

**JACKSONVILLE, March 3—** The Florida State University Seminoles staged a roaring finish here Friday night to come from behind in the last six minutes of play and defeat the Stetson University Hatters 65 to 58 in the first round of the district 25-NAIB basketball tournament.

The Seminoles, who had trailed Stetson by 6 points at intermission time, and midway in the second half were behind 36 to 45, took the play entirely away from the taller Hatters down the stretch. A free throw and field goal by husky Bob Whitmer, and a fielder by Bud Scott narrowed the margin to four points. The two teams traded baskets three times, then field goals by Bob Hartman and Larry Dickson tied the count at 51-51 with 8:15 of play remaining.

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floor gave Florida State the lead 30 seconds later and a free throw by Whitmer made the Seminoles lead three points.

#### **THERE THEY GO**

Three charity tosses tied things up again for Stetson with 6:10 to go, but at 5:55 McLaughlin's free throw put State on top 55-54. Dickson and Dick Trobaugh hit field goals to make it 59-54. The Seminoles stalled, and got three points the best of the basket trading from there to the finish.

Whitmer's set shots were working along to perfection as he gathered 24 points to take individual high honors for the game.

Hartman added fifteen markers to make his season total 403 and become the first player in Florida State history to go over the 400 mark. His floor game and play-making were outstanding.

#### **McLAUGHLIN BIG FACTOR**

Big Tom McLaughlin was a major factor in Florida state's victory as he played his best game of the season to hold Stetson's 6-foot, 8-inch high scoring center, Jim Yonge, to 11 points. His rebounding, particularly off the defensive backboard, was great.

Dickson came in just in time to contribute his 5 points to the Seminoles closing drive. Trobaugh and Bud Marsee, the latter playing with his injured arm heavily bandaged, got in their share of the heavy work.

**STETSON (58) F S U (65)**

	fg	ft	tp		fg	ft	tp
Reinking, f	6	2	14	Marsee, f	1	2	4
Oksnee, f	0	0	0	Whitmer, f	10	4	24
Peterson, f	3	1	7	McLaughlin, c	3	2	8
Yonge, c	4	3	11	Dickson, c	2	1	5
Taveniere, f	7	2	16	Hartman, g	6	3	15
Smith, g	0	0	0	Scott, g	3	0	6
Torbag, g	3	2	8	Trobaugh, g	1	1	3
Eakin, g	1	0	2				

**Totals 24 10 58 Totals 26 13 65**

Halftime score, Stetson 35-20.

Free throws missed: Stetson 11, FSU 14.

Officials: McCoy and Carter.