

FSU Cigar Bowl-Bound After Trouncing Tampa U 34-7

Don Veller Accepts Bid, Climaxing Record Rise

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PHILLIPS FIELD, TAMPA, Nov 19—Florida State University climaxed a meteoric three-year ascension through the ranks of the state college football teams here Friday night by accepting an invitation to play in Tampa's fourth annual Cigar Bowl game the night of Jan 2.

The official bid was extended and accepted shortly after the Seminoles had beaten Tampa University 34-7 to clinch their second successive Dixie Conference championship.

To fully appreciate the terrific task this team from Tallahassee has accomplished, it should be recalled that four all-too-brief years ago Florida State University, then known as Florida State College for Women, was a girls' school whose main athletic interest revolved around the outcome of the "odd-even" games.

Now, in their third season of intercollegiate football, the Seminoles are sitting in the middle of a post-season classic—a goal which has eluded several other state schools whose athletic history dates back near the turn of the present century.

The official invitation to play in Tampa's game, a Shrine crippled children benefit, was extended by J Rex Farrior, chairman of the Shrine's selection committee and a well-known state's attorney.

Don Veller Accepts

Head Coach Don Veller, the man chiefly responsible for the Indians' rocket-like rise in the grid game, accepted the bid. It had been cleared by the school's athletic committee and accepted by a unanimous vote of the players early last week when Tampa sent the Seminoles an "inquiry" of availability.

FSU, the only college team in Florida last year that played above .500 ball, added more gloss to its record with its triumph over under-manned Tampa University. The win was the Seminoles' seventh against one loss this season, their eighth straight triumph without a defeat in the Dixie loop and their 16th victory against two defeats in their last two seasons of play.

FSU has one more game remaining on its current slate, a non-conference clash with Troy State's Red Wave in Tallahassee, Nov 26.

Rumors all week had indicated that FSU would get a bid if it beat Tampa in the Spartans' homecoming clash, and there must have been more to the situation than met the eye for the Seminoles were hardly impressive here despite the one-sided margin of their 34-7 triumph.

Shivering 4,000

A shivering crowd of around 4,000 fans—about half the total expected from pre-game ticket sales—saw the Spartans turn in their best game of the season against the heavily favored Indians before going down under the weight of superior manpower and a succession of breaks which the Seminoles quickly cashed in.

FSU concentrated all its scoring in two periods, the second when they scored three times, and the fourth when they added their final two TD's. In between those two flurries Tampa punched across its only score in the third period.

The running of fleet-footed Red Parish and an effective passing attack operated by Buddy Strauss and Dick Peterson either scored or set up four of the Indians five touchdowns.

Parish picked up 101 yards in 13 carries, raced 30 yards for one score, 22 yards to the two to set up another, and kept the attack

moving with additional jaunts of 14, 36 and 19 yards.

Strauss Tosses

Strauss, stopped on the ground by the Spartans' seven-man line, completed four passes for 131 yards. One of them covered 69 yards to Norman Eubanks for a tally, and a 28-yarder set up another TD thrust on the two.

Peterson's two completions were good for 35 yards. He swept end once for a score.

Gene King got Tampa's TD, but it was Julian Schamberg. Tom Cloonan and Jerry Jackson who carried most of the mail.

Bill Dawkins and Dub Kendrick paced the FSU forward wall. Ted Hewitt and Ralph Chaudron sparked in the Seminole secondary. Chaudron alone stole three Tampa passes, while Hewitt's deadly tackles prevented considerable trouble.

FSU got its first score when the second period was three minutes old. Strauss passed to Eubanks for eight yards, and the big end raced 60 yards to score.

Late in the same period FSU went 85 yards to its second score. Strauss bulled over from the two after passes to Hewitt and Urquhart and Parish's running had eaten up most of the ground.

Parish swept 20 yards to score in the last minute of the half after an interception had given the Seminoles the ball deep in Tampa territory.

Tampa scored midway in the third period after a 33-yard punt return by Cloonan had gotten them on the move. A penalty had robbed them of a TD the last time they had had possession of the ball, but their second drive was not to be denied. King went over from the 1.

Peterson scored for FSU in the fourth period from the 2 after Parish had sprinted 25 yards to the lip of the goal.

Urquhart scored the final TD, grabbing the ball on the nine after Dwight Osha had blocked Howard Aplin's punt on the 19.

Jerry Morrical converted four out of five tries.

First Quarter

The offenses of the two teams were as cool as the 42-degree weather in the first quarter as the two Dixie loop foes felt each other out in a dull, ineffective period. The Spartans made but one first down during the period, but they outplayed the heavily favored Seminoles and held them scoreless. The Seminoles, held to three first downs, made only one serious threat, going to the 38 after Strauss' 26-yard pass to Parish had picked up their lagging

attack. Tampa, helpless on the offense until the last two minutes of the period, was on the move as the quarter ended.

Second Quarter

Tampa drove 45 yards before Chaudron intercepted a fourth-down pass on his 15 to stop the threat. Backed to the wall, FSU finally showed some of its vaunted scoring strength. Parish reeled off 16 yards to the 32. Strauss passed to Eubanks out in the open flat to the right at the Seminole 40, and the big end outraced the dogged Spartans 60 yards to score. Morrical converted and it was 7-0 with three minutes elapsed. Tampa drove 53 yards to FSU's 15 before their passing game failed, and the Seminoles hit the Spartans

on the rebound again. Parish skipped 36 yards to the 50, Peterson passed to Urquhart on the 30. Strauss hit Hewitt on the 21, and Hewitt got away from two men and went all the way to the 2. Tampa braced and limited Strauss to one yard in three plunges, but on fourth down he blasted right guard to score. Morrical's kick was blocked and it was 13-0 with a minute to go in the half. On the first play after the kickoff Allen intercepted Schamberg's pass on Tampa's 20. Parish, on a beautiful reverse, swept left end to score. Morrical converted to make it 20-0 and the half ended one play later.

Third Quarter

Tampa drove 78 yards in a sustained march with the kickoff to FSU's 7 only to have their hearts broken. Schamberg slammed inside tackle for an apparent TD from

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Fourth Period

After Tampa had picked up three successive first downs at the outset of the final period, Reddick stole Jackson's broken wing pass and went 12 yards to the Spartan 36. Hewitt got nine, and Parish went all the way to the 2 before he was tripped. Peterson ran wide around right end for the score. Morrical clicked again and it was 27-7. Tampa couldn't get going after the kickoff and Osha blocked Aplin's punt on the 19. Urquhart grabbed the high bounding ball on the nine and stepped over. Morrical was true again and the game ended 34-7.

STATISTICS

	FSU	Tampa
First downs	12	16
Passes attempted	12	22
Passes intercepted by	5	1
Passes completed	6	13
Yards gained passing	166	167
Yards gained rushing	170	187
Total yds gained, net	336	294
Avg distance punts, yds	23.6	31.1
Number fumbles	2	1
Own fumbles recov'd by	1	1
Yards lost penalties	35	44

Score by periods:

F S U	0	20	0	14-34
Tampa	0	0	7	0-7

Scoring touchdowns: Eubanks, Strauss, Parish, Peterson, Urquhart, King. Scoring points after touchdowns: Morrical (4), Perette.