the quarter-finals of the NAIB tournament tonight at 6 in the Municipal Auditorium.

Coach Bud Kennedy's high-flying Florida five won its way into the quarter-final round yesterday afternoon with a thrilling 61-59 victory over fourth-seeded Pepperdine College of Los Angeles in a game that was in doubt until the final horn.

Millikin, with Steagall again showing the pace with 27 points, romped over the East Texas Baptists 80-62 in their second round game yesterday.

To get past Millikin tonight and rumble into the semi-finals, Flor-

| Fla State  | fg | ft | tp | Pepperdine | fg | ft | tp |
|------------|----|----|----|------------|----|----|----|
| Hartmann   | 5  | 7  | 17 | Furlong    | 5  | 10 | 20 |
| Matsee     | 2  | 1  | 5  | Morris     | 5  | 0  | 10 |
| McLaughlin | 2  | 3  | 9  | Faulkner   | 3  | 0  | 6  |
| Scott      | 5  | 3  | 13 | Schultz    | 3  | 1  | 7  |
| Trebaugh   | 2  | 2  | 6  | Miller     | 4  | 0  | 8  |
| Whitmer    | 4  | 2  | 11 | Lepore     | 1  | 0  | 2  |
|            |    |    |    | Reynolds   | 2  | 0  | 4  |
|            |    |    |    | Alvord     | 1  | 0  | 2  |
|            |    |    |    | Cleghart   | 0  | 0  | 0  |

Totals 31 19 61 Totals 24 11 59

Halftime scores: Pepperdine 20-33

Free throw shooters—Hartmann, Scott, Whitmer, Furlong, Faulkner, Alvord.

Florida State has got to stop Steagall

and that's something very, very

few teams have done in his four years of varsity play.

## AVERAGES 28 A GAME

The hawk-eyed forward, who led his quintet to a record of 20 wins and only six defeats during the regular season, has already scored 49 points in his first two tourney tilts to lead the individual scoring race. And even that total is below his season average.

In 26 regular games this year Steagall cranked in 745 points for an astounding 28.6 per game average. His four-year total at Millikin is 2,033 points.

In addition to his shotmaking ability the Stewardson, Ill. boy is the top playmaker of the club. He's fed teammates 113 scoring passes and captured 170 rebounds.

Veteran basketball expert Chuck Taylor rates Steagall as one of the three top cagers in the nation, and the best for his size. Steagall stands 5-11, which isn't large at all in this big man's game, and weighs 175 pounds. That makes him the smallest man on the Millikin club. The other starters are Bob Kowa at 6-2½, Alex Sarra at 6-4½ and Jerry Althoff and John Luttrell at six feet

## LIKE WORD 'UPSET'

Coach Kennedy, whose quintet again goes into a game the underdog, said this morning, "they are all tough from now on in. We'll concentrate on them one at a time and be trying all the time. Our boys are beginning to like the word "upset."

— Accuracy from the free throw line, determination, hustle and a well planned control ball game enabled the Seminoles to come from behind and topple the much taller Pepperdine quintet. The Waves outscored Florida State from the field, 24 field goals to 21, but the Seminoles dunked 19 of their 26 free throw tries while Pepperdine was getting only 11 points from the charity toss line.

Guard Bob Hartman dropped in five fielders and 7 free throws for 17 points to pace the Florida State attack. Guard Bud Scott got 13 markers and forward Bob Whitmer 11.

Forward John Furlong of Pepperdine with 20 points, 10 of which came on free throws, was the game's individual high scorer. This was a far cry from the big six foot 3 1/2 inch Waves' 31-point total in Pepperdine's opening game of the tournament, and the Seminoles' ability to hold down the Pepperdine star had much to do with the victory. Whitmer was the Florida State player assigned to Furlong on defense.

## STATE SETS TEMPO

Florida State set the tempo of the game from the opening whistle, screening out the taller Waves from the defensive backboards, and working deliberately with the ball each time they went on attack. This paid off well in the first 12 minutes of the game when the score was tied up three times and the lead changed hands five times.

With eight minutes of the first half remaining, Pepperdine went out front 15-14, then extended their lead to 30-23 by halftime as the Seminoles couldn't seem to hit from the field.

Florida State came out after the intermission and had tied the score 33-33 three minutes 45 seconds after the period began. The game really began to be a scramble.

In the next 14 minutes and 22 seconds the game was tied eight times. Florida State took the lead four times and Pepperdine had it four. Then with the score tied 57-57 and 1:29 of the contest remaining, Hartman slipped in a 3 one-hander from the corner to put the Seminoles out front to stay.

Center Tom McLaughlin, who was great off the defensive backboard in the second half, grabbed a rebound after Pepperdine took a desperate shot that just rolled

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off the rim. The Seminoles then stalled the ball until Bud Scott broke free for an easy lay-up that put them on top by four points, 61-57, and 21 seconds remaining. Pepperdine's Russ Reynolds got the final fielder of the game with 8 seconds to play, but the Waves never got their hands on the ball again.

The victory was definitely a team win for the Seminoles as each of the six players who saw action came through with field goals, free throws or fine defensive saves when they counted.