

Florida State Puts 35 to 19

Chill on Tampa Spartans

Indians Close Season Undefeated, Untied

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Florida State University exploded for three lightning-like touchdowns in the short space of four minutes and eight seconds of a fast and furious fourth quarter here in Campbell Stadium yesterday afternoon to bury the Tampa Spartans' hopes of an upset under a 35-19 score and become the first college eleven in the state to complete an official season undefeated and untied.

BOWL OFFERS

The Seminoles rocket-like spurt came with the score tied at 13-all, and the concussion blew Florida State's bowl rating sky-high.

Shortly after the end of the game Larry Satariano, of Orlando's Tangerine Bowl, extended an official invitation to the Indians, and Tampa's Cigar Bowl is expected to put in a bid Monday.

FSU officials announced last night, however, that no decision on any post-season game will be made until after the Seminole squad is assembled for a meeting here Tuesday afternoon.

The victory, the eighth that Coach Don Veller's Garnet and Gold legions have scored this fall and their 12th in a row over a two-year span, was one of their most colorful and one of their toughest.

TAMPA TIES SCORE

Tampa, a two touchdown underdog when they took the field, never gave up and never gave in. After FSU punched out a 13-0 lead with single scores in the first and second period, the Spartans came from behind to tie the score at 13-all, and even after the Seminoles three touchdown splurge in the final period the Tampans were able to shake swift Vince Chicko loose on a 92-yard scoring run on a kick-off that put them back in the ball game. Time got too short. Chicko's run ranked as the finest single play in a game that was full of good football despite the near-freezing weather that limited the attendance to an estimated 2,500—most of which sat huddled together in the two mid-field sections of the stadium in overcoated and blanketed silence.

For the hardy ones who sat through the wintry blasts, that fourth period was a warming, tingling reward.

SEMINOLES EXPLODE

Actually the stage for the explosion was set in the waning minutes of the fourth period when big Holland Aplin punted to Tommy Brown and the Seminole safety man squirmed back two yards to the Spartan 45.

Nelson Italiano and Mike Sellers thumped their way to the Spartan 34 as the period ended, and the fuse was ignited.

It spluttered as Italiano failed to gain after being trapped while trying to pass, but it burst into flame when Italiano faded back and arched a long pass down the middle. The ball skimmed off Freddie Pancoast's fingertips and into the arms of Harry Bringer, who nestled the leather to his chest on the 12 and carried it quickly across.

Ernie Huggett's conversion made it 20-13, and Seminole fans breathed a sigh of relief.

Their breath wasn't all expelled for the Seminoles' third score in. This one came just six plays after Chicko had been dropped on the eight returning Huggett's kick-off. Three Tampa thrusts failed and Aplin punted out to Brown who took the ball on the Spartan 35 and eled back to the 30.

Bringer bit off three yards at right end, then Italiano burst over right tackle, cut back and scampered 27 yards to a score. Huggett was true with his toe again, and it was now 27-13.

NEITHER TEAM STOPS

That should have been enough, but it wasn't. In fact neither team was anywhere near through.

The Seminoles trapped Chicko deep in Spartan territory on the kickoff again, nailing him on the 13. Three plays later the Spartans were on their own five, and Aplin had to kick from his end zone. He got off a high, short boot that bounded high into the air at the 11-yard line near the west sidelines.

Defensive halfback Wayne Banner, raced over, snared the ball and stepped off those 11 yards for the Seminoles third score in 248 action-packed seconds. Huggett missed this time.

Teeing up on the 40, Huggett kicked off to Chicko for the third straight time, and this one held the charm for the Spartans.

Taking the ball on his eight, Chicko moved over to the west

sidelines and raced upfield to his own 40, where he cut across the turf to the east boundry and sped 92 yards to a touchdown after Tom Battaglia's key block had erased the last Seminole defender on the Garnet and Gold 25.

Cecil perrette's conversion was wide to the right, leaving the score 33-19 after a total of five TDs had been crammed across the goal lines in five minutes and 21 seconds.

SAFETY LAST

The Seminoles final points came as an anti-climax. Late in the game Bob Wodrich broke through and blocked a Holland Aplin kick on the 10, and Bob Schmeitz nailed the tall Tampa flankman in the end zone for a safety.

Florida State, as slow to start as the crowd was to arrive, got its first score late in the first period after Ray Jackson fumbled on his own five. An FSU fumble set the Seminoles back to the Tampa 10, but big Mike Sellers, whose bull-like rushes pierced the Spartan forward wall for 108 yards yesterday, made it home in two thrusts from there. He blackjacked his way over right guard for the last five, and Ernie Huggett converted to make it 7-0.

Midway in the second period the Seminoles scored again.

Aplin got off a short 23-yarder

to his 31, and the Indians hit the warpath.

Sellers chewed off four at right tackle, then Italiano speared Bringer with a 27-yard scoring pass.

UNUSUAL RECORD

The two touchdown passes that Bringer gathered in today gave him the unusual record of scoring on all five of the aerials he caught this season. Those five-for-five covered a total of 241 yards.

Huggett's kick after Bringer's first score missed, but nobody minded right then—it didn't seem important. A few minutes later it was different.

With time running out in the first half Tampa scored its first touchdown on a 64-yard pass play from Jackson to Aplin. The long legged end grabbed the leather on the FSU 40 and fled down the west boundary to pay dirt. Perrette's kick was no good and it was 13-6.

Coming out after the intermission the Spartans quickly tied the score after an FSU fumble gave them the ball on the Seminole 43.

A Jackson-Aplin pass moved the ball to the 32, and Lou Sequella, a slippery gent who always appeared on the verge of breaking away, chopped off five yards to the 27. From that point Jackson fired a pitch into the southwest corner of the end zone that Charlie Har-

ris grabbed after it had been hit by Tommy Brown.

Perrette's aim was true this time and it was 13-13. The score stayed that way until that fantastic fourth-period uprising, though Italiano broke away for a 60-yard dash to the Tampa eight late in the third frame.

Aside from the weather, the tilt was a crowd-pleaser — probably the most interesting game the Indians have ever played here.

For the Seminoles, Sellers and Italiano were all the one-two punch they were supposed to be, gaining 216 yards on the ground combined.

Italiano completed only two pitches, but both of them were to Bringger—and that means they were for the money.

Up front the Seminole line limited the Spartans to 112 yards on the ground with Mac Huey, Schmelz, Wodrich, Dwight Osha and little Jim Arnold leading the assault.

Ray Jackson's pitching was the big Tampa threat. Sequella's twisting runs furnished most of their ground assault.

Defensive end Ray Escobar, fullback Frank Sinkwich, no relation to the Spartan coach, and guard Ernie Reid bulwarked the Tampa defense.

FIRST QUARTER

With a thoroughly chilled crowd of around 2,500 huddled together like sheep in the stands, big Holland Aplin kicked off to Bill Driver on the FSU 27 as the game got underway. Driver munched back up to the 36, and the Seminoles went right to work, fashioning a first down on the Tampa 48 with Italiano and Sellers carrying the mail on two plays. The Spartans suddenly threw the FSU attack into reverse here, pushing the Indians all the way back to their own 16.

With the wind at his back, Brown unfurled a tremendous boot that hit the ground on the Spartans 30 and bounded all the way into the end zone. The kick traveled 85 yards from the line of scrimmage.

The Spartans picked up a first then Harris, but they had to kick, son pitching out to Mathis and thne Harris, but they had to kick, and Aplin punted out on FSU's 36. Sellers and Bringger squeezed out a first down by inches on their own 46, but they stalled again and Brown kicked to King on the 12. He fumbled and the ball went out on the 10. Two running plays lost two yards, then Jackson fumbled while spinning and Schmelz flopped on the oval on the five for FSU.

Sellers fumbled on the first play, Driver recovering on the run and returning nicely to the Spartan 10. Sellers thundered into right guard to the 5, then bulled his way into the end zone in a display of raw power. Huggett came in to convert and it was 7-0 with 5:22 remaining in the quarter.

Sequella brought Huggett's kickoff from his own 7 to the 30. The Spartans worked the ball to the 33, then Aplin punted straight up to the 36 where the Spartans caught a 15-yard penalty to their own 21 for fielding the ball on the

fly. Two running plays and two passe failed, and Tampa took over on its own 17 and sped to the 48 as the period ended, with Sequella running off the tackles.

SECOND QUARTER

The Spartans went to the FSU 43 on a Jackson to Aplin pass that was lateraled to Marley. Marley finally fell when almost in the clear.

Tampa went on to the 34, but a penalty set them back, and Aplin was downed on the Seminole 40 trying to run right end from punt formation on fourth down. FSU got up to their own 47, but had to kick, Brown booting to the Spartan 33. Two plays later Harris fumbled and Brown recovered the bounding ball on his own 45. Sellers and Italiano moved the ball to Tampa's 41, but the drive ended there and Brown kicked to the 11.

Aplin's return kick went out on his own 31, and FSU struck swiftly for its second score. Sellers cracked for four to the Tampa 27, then Italiano hit Bringger on the three and Hurry-Up Harry stepped quickly across. Huggett missed and it was 13-0 with 5:19 seconds remaining.

The Spartans wasted no time setting back in the ball game. Sequella returned the kickoff from his 7 to the 36. Jackson missed with a pass, and Mathis lost a yard. Then Jackson speared big Aplin over on the west side of the field and the towering end raced 64 yards down the sidelines to score. Perrette's kick was no good and it was 13-6. The two teams exchanged punts as the period ended.

THIRD QUARTER

Italiano took Aplin's second half kickoff on his own 8 and carried it back to the 22. Sellers ploughed to the 28, and Eubanks skinned to the 36 on an end around for a quick first down. Sellers slammed to the 40, before Italiano fumbled

and Silman recovered on the Seminole 43.

Jackson passed to Aplin for a first down on the FSU 32, and Sequella wriggled to the 27. Jackson missed with a pass, then pitched one down into the southeast corner that banked off Brown's hands and into the waiting arms of Harris for a touchdown. Perrette bisected the uprights and it was 13-13 with 11:19 to go in the period.

Bringger took the following kickoff back of his own goal and came out to the 16. With Sellers carrying most of the load, the the Seminoles ground up to the 41 before they stalled. Brown got off a short, short 5-yard kick and Tampa took over on the Indian 46.

Jackson ran to the 35 for a first down after being trapped, and two more plays carried to the 23, but the Spartans caught a 15-yard assessment for unnecessary roughness and after two passes failed Aplin punted over the goal.

Italiano and Sellers punched out a first down on the 32, and on the first play of the next series Italiano shook loose over tackle on a fake pass play and raced 60 yards to the Spartan 8 before Chicko ran him down from behind. Sellers went to the five in two plays, but a pass failed and Italiano was smeared on the 8 trying to circle right end.

Aplin punted to Brown on Tampa's 47, and Tommy came back to the 45. Italiano slashed to the 38, and Sellers bulled to the 34 as the period ended.

FOURTH QUARTER

Italiano was trapped trying to pass, but got back to the line of scrimmage. On the next play Italiano faded and shot a pass down the middle that went off Pancoast's fingertips into the hands of Bringger who took the ball on the 12 and raced over. Huggett converted and it was 20-

13 with only 16 seconds of the period gone.

Chicko returned the kickoff from his 6 to the 8, and the Spartans ran into a stone wall, moving only 2 yards in three plays. Applin punted to Brown, who came back 5 yards to the Spartan 30, and the Seminoles were underway again. Bringger swung around left end to the 27, then Italiano burst off right tackle, cut back and scampered 27 yards to paydirt. Huggett converted again and it was 27-13.

Touchdowns were coming thick and fast now. Huggett kicked off to Chicko who returned 4 yards to the 13. After Jackson was trapped on the 5 while trying to pass, Applin punted short and high to the 11 yard line. Benner grabbed the bounding ball on the west sidelines and streaked to the score. Huggett missed with his kick and it was 33-13.

Huggett kicked off to Chicko again, this time on the 8, and the speedy Spartan swung over to west sidelines, sped upfield to the 35, then cut over to the eastern boundary and went 92 yards to a score with the aid of Battaglia's key block on the FSU 25. Perretie's kick was wide to the right and it was 33-19 with 9:23 left to play.

FSU couldn't get anywhere with Tampa's kickoff, and the two teams exchanged punts, with Applin getting off another short one that went out on the Seminole 42. Sellers made a quick first in two tries before the attack bogged down, and Brown kicked out on the Tampa 15. Beach ran the ball out to his own 20 on a third down play, and when Applin tried to punt, Wodrich broke through and blocked the ball. Applin ran back and picked up the leather in the end zone, but was hit back there by Schmeltz for a safety making it FSU 35, Tampa 19. Two plays after Tampa's free kick the game ended.

STATISTICS

	Tampa	FSU
First downs	7	13
Net yards rushing	112	247
Net yards passing	89	66
Passes attempted	19	8
Passes completed	10	2
Passes had intercepted	0	0
Number of punts	10	9
Punting average, yds.	18.5	31.1
Fumbles	2	2
Opponent's fumbles recovered	1	2
Lost penalties	45	55
Individual rushing: Tampa—Sequella 45 yards in 13 carries, Harris 20 in 5, Beach 11 in 1, Royal 11 in 5, Mathis 18 in 9, Jackson 10 in 4, Florida State—Sellers 108 in 34, Italiano 98 in 16, Bringger 17 in 6, Eubanks 12 in 3, Huey 7 in 2.		

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Left end—Applin, Durrance, Escobar.
Left tackle—Mathis.
Left guard—Marley, Perretie, Rubio.
Center—Magrea.
Right guard—Barker, Puleo.
Right tackle—Lovely, Reid.
Right end—Hiers, Mitchell, McCluney.
Quarterback—Jackson, Sloman.
Right halfback—Harris, Royal, Chicko, Pancoast.
Left halfback—King, Sequella.
Fullback—Mathis, Battaglia, Sinkwich, Beach.

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Left end—Hewitt, Powell.
Left tackle—Szczepanik, Lombardi.
Left guard—Schmeltz, Dawkins, Dennis, Phillips.
Center—Kalenich, May, Lockard, O'Connell.
Right guard—O'Neal, Ochs.
Right tackle—Baker, Maltby, Wodrich, Mero.
Right end—Eubanks, Campbell, Arnold, Thomas.
Quarterback—Driver, Huey, Linton.
Right halfback—Bringger, Brown, Gray, Huggett.
Left halfback—Italiano, Benner.
Fullback—Sellers, Turk, Bradley.
Score by periods:

Tampa	0	8	7	6	19
Florida State	7	6	0	22	35

Scoring:

Florida State touchdowns: Sellers, Bringger 2, Italiano, Benner. Conversions: Huggett 1.

Tampa touchdowns: Applin, Harris, Chicko. Applin tackled by Schmeltz for safety. Conversions: Perretie.