

FSU Finally Tames Battling

Howard Bulldog, 20 to 6

Indians Have to Come From Behind to Win

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Florida State University's Seminoles, whose name was being bandied about with "big-time" elevens all last week, had to pull out all the stops and take advantage of a couple of breaks last night to score a 20-6 triumph over a battling band of Howard College Bulldogs in Doak S Campbell Stadium.

A crowd of 5,537 fans saw the lightly regarded invaders from Birmingham, Ala., bottle up the heavily-favored Indians in the first quarter and then take a 6-0 lead in the opening minutes of the second quarter before Coach Don Veller's Garnet and Gold legions finally began to roll.

Two third period touchdowns which climaxed drives of 60 and 59 yards and a 30-yard power exhibition by fullback Mike Sellers in the third period were the blows that finally broke the Bulldogs' backs.

The victory was the Seminoles' seventh in a row over a two year span, and their 19th in 21 games under Dr Don Veller—and it was one of their toughest wins in that streak.

NO 'BUYER' FOR SELLERS

Howard, with a seven-man line that confused the Indian offense in the opening minutes and with a determined spirit that was still burning in the closing minutes, just didn't have the manpower and they didn't have a "buyer" for the Seminoles Sellers.

Big Mike trampled 130 yards in 30 carries, scored twice and was a bull all night long despite the fact that the 'Dogs were cracking him hard on most carries.

At the half some FSU students carried a banner around the field which proclaimed in big letters "Bring on Florida." At that time the score was only 13-6, and the Indians were a lot more concerned about beating Howard than they were with anything else.

After a see-saw battle throughout most of the first period, Howard started a drive late in the quarter that covered 59 yards and was climaxed by George Pappas' drive into the end zone.

Howard Foote's attempted conversion was wide.

FSU BOUNCES BACK

FSU bounced back to tie the score with the aid of a pass interference play in the end zone.

After a 25-yard aerial from Dick Peterson to little Eddie Gray had advanced the leather to the 33, Gray threw a high, wobbly pass from the 31 to Norman Eubanks in the end zone. Jim "Spud" Wallace interfered with the big Indian end back of the goal, and FSU was awarded the ball on the two. Sellers bulled to one, took a big breath and smashed over.

Huggett's kick was wide and it was 6-6.

Four plays later the Indians had up another head of steam. This time they rolled 59 yards with Nelson Italiano getting the last one after setting up the score with an 11-yard dash on fourth down.

Huggett's kick was good.

An intercepted pass and Bowden's neat 17-yard run after being trapped while trying to pass gave Howard the ball on the FSU 11, but the clock caught them there in what may have been the turning point of the ball game.

FINAL TD

After miffing two scoring chances FSU racked up its final TD in the third period when Sellers stomped 28 yards in five running plays and finally went over from a foot out.

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Italiano had a 52-yard scoring sprint called back on the first play of the final period, and Howard took over and staged two drives

that reached the 14 and 25 before the weary Bulldogs ran out of gas.

Billy Bancroft and linebacker Russ Banks were key figures in the grim Bulldog defense all the time they were in there as the four-to-six touchdown underdogs tried their best to upset the old dope bucket.

Jim Arnold, the little 151-pound end who is so hard to get out of there, Dub Kendrick and Dwight Osha hit hard for the Seminoles.

FSU's marching band put on a lively halftime show.

FIRST QUARTER

Hewitt carried H Foote's opening kickoff from his 25 to his 39, and FSU went right to war with Sellers shredding the middle, and Peterson hitting Eubanks with a 10-yarder the Indians rolled to the 22 before T Smith intercepted Driver's pass to halt the drive.

Simms shook loose around left end to give Howard a quick first down on the 36 but the Bulldogs stalled and Cutcliffe punted dead to the 10. A 12-yard dash by Sellers and a Driver-Eubanks aerial moved FSU to their 41, but Cutcliffe intercepted Driver's pass and Howard took over on the 39.

Bowden hit H Foote on the Seminole 30 as Howard posed an early threat, but Arnold grabbed Bowden's next heave on the Indian 24 and FSU took over.

Sellers sparked two first downs. Then Italiano kicked dead on the Bulldog 14. A quick kick by Cutcliffe set the Indians back to their own 28 with less than three minutes to go in the period.

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Benner kicked out short on Howard's 41, and the Dogs moved over into FSU territory on a Bowden-Banks pass to the Seminole 41. Two 15-yard penalties in succession, moved the Dogs to the 10 and Simms moved to the 8 as the period ended.

SECOND QUARTER

The second period opened with a bang, both teams scoring in the first five minutes. Howard set up their score when Bowden's fourth down pass from the eight was complete to Cutcliffe, who fought to the 2½. Pappas cracked left guard for the score. H Foote's placekick was wide and it was 6-0 Howard with only a minute and two seconds gone.

Driver hauled Howard's kickoff from his 25 to the 40, and the Seminoles set their sights on paydirt. Gray got 6, Sellers 8, and Peterson hit Gray with 25-yard

toss to the Howard 33. Sellers got 2 then Gray got off a high, broken-wing pass to Eubanks in the end zone. J Wallace interfered with Eubanks on the play, and the pass was ruled complete on the two. In two plays Sellers tied the score, getting the last yard off right guard. Huggett's kick was wide to the left and it was 6-6 with 10 minutes remaining in the half.

FSU stopped Howard after the kickoff, and Cutcliffe punted to Bringer on the 28. Harry came back to his own 41 and the Indians started rolling again.

Peterson wheeled around end for 13 and 15 yards to the 28, Sellers got two then hit Eubanks on the 19. Gray cutback to the 12 for a first down.

A penalty set the Indians back to the 17, but Gray and Sellers moved to the 11 in two plays and on fourth down Italiano, behind good blocking, ran wide to the right then cut back to the 1. Italiano dove over the top of the pile for the score, and when Huggett converted it was 13-6 with three minutes left.

Howard punted after going nowhere with the kickoff, setting FSU back to its 37. Marsh intercepted Peterson's pass on the Indian 48, and ran to the 28. Bowden raced to the 11 after being trapped trying to pass, and the half ended.

THIRD QUARTER

Pappas ran the second half kickoff 43 yards to his 45, but Benner intercepted a third down pass on his own 43. A Peterson-Gray pass good for 43 yards moved FSU to the Howard seven before a penalty slowed the drive and it fizzled out on the 15.

After a punt exchange FSU got a break when Hewitt intercepted a Cutcliffe pass on the Bulldog 27, but the Seminole air attack failed and Howard took over on its 23. Maltby recovered a third-down fumble on the Howard 28, and FSU was threatening again. A fumble set FSU back to the 30, but they started giving the ball to Sellers, and he gave the Bulldogs the power treatment, getting 28 of those 30 yards in five tries. The final lunge was from a foot out. Huggett converted and it was 20-6 with two minutes to go in the quarter. Howard punted to mid-field as the period ended.

FOURTH QUARTER

On the first play of the period Italiano raced 52 yards to score, but the play was called back and FSU was penalized 15 yards to their own 42.

After a punt exchange Howard went on the offense with Bowden hitting Banks with a 36-yarder to the FSU 31. Another Bowden-Banks pass was good for a first down on the 18, but two end zone passes failed to connect and FSU took over on their own 14.

Howard forced FSU to punt and came right back to knock at the door again before their passing attack failed and Bowden was smothered on the 25.

The Seminoles moved over into Howard territory on the 47 as the game ended.

STATISTICS		
	FSU	Howard
First downs	18	11
Net yards gained rushing	185	67
Yards gained passing	137	83
Passes attempted	21	17
Passes completed	9	6
Passes intercepted	3	3
Number of punts	6	7
Punting average, yards	37	46
Number of fumbles	1	1
Opp. fumbles recovered	1	0
Yards lost penalties	45	5

INDIVIDUAL YARDAGE FROM SCRIMMAGE OR BY PASSING:

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY:

Sellers—136 in 30.

Peterson—25 in 7.

Gray—1 in 11.

Driver—--2 in 2.

Turk—5 in 2.

Benner—6 in 2.

Bradley—4 in 1.

Italiano—16 in 6.

HOWARD COLLEGE

Simms—18 in 14.

Cutcliffe—25 in 6.

Pappas—17 in 20.

Bowden—6 in 2.

J Wallace—2 in 1.

B Johnson—--1 in 2.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Left end—Hewitt, Powell, Thomas, Sedrick.

Left tackle—Kendrick, Lombardi, Sacrepanik.

Left guard—Schmeiz, Dennis, Phillips.

Center—Kalenich, May, O'Connell, McPherson, Lockard.

Right guard—Osha, Maltby, Miller, Storey, Moates.

Right tackle—Baker, Mero, Wodrich.

Right end—Eubanks, Arnold, Sutherland.

Quarterback—Ruey, Driver, Gladden, Linton.

Left half—Peterson, Benner, Folsom, Italiano.

Right half—Gray, Bringerer, Huggett.

Fullback—Sellers, Turk, Bradley.

Left end—B Fouts, Griffith.

Left tackle—T Smith, Carlisle.

Left guard—B Bancroft, Hearn, Clayton.

Center—Marsh, J Smith, Raspberry.

Right guard—Maze, Shelton, Sarkies.

Right tackle—Wade, Sheppard, Norred.

Right end—Roberts, Slatsky, Maples, Thompson.

Quarterback—Bowden, Jones.

Left half—Pappas, B Bancroft.

Right half—Cutcliffe, Jefferson, J Wallace.

Fullback—Simms, Baker, B Johnson.

Score by period:

Florida State 0 13 7 6—36

Howard 0 0 0 6—6

Florida State scoring touchdowns:

Sellers 2, Italiano. Conversions: Huggett 2.

Howard Scoring touchdowns: Pappas.