

FSU Continues Unbeaten March with 33-0 Victory

Swift Scores Blast Choctaws Into Defeat

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Florida State University's Garnet and Gold legions continued their relentless, unbeaten march here last night, blasting Mississippi College out of their path 33-0, before a chilled crowd of 5,000 in Doak S Campbell Stadium.

Coach Don Veller's slick Seminoles, playing under wraps most of the way, were a band of opportunists against the out-manned Choctaws. They struck through the airwaves with startling swift-ness for two of their scores and got some terrific broken field running from Tommy Brown on punt returns that set up two other touchdowns before the re-serves came in to put on the fin-ishing touches with a 66-yard scoring march.

THE FORMER MARK

The win was the seventh of the season for Florida State, and the 11th in a row over a two year span—tying a winning streak that Veller's clubs set in the latter part of 1948 and the early part of '49.

The victory, which was reported to have been watched by a couple of Gator Bowl scouts, may have proved a costly one, however. Three valuable Indians, end Nor-man Eubanks, tackle Dub Ken-drick and quarterback Don Glad-den went to the sidelines with in-juries and may be forced to sit out the season finale with Tampa here next Saturday. Eubanks re-ceived a separated shoulder, Ken-drick tore some cartilages in his knee, and Gladden suffered a re-currence of his old knee ailment.

GOOD IN SPOTS

Mississippi College which came to town with a six-game winning streak of its own and was expected to provide a pretty stiff test for Vellers' unbeaten crew, looked good in spots—particularly during a spirited first quarter when they threatened twice—but they didn't pack the guns or the manpower to stay in there with the Seminoles.

The Chocs were kept on the de-fensive through most of the last three quarters until they mustered up a 58-yard drive that had reached the 10-yard line when time expired.

David Lee, the 168-pound full-back was a fine ballplayer all night in the losing cause, and it was his passing and running which sparked a 76-yard drive that reached the 8-yard line in

the first period before dying out.

Reserve back Billy Lowe ignited the Chocs final rally with five pass completions and a 12-yard sprint. Halfback Bill Cassell, however, turned in the longest run of the night for the Missis-sippians, zipping 26-yards on the Chocs first play from scrimmage and almost getting away for a score.

PASSING COMBINATION

The passing combination of Nel-son Italiano and Harry Bringger, Brown's open field work and the plunging of Mike Sellers and Dick Turk sparked the FSU attack.

Italiano and Bringger got to-gether twice for touchdowns. The first coming on a screen pass play—the first time the Indians have used that play since the opener against Troy State—in the first quarter. Taking the ball on the 24, Italiano passed to Bringger on his own 20. The fleet Winter Park back cut quickly over to the east sidelines and raced to the score.

Brown's 45-yard punt return to the eight-yard stripe set up the second tally in the second period. Sellers bulling over tackle from there on the next play.

Late in the first half Italiano nailed Bringger with touchdown pass that covered 49 yards. Bringger took the ball over his shoulder on the 20 and outraced the enemy to the goal.

Brown, who appeared on the

verge of breaking away, for a long one every time he handled a kick, started the Seminoles going again in the second half when he got away on a weaving 24-yard dash to the Choc 35. FSU slammed to the 2, and Turk cracked over from there.

With Veller cleaning the bench and playing 51 men, the reserves took over from there, manufacturing the final score in the third quarter on Gary Folsom's 16-yard pass to Cliff Powell in the end zone climaxing a 66-yard excursion. Powell made a beautiful diving catch to grab the wobbly toss.

Little Ernie Huggett converted on three of five attempts, missing after touchdowns number two and four.

Mississippi employed a seven-man line, holding the Seminoles to 145 yards along the ground, but that left the Choc vulnerable in the secondary, and FSU picked up another 186 through the air lanes.

On the defense the old reliable hatchet men, Sellers and Bill Dawkins, and Mac Huey, Bob Schmeltz and Bob Wodrich limited the Chocs to 82 yards running. Lee and Lowe completed 14 of 26 passes for another 98 yards.

The halftime show was highlighted by a big fireworks display.

FIRST QUARTER

Mississippi kicked off to Driver on the 27, and the Seminole quarterback came back to his own 41 as play got underway with a cold wind whipping through the half empty stands.

The Seminoles couldn't go anywhere, and Brown kicked out on Choctaw's 34.

Mississippi threw an early scare into the Garnet and Gold, Cassell shaking loose up the middle for 26 yards to the FSU 40 before he was downed from behind. There was a fumble on the play, but officials ruled the ball was dead.

The Seminoles braced, forcing Mississippi to kick, and Brown returned 18 yards to his own 24. After two plays failed the Seminoles struck for a score. Italiano threw a screen pass to Bringger, who took the ball on the 20, darted to the east sidelines and raced to paydirt. The play officially covered 76 yards. Huggett converted and it was 7-0 with only four minutes and twenty seconds gone.

The Choctaws charged right back with a serious threat. With Lee running and passing they went 76 yards to the FSU eight before the drive stalled and the Seminoles took over.

Sellers carved out a first down on the 23, with three blasts at the middle as the period ended.

SECOND QUARTER

With Bringger and Selles running and Italiano hitting Powell with a 20-yard pass, the Seminoles rumbled 52 yards to the Choc 40 before stalling. Brown punted out on the 19. When Mississippi couldn't get anywhere through the stout Seminole line, Lee punted to Brown on the FSU 47. The swivel-hipped Seminole safety man took the ball near the west sidelines, swept around a knot of Chocs who were converging on him, and ankled all the way to the eight before he was stopped. On the next play Sellers crunched over right tackle for the touchdown. Huggett's placement was wide and it was 13-0 with nine and one-half minutes to play in the half.

Brown almost got away on another kick return, stepping off 29 yards to the Choc 34, but the Seminoles stalled there.

After Lee's punt went out on the FSU 25, the Garnet and Gold started moving again. Italiano turned right end for nine, then Turk punched the line five times to the Choctaw 49. At that point Italiano stepped back and arched a beauty that Bringger gathered in on the 20 on the dead run and carried over for the score. Huggett was true again, and the half ended 20-0.

THIRD QUARTER

A big, colorful fireworks display highlighted the halftime show, and it was hard to tell when it was over, with the Seminoles keeping things popping.

Brown started the scoring explosion again, this time with a beautiful, weaving 24-yard punt return that carried to the Choctaw 35 before he fell when he was out in the clear and headed for paydirt. Italiano passed to Driver to the 28, and Bringger swept left end to the 15. Italiano and Turk punched to the two, and Turk slammed right guard from there for the score. Huggett's kick was wide and it was 26-0.

Veller flooded the field with his offensive reserves, but you couldn't tell it from the results. The reserves went 66 yards for a score, Folsom passing to Powell for the last 16 after Folsom's running and passing and the work of Linton and Gray had set the score up. Huggett converted and it was 32-0.

Arnold partially blocked a punt late in the period, and FSU was on the Choctaw 29 when the quarter ended.

FOURTH QUARTER

The reserves kept moving to the 24, before stalling and the two teams battled in Choctaw territory throughout most of the period as the Seminole defense kept the Mississippiana bottled up and FSU generated two short drives of its own that reached the 27 and 32 before dying.

In the closing minutes the Choctaws started a final drive. Sub back Billy Lowe came in and immediately began hitting the mark with his passes.

The Lineups

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Left end—Case, Smith, Holland.
Left tackle—B. Wilson, Worwick, Ray, McBae.
Left guard—J. Wilson, Mullins, Wiloughby.
Center—Allen, McWilliams.
Right guard—Lowther, Wills, Gordon.
Right tackle—Bass, Thornton.
Right end—Macunas, Clark, Hannah.
Quarterback—Rogers, Martin, Gilbert.
Left half—Cassell, Henderson, Lowe.
Right half—Black, McNeil, Roberts.
Fullback—Lee, Causey.

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Left end—Hewitt, Campbell, Powell, Arnold, Thomas, White.
Left tackle—Kendrick, Saccepanik, Lombardi, Hoppe.
Left guard—Schmeis, Dawkins, Dennis, Spurling, Phillips.
Center—Kalenich, May, Lockard, O'Connell, McPherson, Owen.
Right guard—O'Neal, Osha, Miller, Moates.
Right tackle—Baker, Maltby, Wodrich, Mero.
Right end—Eubanks, Hedrick, Harris.
Quarterback—Driver, Gladden, Huey, Linton.
Left half—Italiano, Benner, Folsom, Alvers, Tinney.
Right half—Bringger, Brown, Gray, Huggett, Sutherland, Wells.
Fullback—Sellers, Turk, Inlow, Bradley.

Score by periods

Mississippi Col.	0	0	0	0-0
Florida State	7	13	13	0-33

Florida State scoring touchdowns:
Bringger 2, Sellers, Turk, Powell. Conversions: Huggett 3.

STATISTICS

	FSU	Miss
First downs	15	14
Net yards gained		
rushing	145	82
Net yards gained forward passing	186	98
Forward passes completed	7	14
Forwards intercepted by	2	0
Number of punts	3	9
Punting average, yds ..	26.7	33.0
Number of fumbles	1	0
Total yards lost		
penalties	10	13
Individual yardage from scrimmage:		
FSU—Italiano 12 yards in 5 carries,		
Seijers 42 in 8, Bringer 21 in 5,		
Turk 31 in 8. Miss Col—Lee 24 in		
19, Cassell 43 in 4.		