

## Southerners Step High Over Seminoles, 50 to 21

### SET SCORING RECORD HERE

#### Passes Bring FSU Three Touchdowns

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Mississippi Southern, a double-distilled dose of dynamite from the Delta, exploded for six fat touchdowns and a safety in the first half here yesterday, then coasted to a 50-21 triumph over Florida State University before a slim crowd of 5,020 fans in Doak S. Campbell Stadium.

The Southerners, who scored more points in the first half than any other team in history has ever been able to score against the Seminoles in the full four periods, fashioned a 43-7 lead at intermission and rolled to their seventh straight victory on the hot heels of a set of flashy backs led by head-faking, swift Hugh Laurin Pepper.

#### McELROY IDLE

Pepper, playing without the companionship of his highly-publicized teammate, fullback Bucky McElroy, who was sidelined with an ailing ankle, found a mighty willing helper yesterday in right halfback Tony Rouchon. Rouchon, a former Pensacola star, matched Pepper's scoring production with a pair of touchdowns and gained 91 yards in 10 carries for a bulging nine-point plus average.

It was Pepper, however, who furnished the real fireworks. The former Holmes Junior College and Fort Jackson Golden Arrow star scored on runs of 31 and three yards, gained 149 yards in nine tries, had one 50-yard scoring run called back by a penalty and lost an 11-yard gain on a screen pass because of another infraction.

FSU, going down to its fifth defeat against that one lone tie with Stetson last weekend, dominated the play in the second half, scoring two touchdowns against the Southern reserves who played all but seven minutes after the intermission.

#### SET PASSING MARK

Coach Don Veller had said all week that the Seminoles would "pass more against Mississippi Southern than we have all season." FSU did more than that. They threw more than they ever have in history, pitching 28 times with three of them connecting for touchdowns.

The old high for passes was 25 against Troy State last year.

After Nelson Italiano pitched one to end Ronnie King in the first half for the score that tied the count briefly at 7-7, Italiano pitched another six-pointer to Co-Captain Curt Campbell and Bobby Fiveash connected with King on a real scoring beauty in the second half.

Both of Florida State's scores were set up by guard Nat Polak's recovery of Southern fumbles.

After the two teams had battled scorelessly through the third period to leave the Seminoles trailing 43-7 going into the final quarter,

Polak flopped on a Dave Lee Walker fumble on the Mississippi eight that took the sting out of the Seminole bobble which had just lost them the ball on the seven.

#### LEAPS, FIRES

On the first play after Polak's recovery, Italiano charged into the line, leaped and fired to Campbell on the fullback jump pass for the score. When Dobosz converted it was 43-14 with 11:33 left.

Two plays later reserve fullback Jack Howard, who was standing in for McElroy, fumbled on his own 42 and Polak was right there again.

A brilliant 17 yard run by Italiano moved the ball to the 25, and pass interference against King shoved the ball to the 11. A penalty against each team delayed the action, then from the six Fiveash fired to King and the big end went up among a host of the enemy and snared the ball with one hand in a beautiful catch to score.

Dobosz converted to make it a more respectable 43-21 count, but the Southerners seemed to be getting edgy because they threw the first string back into the fray.

FSU averted one score when a penalty called Pepper's amazing 50-yard touchdown dash back, and the Seminoles threw Southern back 17 yards on that series of downs, but Howard intercepted a Fiveash pass and ran to the State 33 to set up the final Southern thrust.

Quarterback Billy Jarrell completed the wreckage, passing 16 pards in the end zone to end Elmo Lang with 49 seconds left for the score that made it 49-21. Jim "Peanuts" Davenport, who had hit five of six in the first half, did the honors again tacking on the final point.

Prior to yesterday afternoon the most points scored against Seminole team were the 41 rolled up by Louisville earlier in the season.

#### SHEPHERD STANDOUT

The standout linesman of the day was Southern tackle J. T. Shepherd who dropped Italiano for that first quarter safety and made tackles all over the field. Linebacker Phil Muscarello was another Mississippi rock.

End Jimmy McDonald, linebackers Bob Crenshaw and Jerry Jacobs and halfbacks Harry

Bringger and Billy Rabon contributed more tackles than any of their mates. McDonald had six unassisted, and helped in three others.

While his name doesn't figure in the touchdowns, freshman fullback Stan Dobosz had another outstanding day for the Indians. He had 66 yards in 15 carries to lead the FSU gainers. Italiano had 56 in nine tries. Fiveash was the top passer, hitting on 7 of 13.

Mississippi Southern gained 283 yards on the ground, 261 of it coming in the first half. FSU gained only 64 on the ground, 61 of it in the last half. The Seminoles picked up 122 in the airways with 12 of 27 completions.

#### WASTE NO TIME

The Southerners wasted no time showing their scoring strength in the first period. White took the opening kickoff back to mid-field and Mississippi scampered the remaining 50 yards in 5 plays with Jarrell sneaking the last one.

Despite the stunning speed of that score, however, FSU struck right back. Thompson ran Mims kickoff from his own 11 to the Southern 45, almost getting away. With the help of one six-yard run by Bringger, Italiano and Dobosz ripped away at the line, running to the Southern six. When the Seminoles stalled, Italiano ran to his right, jumped and fired to end Ronnie King all done in the corner of the end zone. Stan Dobosz converted and it was 7-7, for just a very, very few brief minutes.

Stung perhaps by that score, the Southerners came out and lowered the boom.

After moving 33 yards in six plays, Mississippi sprung Pepper around right end and he raced 31 yards to the score. Less than 90 seconds later Pepper scored again, this time from the two after a high pass on fourth down had gotten away from Brown and been covered on the Seminole five by Shepherd.

The Seminoles, having troubles enough, got another bad break when the following kickoff bounced high over Thompson's head and Roy Italiano tried a pass from the end zone he was dropped for a safety by Shepherd and it was 32-7 as the first period ended.

On the second play of the second quarter Jarrell nailed Rouchon with a scoring pass to climax a 54 yard drive in four plays.

After Alonzo intercepted Rabon's pass and ranbled back to

the FSU 10, Rouchon swept six yards around left end for his second TD, to make the score read 36-7.

In the last minute of the first half sub back Montgomery went 11 yards around his own right end to score on another march that covered 41 yards in 4 plays. Davenport converted after every TD except the fourth when Boyer blocked the boot and it was 43-7 at the half.

## STATISTICS

	M. S.	FSU
First downs	16	17
By passing	2	5
By rushing	14	9
By penalty	0	3
Yds. gained rushing (net)	202	143
Yards lost	19	79
Yards gained passing	75	122
Yds. gained total offense	377	265
Passes attempted	12	27
Passes completed	7	12
Punts, number	3	1
Average punt	25.3	21
Fumbles, number	3	3
Fumbles lost by	2	2
Penalties, number	6	4
Yards penalized	64	30
Passes intercepted by	4	1
Touchdowns	7	3
Points after TD	6	3
Safeties	1	0
Final score	80	21

### Score by period:

Miss. Southern	23	20	0	7—50
Florida State	7	0	0	14—21

### Miss. Southern scoring: Touchdowns

Rouchon 2, Pepper 2, Montgomery, Lang, Jarrell. Safety, Shepherd tackled Italians in end zone. Conversions—Davenport 6.

### Florida State scoring: Touchdowns

King 2, Campbell. Conversions—Deboaz 3.

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN

Leading Rushers				Net
	Carried	Yards	Lost	Gain
Pepper	0	149	0	149
Rouchon	10	91	0	91
Howard	5	35	0	35

### Leading Passers

Had				
	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yds.
Jarrell	2	2	0	28
Davenport	6	4	1	30

### Leading Pass Receivers

Caught			Yards	Td's
Rouchon	2		18	0

### Leading Punters

	Number	Blocked	Avg.
Howard	1	0	28
Davenport	2	0	25.3

### FLORIDA STATE

Leading Rushers				Net
	Carried	Yards	Lost	Gain
Italians	9	64	8	56
Deboaz	15	66	0	66

### Leading Passers

Had				
	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yds.
Fiveash	11	7	3	80

### Leading Pass Receivers

Caught			Yards	Td's
King	4		55	2

### Leading Punters

	Number	Blocked	Avg.
Brown	1	0	21