

Basketball Drills Get Underway

Florida State University basketball Coach J. K. "Bud" Kennedy started preparations for the Seminoles 1948-49 cage season yesterday when he called candidates together for an initial meeting and revealed that preliminary drills will get under way immediately.

In conjunction with the initial call to practice, Kennedy announced an incomplete 17-game schedule for the Seminole hoopsters. The cage mentor added that three more games will probably be slated before the schedule is completed.

In addition to the regular season games, FSU is slated to enter the initial Dixie Intercollegiate conference tourney in late February and March.

10 Home Games

Ten of the games now on the schedule will be played on the Seminole West Campus gym.

Last year the Seminoles won five and lost 14 in their initial season under Coach Don Loucks, winning their last three tilts in a row. Kennedy replaced Loucks at the helm of the court squad when FSU adopted a policy of limiting their coaching staff to one sport per member. Loucks will continue to handle the Seminole tennis squad.

The schedule to date:

Dec. 7	Mississippi College, here
10-11	Florida Southern, here
13	Troy State, Troy, Ala.
Jan. 3	Stetson, here
14	Stetson, there
15	Tampa, Tampa
21	Troy State, here
27	Oglethorpe, Atlanta
28	Mercer, Macon
Feb. 2	Tampa, here
4	Mississippi Col. Clinton, Miss.
5	Millsaps, Jackson, Miss.
12	Oglethorpe, there
18-19	Sewanee, here
24	Birmingham-Southern, here
28	Conference tournament

FSU TO OPEN LOCAL SEASON

Play Three Games Here This Week

By FRED PETTIJOHN

Basketball takes over immediate possession of Tallahassee's sport scene as Florida State University gets the local cage campaign off to a flying start with three games this week.

The Seminoles, who just completed their football season Saturday afternoon with a 33-12 triumph over Tampa, open the hoop season Tuesday night in the West Campus gym against Mississippi College's Choctaws. The game is a Dixie Conference affair.

Friday and Saturday nights the Indians will entertain the Florida Southern College Mocs in the West Campus gym in a two-game series.

Southern opened its season last Saturday night by bowing to the University of Florida Gators 83-61.

Kennedy Is Coach

The Seminole cagers who will be guided this year by J K "Bud" Kennedy, face a 21-game schedule this season that will run until the Dixie Conference tourney late in February and early in March.

Kennedy, who is at present better known for his activities as athletic business manager at the local school, succeeds Donald Loucks at the helm of the Indian hoopsters.

The change in coaches was brought about by an FSU ruling which prohibits a coach from handling more than one varsity sport. Loucks elected to guide the Seminole tennis squad.

Kennedy handled the Seminole "B" squad last season. He has had a long, successful career in the cage game.

The Indians have been drilling for over a month, and have given indications of fielding a tall, aggressive five this season.

Six Lettermen

Six lettermen are back from last year's quintet, plus a host of new men who round out the current varsity group of 35 men.

Lettermen who have been working out are Bill Kratzert, last year's high scorer, Jim Pavy, Orlando Wyman, Ronald Nettles, Sheldon Hillamen and Larry Dickson.

Ralph Chaudron, another letter winner last season, is expected to join the group now that football season is over.

Among the newcomers big Art Adams, Bill Weigle, Tom MacLaughlin, Lee Benjamin, Bryan Stanfield, Bob McKay and Bob Pence have been impressive in early drills.

FSU Wins Title; Kratzert Ruled Ineligible

(Special to The Democrat)

BIRMINGHAM.—The Florida State University Seminoles were officially crowned Dixie conference football champions here yesterday, but the joy of their triumph was somewhat tempered by the loss of Bill Kratzert, all-around FSU athlete.

Kratzert, first three-letterman in FSU's brief athletic history, was ruled ineligible for further athletic competition because of a professional base-

ball contract which he signed several years ago. After signing Kratzert suffered an injury that kept him out of actual play, but the loop members ruled against his eligibility.



Bill Kratzert

Kratzert's loss will be a severe blow to the Seminole basketball squad. Last year he paced the Indian scoring brigade, and his floor work has stood out in the three games played this season.

He was also a mainstay of the Seminole tennis team. His third letter was gained in football in 1947. He did not participate in the grid sport during the Indians' championship season just past.

Other Action

In other conference action taken at the two-day meeting participation in post-season football bowls was approved, providing the team to oppose the loop member meets the conference's amateur standards.

The circuit baseball title will be decided on a percentage basis. Teams must play a minimum of seven games against four different loop foes to qualify.

The basketball tourney was awarded to Jackson, Miss., Feb. 28-Mar. 2. And the track, tennis and golf meets went to Mercer in Macon, Ga. May 21-22. The application of Florida Southern College, Lakeland, was approved for membership, raising the loop teams to 10.

A ruling regarding transfer students was passed, requiring them to wait through a calendar year before becoming eligible.

The conference also became allied members of the National Collegiate Athletic association.

20 to Receive FSU Letters For Athletics

Ten members of the Florida State University basketball squad and a like number from the Volley ball crew will be honored with varsity letters for the 1948-49 season, the Athletic committee announced here today.

Two members of the basketball squad will be awarded freshmen numerals and three managers—two for the quintet and one for the high netmen—will also get letters.

Basketball lettermen are: Captain Art Adams, Brooklyn, N Y; Lee Benjamin, Miami; Larry "Turtle" Dickson, Tampa; Ronnie Nettles, Tallahassee; Dick Kendall, Shelbyville, Ind; Tom McLaughlin, Madison, Ind; Jim Pavy, Versailles, Ind; Bob Pence, Shelbyville, Ind; "Wild" Bill Weigel, Batesville, Ind; and Orlando "Whitey" Wyman, Mayfield, Ky.

Managers receiving letters are: Howard "Beans" Stephens, Panama City and Ted Revell, Tallahassee.

Freshmen numerals went to George Folliard and James "Buddy" Kyne, Miami.

Volley ball men receiving varsity letters are: Jack Wilson, Milton; Newton Sayers, Tallahassee; Charles Franklin, Tallahassee; Wallace Cox, Palmetto; Carroll Gleaton, Tampa; Royce Burt, Tallahassee; Charles Floyd, Pensacola; Johnny Fortune, Laurel Hill; Walter Wells, Stuart and Max Bayard, Tampa. Max Woitcschek, Tallahassee, will be awarded a manager's letter.

41 Letters, Numerals Awarded To Three FSU Sports Squads

Three Florida State University athletic teams—basketball, volleyball, and swimming—were honored with a banquet last night in the West cafeteria when the squad coaches awarded letters and numerals to 41 Seminole athletes.

Coach J K (Bud) Kennedy issued 13 monograms to his basketball team, Dr Howard G Danford gave 11 to the volley ball men, and Coach Bim Stults awarded 17 swimmers.

FSU President Doak S Campbell was the principal speaker for the banquet, and Dr Broward J Culpepper, dean of student welfare, was master of ceremonies.

Other speakers included the team captain: Art Adams for basketball; Jack Wilson for volley ball, and Walter Jardine for swimming.

Basketball men receiving letters are: Arthur Adams, Lee Benjamin, Larry Dickson, Tom McLaughlin, James Pavy, Orlando Wyman, Robert Pence, William Weigel, Ronald Nettles.

Numeralmen: George Folliard,

James Kyne. Managers: Howard Stephens and Red Revels.

Swimmers receiving letters are: Mark Brown, C W Browning, Mike Castagna, Frank Cochran, Warren Frost, Jack Holmes, Walter Jardine, Roger Slater, Don Wensinger and Jack White. Numeralmen are: Jack Williams, Herb Seckel, Wilton Jardine, Peter Dunn-Ranken and Joseph Mills. Managers receiving letters are: Mike Findley and Charlie Bradham.

Volley ball men receiving letters are: Max Bayard, Royce Burt, Wallace Cox, Charles Floyd, John Fortune, Charles Franklin, Carroll Gleaton, Newton Sayers, Walter Wells and Jack Wilson.

Manager to get letter was Max Woltschek.

Warren Frost and Walter Jardine were elected co-captains of the Seminole swimming team earlier this week for the 1949-50 season by their teammates.