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EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Dave Cowens and Jeff Hogan combined to lead Florida State to 94-69 triumph over George Washington Friday night in the opening round of the Evansville Invitational Tournament for the Seminoles fourth straight.

Florida State, now 6-3, advanced to the finals. The Seminoles will meet the winner of last night's Evansville-Montana contest. The game will be played at nine (C.S.T.).

Cowens scored 32 points and pulled down 24 rebounds. The 6-8 sophomore from Newport, Kentucky stole several passes in 1 e n d e d f o r G e o r g e Washington's 6-8 center Bill Mooney.

Hogan pumped in 23 points and was a leader on defense, stealing six Colonial passes and converting them into scores.

Reserve forward Dale Klay from Tampa by way of Chipola Junior College continued his fine work with 10 points, eight in the first half.

The two battled even until the Seminoles pulled away from an 8-8 tie to break the game open and lead 53-35 at halftime.

Seminole forward Jan Gies from Deerfield Beach came down with a severe case of flu and may miss tonight's contest. Either Dave Ross or Klay will take his place.

Ken Strong led the Colonials with 20 points.

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