

WELAND (AP) — Gene Wells set a new season basketball scoring record for Stetson University and led the Hatters to a 96-91 victory over Florida State Saturday.

Wells scored 32 points, running his season total to 529 with three games to play. He bettered his own record of 524 set last year.

The first eight minutes were nip and tuck but then Stetson went in front 27-25 on a jump shot by Joel Hancock and stayed ahead the rest of the game. The Hatters led at halftime 50-48.

Hugh Durham was high scorer for FSU with 24 points.

FSU coach Bud Kennedy called Wells "the finest shooting guard we've met this season, a terrific basketball player."

Wells was the Hatters' second highest rebounder with 11.

Don Bates, who is second to Durham in overall scoring for the Seminoles suffered from a cold night ailment. However, Kennedy said the junior guard played one of his best defensive games of the year.

In the first half, FSU hit 21 of 36 shots from the field for a 58.3 percentage, while Stetson racked up 18 for 34, a 52.9 mark.

It was 14 for 28, 50 per cent for the Seminoles in the second half against 19 for 41, 46.3 for the Hatters.

FSU hit 21 of 36 from the foul line while Stetson made 24 of 34 good.

The Seminoles resume action tomorrow night in Winter Park against Rollins.

Durham received some encouraging help last night despite the Seminoles' loss.

Jim Savage and John Richter were second and third high for FSU with 20 and 18 points. Richter was the leading rebounder with 10.

Savage carried most of the load in the first half, scoring 18 of 20 shots.

Stetson's Wells hit 11 of 17 the second half to bring his season total to 529.

Wells' 32 points were the highest in the game.

Richter and Bates lost to the

rebounding slack left, but Stetson's Wells proved too accurate for the FSU club.

FSU	FG	FT	RF	TP
Bates	7	1-1	4	15
Durham	1	18-18	4	21
Beltz	8	8-8	3	8
Litkey	2	2-2	3	6
Savage	9	2-2	3	20
Williams	2	2-2	1	6
Richter	7	4-6	3	18
Woodward	1	0-0	0	2
Totals	35	21-28	25	91

STETSON	FG	FT	RF	TP
Wells	16	4-6	7	32
Hancock	5	5-5	3	15
Bonney	3	1-2	2	7
Miller	5	7-10	3	17
Schneider	1	2-2	3	3
Roberts	5	4-5	3	18
Lyting	3	0-0	1	6
Totals	37	23-27	22	96

FSU	48	42	34
STETSON	52	46	38
Halftime score: Stetson 33, FSU 48			