

Stetson Upsets FSU in NAIA Cage Finals, 94-81

HATTERS GET K. C. BERTH

Ham Wernke Scores 23 in Defeat

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DeLAND.—Florida State University couldn't stop a 19-point scoring spree by Stetson's John Imgrund in the first half and went on to drop a 94-81 decision to the Hatters in the finals of the district NAIA tourney here tonight.

The Seminoles, who had downed Stetson twice in regular season play matched the Hatters almost point for point in the second half while holding the versatile Imgrund to six markers.

For a few fleeting moments in the opening stanza it appeared as if Coach Bud Kennedy's charges might turn the trick for the third straight time when they jumped ahead 3-0 on a double-decker by Jerry Westhafer and a foul toss by Jimmy Oler.

However, the host Hatters weren't to be headed and came right back on four straight points by Jack Oksnee. Oler contributed another foul shot and Westhafer hit again from the field to make it 6-4.

Westhafer then popped with a one-hander from 30 feet out and Ham Wernke, who was the Indians high scorer with 23, added a free toss to run the count to 9-4.

But the Hatters turned on the steam, paced by Imgrund and towering center Jim Yonge, and pulled ahead 21-18 at the end of the quarter.

By half-time it was 49-37 and from then on out the two teams swapped shots for most of the final half.

Imgrund and company ran hot in the next few minutes and by halftime had jumped to a 49-37 margin over the Seminoles.

It was 71-55 at the close of the third period but the Seminoles managed to cut the lead to 10 points at one place in the final quarter.

Wernke ran his total for the season to 473 with tonight's performance—20 short of Bob Hartman's all time mark of 493 set in 1951.

Westhafer made 17, eight in the final heat, Oler bucketed 14 and Tom Dellahan, who came in late in the third period, got 12.

The Box Score

FSU				Stetson			
	fg	ft	tp		fg	ft	tp
Wernke,g	7	9	23	Imgrund,f	10	6	26
Oler,g	4	9	17	Yonge,f	6	6	18
Artmeier,g	0	1	1	Oksnee,g	7	4	18
Benson,c	0	1	1	Smith,g	1	6	8
Dellahan,f	4	2	10	Carlin,g	3	5	11
Gordon,f	1	0	2	Hansel,c	2	5	9
Richrdsn,g	2	1	5	Cassidy,c	2	0	4
Westhafer,f	8	0	16				
Woldl,c	1	4	6				

TOTALS	27	27	81	TOTALS	31	32	94
FSU	18	19	19	25	81		
STETSON	21	28	22	23	94		

Free throws missed: FSU—Wernke 2, Oler 2, Artmeier, Benson, Woldl 8; Stetson—Smith 2, Oksnee, Hansel, Yonge 3.