

## Seminoles Top Stetson 41-38

# FSU LIMPS HOME AHEAD

### Hatter Rally Almost Overcomes Indians

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The Florida State Seminoles barely limped home last night with a tight 41-38 decision over Stetson's quintet after having threatened to race completely away from the Hatters in the first 30 minutes of the spirited tilt.

Some 750 fans in the West Campus gym saw the Garnet five rack up its fourth victory of the campaign and its second successive win over a state rival after having suffered 13 consecutive defeats.

#### Like A Turtle

The Seminoles, after completely dominating the play and carefully fashioning a 36-20 lead suddenly changed their driving tactics with 10 minutes left to go and tried to pull into their defensive shell.

The Hatters, taking quick advantage of the overly-cautious Indians, staged a closing spurt that quickly wiped 13 of the Seminoles 16 points of margin off the books.

The Indian quintet, which has suffered five heart-breaking defeats in the closing minutes this year, refused to fold in the face of the Hatters hurrying flurry of points, however, and they rode out the last minute and five seconds of the storm to take the decision.

Coach Don Loucks' Seminoles, definitely on the rebound and aiming for a successful climax to their somewhat dreary campaign, played some of their best ball of the year against the Stetson quintet.

#### Kratzeri Hot

Big Bill Kratzer, Seminole scoring spark turned in one of his best performances of the year. He topped the game's scorers with 13 points, but that only tells a small part of the story.

The husky ex-Leon ace constantly outjumped and outfought the taller Hatters for possession of the ball off the backboards. He continually tied up the Hatter offensive in scrambles under the Green and White goal, and he generally made himself a source of great annoyance to Coach Ben Clemon's combine.

Ernest Williams and Billy Osteen, assigned to the tough task of trumping Stetson's scoring aces, came through in great fashion.

The speedy Osteen raced in circles around Hatter ace Jordan Maynard and kept the Stetson star scoreless from the field until FSU had a 37-22 lead.

Williams, swarming over rangy George Everett, Stetson hook shot artist, kept him smothered under the hoops until midway in the second half.

#### Everett High

Everett topped Stetson's scoring attack with 10 points, but he didn't even begin to click until FSU had drawn into its shell and allowed the Hatters to take the play away from them.

It was Everett who sparked the final Hatter drive before he fouled out with his mates still trailing 40-34.

Sheldon Hilaman and Ralph Chaudron, who rounded out the starting quintet which carried most of the load for FSU, lent large and able hands to the cause.

Chaudron hit three times from the field in the opening minutes to put the Indians out in front by counts of 8-0, 16-5 and 18-7. And when he relinquished the scoring reins he immediately took over the playmaking.

Hilaman contributed 7 points to the attack, the last of which was counted from the foul line and gave the Indians the final urge they needed when it upped their edge from 40-38 to 41-38.

Driving hard throughout the first half PSU piled up a 24-11 halftime margin.

| PSU         |    |    | STETSON |              |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|---------|--------------|----|----|----|
|             | fg | ft | tp      |              | fg | ft | tp |
| Williams, f | 2  | 0  | 4       | Brooks, f    | 1  | 1  | 3  |
| McCrary     | 0  | 0  | 0       | Kearns       | 1  | 1  | 2  |
| Hilaman, f  | 2  | 3  | 7       | O'Loon, f    | 2  | 0  | 4  |
| Pavy        | 0  | 0  | 0       | Tranfelfella | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| Kratzer, c  | 4  | 5  | 12      | Everett, c   | 4  | 2  | 10 |
| Osteen, G   | 2  | 3  | 9       | Williamics   | 0  | 1  | 1  |
| Dickson     | 0  | 0  | 0       | Maynard, g   | 2  | 3  | 7  |
| Ch'dron, g  | 3  | 2  | 8       | Samson       | 1  | 0  | 2  |
| Nettles     | 0  | 0  | 0       | Hays, g      | 0  | 2  | 2  |
|             |    |    |         | Scherna      | 2  | 0  | 4  |

Totals 14 13 41 Totals 14 10 38

Referee: Tom Brown; umpire, Marable Love; scorer, Williamson.

Score at halftime: PSU 24, Stetson 11.