

Tampa's Fired-Up Spartans Defeat Seminoles, 14-6

Chico Stars as FSU's Reign Is Finished

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PHILLIPS FILED, Tampa—Tampa's big Spartans, fired-up so high that they never noticed the cold weather, ended Florida State University dominance of the Southeast's small college football circles here last night with a 14-6 victory in a rough and tumble brawl that resulted in an almost fantastic total of 24 penalties and 235 yards in

assessments.

A record Tampa University crowd of around 12,000 saw Coach Frankie Sinkwich's Spartans hand the Seminoles their second loss of the season and their first by a small school since November of 1949 when Livingston State of Alabama turned the trick. Two terrific halfbacks, Vince Chico, and Gene King, and a hard-running fullback, Jim Mathis, combined with some fierce line play by the Spartans to fashion a stunning upset victory that sent fans streaming out on the field to hug and wrestle the Tampa squad.

Chico scored Tampa's first touchdown in the first period on a beautiful 75-yard punt return, and Mathis scored the second and clinching TD on the first play of the fourth period with a determined 18-yard reverse run.

King didn't score, but he was all over the battlefield from his defensive halfback position, batting down passes, recovering fumbles and coming in to make jarring tackles.

Tampa's line play was sparked by some great defensive end work.

LONE FSU SCORE

Nelson Italiano, playing before his hometown crowd, scored FSU's lone touchdown in the third period with a beautiful 35-yard slash off right tackle which saw him fight away from four tacklers and finally hit paydirt on sheer fight.

Holland Aplin, towering end, clicked on both of his extra points, the second of which made it necessary for the Seminoles to score twice more to win since Ernie Huggett's attempt had blown wide to the right.

Don Veller's Indians, put back of the eight-ball by that first period dash of Chico's never could knock the spark out of the Spartans during the remaining minutes of play, though it appeared that the tide was turning shortly after the half.

The Seminoles only other really deep penetration went to Tampa's 7 in the closing seconds of the first half. The Indians crunched to the 24 late in the game, but the fumbles or penalties popped up to knock them down every time they seemed cocked to throw another touchdown salvo.

Tampa lost the staggering total of 144 yards in penalties, being caught 13 times. FSU was set back 95 yards for 11 infractions.

ROUGH PLAY

The rough and tumble play sent two Spartans to the hospital in the first half. Lou Sequella was reported to be suffering from a possible fracture of the spine and tackle Ernie Rubio had a possible shoulder dislocation.

The Indians, of course, didn't escape injuries, with over a half-dozen being helped from the field.

The win was Tampa's sixth of the season against three losses and a tie. They were beaten by Wofford, which FSU humbled last weekend, 14-6, Bradley and Appalachian, and tied Stetson.

The Seminoles, whose season ended last night, have a 6-2 mark.

The cold, numbing weather, resulted in a series of fumbles that vied with penalties as disturbing elements.

FIRST QUARTER

After the teams had sparred for six minutes with most of the action between the two 40-yard lines and the Seminoles making the only first down of the game, Tampa struck with stunning suddenness for the first score. Tommy Brown, punting from his own 34, got a high one off to Gene King on the 25. King reversed to Chicko, in double-safety. Chicko slipped away from one tackler at the 25, picked up his blockers and sped down the north sideline for the score. Alpin converted and it was 7-0 with 8:35 remaining in the period.

Thompson took Aplin's following kickoff on his 6 and sped out to the 21, but the Seminoles stalled and the teams exchanged punts before FSU finally began to show some of its running power. With Sellers banging like a bull into the middle, the Indians moved from their 14 to Tampa's 32 before bogging down. King ran Brown's punt from his 6 to his 22 just as the period ended.

SECOND QUARTER

Hiers made a circus catch of Lahosky's 30-yard aerial on the FSU 49 to pose another threat, but Mathis fumbled when Dawkins raked him on the 36 and Italiano recovered there to give the Indians possession. Two plays later Tampa regained the ball, King intercepting a Fiveash toss at the FSU 44. Lahosky's aerial barrage failed, and Williams and Brown exchanged punts before Dawkins recovered Mathias' second fumble on his own 32. A 15-yard penalty and Thompson's 25-yard run on the old Statute of Liberty on a fake quick kick moved FSU deep down to Tampa's 28. A 5-yard loss and a 5-yard penalty set the Seminoles back to the Spartan 35, but Italiano speared Whitmer with a first down shot to the 10.

Italiano took three cracks at the line, moving to the 7, then passed incomplete in the end zone. Three Tampa running plays moved to

the 11, then after a penalty set them back to the 6. Williams punted out on his own 44. Fiveash hit Whitmer on the Tampa 31, but the next toss was incomplete and the half ended as Fiveash passed short to Huey after being trapped.

THIRD QUARTER

Thompson trucked Aplin's kickoff from his 10 to the 29 where he fumbled and Campbell recovered. After FSU stalled and Brown punted out on Tampa's 49, King fumbled at right end and T. Brown recovered on his 41 for FSU. Brown punted out on Tampa's 26 after a roughing-the-kicker penalty had barely missed giving FSU a first down, and the team teams traded fumbles around midfield. Brown hauled Williams' punt from his 20 to the 31, and FSU sped into Tampa territory, on two Italiano slashes and a 15-yard penalty, to the 46. Fiveash and Italiano went to the Tampa 33, but a 15-yard penalty set FSU back to the 48. Italiano passed to Whitmer on Tampa's 32. Whitmer lateraled to a lineman who fumbled and the ball bounded to the Spartan six where Marley recovered. King ran Tampa's back away from the wall to the 18, but the Spartans finally had to punt, Williams booting out at midfield. Turk slammed to the 46, then Campbell scooted to the Spartan 35 on a buck lateral pitchout to the end. Italiano broke off right tackle on a beautifully determined run, shook off four men, and finally dove over the goal after apparently being stopped at the three. Huggett's placement was wide to the right and it was Tampa 7-6 with 1:20 left in the period. Chicko returned Huggett's kickoff 42 yards to the Seminole 46, and Tampa got 15 more when an Indian was detected slugging. With Lahosky running and passing Tampa churned to the 18 as the period ended.

FOURTH QUARTER

On the first play of the period Mathis fought his way around right end on a reverse and battled over for the score. Aplin's kick was low, but good and it was 14-6.

Thompson raced the kickoff back 30 yards to his 39 and a Turk pass to Whitmer moved to Tampa's 39. Turk got away up the middle for 11, but a 15-yard penalty set the Indians back and they finally had to kick. Brown booting out beautifully on the 4.

After a flurry of 15 yard penalties moved the ball back and fourth crazily, Williams punted to FSU's 34.

Fiveash speared Whitmer on Tampa's 42 but he fumbled and King recovered on his 38. Another series of penalties was interrupted by Brown's interception of a Lahosky pass on his 30 which he returned to midfield. Fiveash's pass to Thompson moved the ball to the 35. FSU was penalized back to the 39 before Fiveash hit Whitmer on the 27. FSU was set back 5 more to the 32. Fiveash dashed up the middle to the 27.

Chicko raced around right end, almost getting away, before being stopped on FSU's 29. A 15-yard penalty set Tampa back to the 44. Arnold recovered Chicko's fumble at midfield.

A Fiveash-Brown pass carried to the 37, but Fiveash was trapped away back on his own 48 and three passes failed.

Tampa crunched to the 20 in seven plays before Lahosky was hit back on the 28 as the game ended.

STATISTICS

	Tampa	Fla. State
First Down	9	15
Rushing Yardage	144	138
Passing Yardage	74	158
Passes Attempted	13	25
Passes Completed	8	11
Passes Intercepted	1	1
Punts	8	7
Punting Average	29	33
Fumbles Lost	5	3
Yards Penalized	140	90

TAMPA

Left Ends—Aplin, McCloud, Philson, Stewart.

Left Tackles—Mahin, Rubio, Matyas.

Left Guards—Jonatis, Marley, Searling.

Centers—Dunree, Rovnak.

Right Guards—Zalupski, Waytovich.

Right Tackles—Lovey, Colvard, Reld.

Right Ends—Hiers, Hovance.

Quarterbacks—Lahosky, Pancoast, Sinkwich.

Left Halfbacks—Hary, Chicko, Sequella, Royal.

Right Halfbacks—Duray, King, Jiellier, Cowden.

Fullbacks—Mathis, Battaglia, Williams.

FSU

Left Ends—Campbell, Jimmie Lee Taylor.

Left Tackles—Wodrich, Szczepanski.

Left Guards—C. Brown, Bradley O'Neal.

Centers—Kalenich, Owen.

Right Guards—Slabaugh, Schmeltz, Booth.

Right Tackles—Dawkins, Merritt, Kariswick.

Right Ends—Arnold, Whitmer.

Quarterbacks—Hury, Huggett.

Left Halfbacks—Fiveash, T. Brown, Benner.

Right Halfbacks—Bringger, Thompson, Italiano, Woodham.

Fullbacks—Turk, Sellers.