

## 'Unknown' Louisiana Tech

## Stuns Seminoles 32-13

# Loss Is First at Home Since 1947 Season

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Florida State University opened what has been billed as the "biggest football season" in its history by getting the greatest shock of its young football life in a 32-13 setback at the hands of a smartly-drilled, hard-hitting Louisiana Tech eleven. A crowd that appeared much larger than the 7,843 figure announced, saw the shocking opener.

The little-known and underrated Bulldog squad from Ruston, La., handed the Seminoles their first defeat at home in five years under Dr. Don Veller with a triumph that was just as convincing as the score indicates. FSU had won 17 straight games here until Coach Joe Allet's eleven exploded last night.

With a line that outcharged the FSU forwards all night, and a set of backs who chewed yardage out of the middle and around ends, the Ruston aggregation rocketed to a 32-0 lead before the stunned Seminoles could strike back for two TDs in the fourth period on a five-yard blast through the middle by Nelson Italiano and a 20-yard pass from Roy Thompson to Ronnie King.

By that time FSU's fate had been sealed by a pair of scoring sweeps around end by slim Jackie Martin and single touchdown drives through the line by Jim Oliver, Gayle Wise and Charles Wyly.

### MARTIN SCORES FIRST

Martin got the initial TD in the second period to give Tech a 6-0 halftime lead and set up the second half fireworks.

Martin wheeled three yards around end early in the third period, and Oliver slammed 13 yards over the middle on a guard-trap play to boost the Bulldogs margin to 19-0 at the end of the third quarter.

Wise whipped around right end on the first play of the fourth period for number four, and Wyly cracked off left tackle for 16 yards to tack on the fifth tally.

Milford Andrews converted after touchdowns three and four. Stan Dobosz split the uprights after the Seminoles' first score.

Tech ground out a fat 353 yards along the ground and added 93 yards in the air for a total of 446 yards. The Seminoles, aided by their fourth period flurry, gained 127 rushing and 144 passing.

Veller, who has worried all during the pre-season practices

about his defense, found his fears justified shortly after the second half kickoff.

After probing the Seminole line for two periods, Tech found the lanes it liked up the middle and off the tackles, and set about riddling FSU with one of the hardest running set of backs ever to lug the leather for an underrated eleven.

In that third and fourth period assault, the Bulldogs moved 67 yards in five plays for their second touchdown, sped 65 yards in five plays for the third, rambled 73 yards in 10 plays for the fourth and whisked 89 yards in just 6 plays for the final TD.

While they didn't crack the scoring tables, quarterback Jimmy Brown, halfbacks John McMichael, Russ Rainbolt and Billy Ray Wiggins and fullback Gordon Brown were the big hatchet men along the ground. McMichael

was the leading ground gainer with 91 yards in 10 carries.

FSU, limited to four first downs and 92 yards rushing and passing in the first half, and knocked back on the defense most of the third period, looked like the Indians of old only in the waning minutes of the fourth quarter.

#### INDIANS ON WARPATH

Faced with the first shutout in their history under Veller, and trailing 32-0, the Seminoles finally started to the wars with 6:10 left in the ball game.

Thompson brought the kickoff from his 10 to the 42, then cranked up his pitching arm. He hit Joe Ben Cassidy on the Tech 31 with a 27-yarder, nailed Ronnie King down the middle with a 12-yarder to the 18 and passed four yards to Taylor on the fourteen.

Tech drew an offside penalty to the 9, and Thompson slammed four yards to the five.

Nelson Italiano, obscured in practice but the Indians, leading runner last night, rocketed through the middle for the score and Stan Dobosz converted to make it 32-7.

#### RACING THE CLOCK

After Tech worked the following kickoff out to its 47, Ted Morrill flopped on a 'Dog fumble, and FSU started racing the clock for the score.

Italiano hit Co-Capt Curt Campbell with a jump pass to the 36. After one failure, Thompson connected with Jimmy Lee Taylor to the Tech 15, then lofted one to Ronnie King in the end zone for the score.

Dobosz missed, and that was all she wrote.

Veteran Steve Kalenich, playing his first season on the defense, was a standout performer at his linebacker post, particularly in the first half when he was credited with nine tackles and two assists. Morrill knifed through to halt the rampaging Bulldogs on three occasions, and other Indians performed well in spots, but in the main it was a case of Tech's line bowling FSU's defenders out of the way and opening alleys that its backs shot through.

George Ferington, Gordon Brown, Billy Joe Adcock and Billy Golden were defensive standouts for the victorious Bulldogs who chalked up their second win of the season here last night. They had beaten unknown McNeese 8-0 in their opener.

First half, FSU-Louisiana Tech. Louisiana Tech's red-shirted Bulldogs dominated all but the last four minutes of the first half as they ground out a 6-0 lead over the Seminoles at the half-time.

The Bulldogs wasted no time flashing their running power, stopping the Seminoles after the opening kickoff and quickly putting together three straight first downs that moved them from their own 12 over into Seminole territory on the 47.

Divorcing the ground game that was clicking, Jimmy Brown took to the air here and had his first toss intercepted by Tommy Brown on the FSU 20. Brown raced back to his 44. Thompson speared Taylor with a 12-yard pass for FSU's first successful offensive thrust, but when the Seminoles tried to roll along the ground the Bulldog line pinned them down and T. Brown and McMichael engaged in a punting duel for the remainder of the period with Brown kicking out on first the 5 and then the 19.

With McMichael running and Jimmy Brown passing Tech got underway again as the second period opened, hustling to the State 47 before a clipping penalty crippled the drive and forced McMichael to punt out on the 11.

T. Brown, whose punting had kept the Bulldogs backed up all night, tried to kick out of danger but got off a wobbly, broken-wing boot that went only 8 yards to his own 25.

Tech cashed in on that break in four plays. Martin banged to the 20, and on a double-reverse Rainbolt crushed to the 9. Martin swept around right end, stumbled and then dove headlong into paydirt. Grayle Dick's kick was wide, but Tech led 6-0, with 8:12 gone in the quarter. Woodham carried the kickoff 22 yards to his 22. Thompson ripped off 10 and Italiano 18 up the middle, but again the Seminoles faltered and Brown kicked out on the 5 again.

McMichael booted back out to the 46, and Brown sped back to the 35. With four minutes remaining PSU finally began to hit.

Italiano passed to Campbell for 12, then got 12 himself at the middle.

Italiano banged to the 6 and and Fiveash to the 3. But Fiveash fumbled. Woodham recovering on the 14, and the half ended as Italiano threw a frantic pass, incomplete, into the end zone.

	LA. TECH	FSU
First downs .....	16	12
Carried rushing .....	39	28
Gained rushing .....	353	135
Lost rushing .....	-2	-8
Net gain rushing .....	351	127
Passes attempted .....	9	15
Passes completed .....	4	9
Passes had intercepted .....	1	1
Net gain passing .....	93	144
Punts .....	4	7
Punts blocked .....	0	0
Punting average .....	20	35.4
Fumbles lost .....	1	0
Penalties, No., Yds. 5 for 80 2 for 10		
Score by periods:		
La. Tech .....	0	6 13 13-32
Florida State .....	0	0 0 13-13
La. Tech scoring: Touchdowns—		
Martin 2, Oliver, Wise, Wily. Con-		
versions—Andrews 2.		
Florida State scoring: Touchdowns—		
Italiano, King. Conversions—Do-		
bosz 1.		
Individual leaders—La. Tech:		
Running .....	Runs	Yards
McMichael .....	10	91
Rainbolt .....	3	54
Wiggins .....	4	57
Passing Attemp. Comp. Intre. Yards		
J. Brown .....	7	3 1 89
Fenner .....	1	1 0 14
Individual leaders—Florida State:		
Running .....	Runs	Yards
Italiano .....	10	77
Thompson .....	11	41
Turk .....	5	17
Passing Attemp. Comp. Intre. Yards		
Thompson .....	12	7 0 120
Italiano .....	3	2 0 24