

Friendly confines of their own gymnasium helped pay off for Florida State's basketball Seminoles again last night as they downed Stetson, 77-60.

Coach Bud Kennedy's team thereby boosted their season mark to 5-8. Four of those five victories have come on the home court. Stetson is now 7-3.

Twenty-six was a magic number in the FSU victory combination. Team-leading scorer Burt Deckel, a 6-5 junior from Louisville, Ky., scoring 26 points and 6-6 center Danny Boltz pulling down 26 rebounds.

#### AVERAGING 17.5

Deckel now has 227 points for the first 13 games of the season, and a 17.5 average. He made good on nine of 18 tries from the field last night, and dropped eight of 10 free throw attempts.

The Seminoles gained an early 10-4 lead on the visitors, but Stetson fought back to tie the count 12-12 after seven minutes.

Jim Kitchens missed an attempt to put the Hatters in the lead, and they were never again able to tie the count.

Turning point came after Stetson had closed to 22-19, with a little less than 10 minutes left in the half. The Seminoles hit 12 straight points while holding Stetson scoreless to grab a 34-19 margin.

#### COULDN'T CLOSE

The FSU lead was cut to 42-34 at the half, but Stetson could not get closer than six points the rest of the way.

Guard Gene Wells, with 19, and forward Ralph Miller 17, led the visitors in scoring. Guard Hugh Durham hit 16 to gain the No. 2 scoring spot for the Tribe.

Durham, who led the Seminoles in scoring last year with 509 points, now has 176 for his 12 games played and a 14.7 average.

Guard Jim Liteky has 192 for 11 games and a 14.8 average, after adding nine points last night.

With Boltz leading the way, the Seminoles outrebounded Stetson, 65-57, though the two teams stood even at 26 apiece in this department at halftime.

The eventual difference in the score was from the foul line. The Seminoles, who rank among the top 15 teams in the country in this department, dropped 27 of 35, while Stetson hit just 10 of 25.

## FIELD AVERAGES

Stetson turned in a better showing from the field, although they got off less shots than FSU. The visitors hit 25 of 77 for a .325 mark, the Seminoles 25 of 84 for .298.

Saturday night the Seminoles seek their sixth victory of the year against the University of Miami Hurricanes here at 8:15.

Jimmy Oler's FSU freshmen, now 1-2 for the season, will meet Georgia Southwestern at 6:00 p.m.

STETSON	G	F	P	T
Kitchens, f	2	4-7	1	8
Miller, f	6	5-9	3	17
Hearin, c	3	3-1	4	8
Iverson, c	6	8-1	4	9
Wells, g	9	1-5	2	19
Gregory, f	4	0-0	5	3
Schneider, g	1	0-2	1	2
Parker, g	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	25	10-25	24	60

FLORIDA STATE	G	F	P	T
Strom, f	3	3-3	4	9
Deckel, f	9	8-10	2	20
Savage, f	1	1-4	3	5
Westhafer, f	0	0-0	0	0
Beltz, c	4	1-2	4	9
Castel, c	0	0-1	1	0
Little, g	3	1-4	1	9
Darham, g	4	3-9	4	16
Garcia, f	1	1-2	0	3
Williams, g	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	25	27-35	19	71

Halftime score: Florida State 42, Stetson 34.