

FSU Takes Dixie Loop Lead

With Decisive 26-6 Win

Spots Choctaw Team Early TD, Roars Back

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An alert, aggressive Florida State University eleven took over undisputed possession of first place in the Dixie conference grid race last night with a decisive 26-6 triumph over Mississippi College before a crowd of 6,000 fans in Centennial Field.

STATISTICS

The Seminoles, rolling to their third loop win without a setback and their fourth victory in five starts this fall, spotted the Mississippi invaders a one-touchdown lead in the opening quarter and then roared back from behind to punch over four scores and hand the Choctaws their first conference setback of the season.

Coech Don Veller's Seminoles wasted little motion and no opportunities in fashioning their triumph.

They put together a pair of long-distance scoring thrusts in the second period and touchdown marches in the third and fourth periods to win going away.

The tilt, rated as a toss-up in pre-game forecasts, saw the Indians from FSU take the play along the ground completely away from the Choctaw eleven. And save for Mississippi's 65-yard scoring drive in the opening period, the Seminole defenders kept the enemy aerial attack in check by harrying the passers and hawking the ball in the secondary.

Line Opens Holes

The Seminole forward wall opened nice holes on the offense and stalled the Choctaw running attack as they held them to a net gain of six yards from scrimmage.

The crowd, which was supposed to include several scouts from Tampa's Cigar Bowl classic, got most of its thrills in the first half as the Seminoles shrugged off their 6-0 deficit and shot into the lead.

After the Choctaws had moved 65 yards in 13 plays to take their early lead FSU went to work in earnest.

Early in the second period the Seminoles tied the score.

MacLean Aerial Scores

Big Ken MacLean faded to pass behind good protection that gave him all night to fondle the pig-skin. The Quincy boy hit Wyatt "Red" Parrish on the Choc 22 with his aerial and Parrish already in back of the safety man sped on to score untouched on a 53-yard play.

John Filchuck's kick was blocked and the score stood 6-6.

Shortly before the half ended the Seminoles took the lead again with Parrish again hitting paydirt.

Running from the Chocs 40, Parrish took a handoff from Whitey Urquhart and swept wide around his own left end to the 30.

Apparently hemmed in at that point, Parrish suddenly cut back toward the center of the grid and completed his 40-yard scoring sprint all alone.

Erne Reddick, breakaway back from Chipley who has been hampered with injuries all fall, set up both of FSU's second half touchdowns with dazzling punt returns that carried to the enemy 34 and 40 yard lines.

The Indians rolled from the 34 in seven plays with Strauss going over for the third touchdown. And they moved from the 40 in another seven-play series with Urquhart going over from the one for the final tally.

John Filchuck converted after TD's number two and three.

Pittman Threat

Mississippi's Charlie Pittman was a constant threat with his bullet passes, but after the scor-

ing drive which he aided mightily with several nice heaves, he had to pull the trigger too quick for accuracy.

Clyde Howard accounted for the lone Choctaw score when he swept end from the three after his 20-yard sprint on a shovel pass from Pittman had moved Mississippi into scoring territory.

From tackle to tackle the Seminole line yielded little yardage as big Hugh Adams and Bill Dawkins led constant forays into the Mississippi secondary.

First Quarter

Banakas took the opening kickoff from his 23 to the FSU 35, and the Seminoles immediately went on the march. With MacLean, Parrish and Strauss thumping the line for two quick first downs FSU rolled to the Choctaw 33 before an offside penalty and a pair of losses on attempted pass plays halted them. Manuel kicked out on the 17, and after Matulich booted back out to his own 43, FSU went down to the Mississippi 23 before a pair of long passes failed to click at the goal line.

Mississippi college, taking over on their own 35, rolled to a score in 13 plays with Pittman's passes eating up most of the ground. After Howard took a shovel pass from Pittman and raced 20 yards to the FSU 15, the Chocs scored in three plays with Howard going over for the score from the three. Gober's kick was no good and Mississippi college led 6-0.

Manuel returned the Chocs kickoff to the 41 as the period ended.

Second Quarter

Manuel got off a beautiful 56-yard quick kick that rolled dead on the Choctaw 3, and backed the Mississippians to the wall. Evans booted back to Chaudron who returned to the Chocs 40. After two running plays gained three yards Pittman intercepted Peterson's pass and returned 12 yards to his own 42. The Seminoles halted the Chocs on the ground and forced them to punt. Evans booting to Reddick on the 21 and the FSU back returning to the 25.

A 15-yard roughing penalty and an offside penalty against Mississippi moved FSU to their own 47, and from that point MacLean faded back and hit Parrish with a long pass at the Mississippi 20, and the redhead sped over untouched to score. Filchock's attempt to convert was blocked and the score was deadlocked at 6-6.

Coleman carried FSU's kickoff from his 5 to his 40, and the

Chocs moved to the FSU 43 through the air before their passes fizzled and forced Evans to punt to FSU's 25. Two running plays failed and MacLean punted out on the Chocs' 38. After Pittman had been smothered back on his own 38, Reddick intercepted his next toss on his own 49.

Hewitt raced to the Choc 40 on an end-around, and after a Urquhart pass had failed, Parrish took a handoff from Urquhart and swept around his own left end to the 30, cut back to the center of the field and raced to a touchdown. The play covered 40 yards. Filchock's kick was good and FSU lead 13-7 at the half-time.

Third Quarter

Matulich returned FSU's second half kickoff from his own 20 to the 36, but the Chocs were shoved back to their own 27 by a loss and penalty and Fall punted to Reddick on the FSU 38, and the slippery Seminole back raced all the way to the Choc 34 before he was brought down.

Foy, MacLean and Strauss punched out a first down on the 16, and after Parrish had moved to the 13 in two plays Chaudron got away at right end and went to the one before he was dropped. On the next play Strauss leaped through a big hole at right guard for the score. Filchock's kick was good and FSU led 20-6.

Fourth Quarter

On the opening play of the final quarter Fall punted to Reddick on the FSU 30 and the slippery breakaway back raced back to the Choc 40 before he was finally downed. Strauss and Morgan moved the ball to the 25 in three plays and Reddick slipped away again and went all the way to the two before he was dropped. Strauss plunged to the one, and Urquhart slipped over on a quarterback sneak. Filchock's kick was good, but FSU was penalized 15 yards, and an attempted pass for the point failed. FSU led 26-6.

After the two teams had exchanged punts in another battle between the two 30-yard lines, the Chocs moved to the Seminole 23 with the aid of a pair of 15 yard penalties.

The Seminoles held, however, and after their own ground game had failed to gain Manuel punted to Green on the Choc 30. Green, on a beautiful twisting return, raced all the way to the Seminole 8 before MacLean finally knocked him down. Fulton went to the six on the next play, but the game ended before the Chocs could put the ball in play from that point.

STATISTICS

	FSU	MISS
First downs	10	11
Passes attempted	9	19
Passes intercepted by	2	2
Passes completed	1	10
Yards gained passing	32	91
Yards gained rushing	226	82
Yards lost rushing	22	77
Total yards gained, net	246	97
Number of punts	7	8
Av distance punts, yds	34.1	33.5
Av yards return punts	10.7	11
Number kickoffs	3	2
Av distance kickoffs	39	37.5
Total yds return kickoffs	26	79
Number fumbles	1	2
Own fumbles recov'd by	1	1
Number of penalties	7	5
Yards lost penalties	75	40

Leading ground gainers: FSU—Parrish, 71 yards in 8 carries, Strauss 22 in 8, Miss—Howard, 27 yards in 5 carries, Coleman 13 in 4.

FSU	Pos	MISS COL
Hewitt	LE	Fulton
Tulley	LT	Wells
Dawkins	LG	Benton
Marrus	C	Polk
Coleman	RG	Massey
Adams	RT	Hardin
Ranakat	RE	D Lee
Foy	QB	Matulich
MacLean	LH	Howard
Parrish	RH	Green
Strauss	FB	Jennings