

Seminoles Defeat Wofford for First Win 27-13

DOWN 7-0, FSU RALLIES

Italiano, Dobosz Spark Comeback

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SNYDER FIELD, Spartanburg, S. C.—Florida State University's victory-starved Seminoles mixed a powerful running game with two touchdown passes to come from behind this afternoon and defeat Wofford 27-13 for their first victory of the season after seven bitter defeats and one unsatisfactory tie.

It was FSU's first victory since they beat this same Wofford team in Campbell Field in mid-November 1951, and it broke an unbeaten string of 13 straight games that the Terriers had run up on their home field.

Wofford and the 3,500 freezing fans who turned out here this afternoon, got some small consolation in Jack Abell's pass catching as the agile end grabbed four pitches for a season total of 56 to break all existing pass receiving records in U. S. college football.

Abell broke the mark of 52 receptions Barney Poole of Ole Miss and Art Weiner of North Carolina held for major colleges, and later smashed the record of 53 that Cliff Coggin had set at Mississippi Southern.

There was, however, no consolation for Coach Phil Dickens, who wanted this one badly after seeing the Seminoles break his great 23 game winning streak back in the Tampa Clear Bowl game in 1950 and repeat last year. Dickens stomped up and down the sidelines as the Seminoles bottled up his Terriers on the ground and in the air from the first quarter until the fourth, when the Indians had carved out a fat and fancy 27-7 lead.

After spotting the Terriers a 7-0 lead in the first period, FSU struck back for two TD's in the second period on Nelson Italiano's six yard smash off tackle for one score and his 28 yard pass to Stan Dobosz for a second.

Hitting again in the third period, FSU sent Bobby Fiveash slicing inside left guard for an 11 yard scoring dash, then came back for the fourth and final TD on a 26 yard pass from Fiveash to "Crazylegs" Al Woodham.

Dobosz converted after three of the four scores, missing after the second one.

Wofford, which had scored early in the first period on Jack Hazle's two yard dive into the end zone, got its final tally midway in the fourth quarter when tailback Charlie Jones threw a screen pass to Abell and the record-breaking receiver shook off two tacklers and streaked 37 yards to paydirt.

Dennis Barbare missed the extra point. He had connected after the first touchdown.

With first Dobosz and Italiano, then Fiveash and Woodham boring big holes over on the weak side of the Terrier line, the Seminoles piled up 299 yards rush-

ing and added 65 yards through the air for their best offensive effort of the season.

Dobosz had his top game in ground gained, piling up 89 yards—two more than he got against Georgia Tech last weekend. Italiano, the oft-injured tailback, made Dobosz a terrific running mate until he re-injured his bad knee midway in the third period.

Italiano, who did most of his damage at the tackles while Dobosz was digging at the middle, got 79 yards in 16 carries in addition to scoring once and firing his third TD pass of the season.

Fiveash ran extremely strong, particularly on his scoring scamper.

His 11 yard run into the end zone climaxed a 62 yard march that opened on the seventh play in the second half after Rosie McClellan's quick kick had backed FSU to its own 38.

On the first play after FSU's kickoff, Billy Rabon gave the Seminoles the big lift towards their final score by intercepting a Charlie Jones Pass and running five yards to the Terrier 44. The Terriers were assessed 15 yards for roughness, but FSU was set back to the 35 on a fumble.

Fiveash, however, warmed up with a pitch to Steve Kalenich on the 26, then nailed Al Woodham just as Crazylegs crossed the goal line boiled between two Terrier backs.

Wofford, like the Tennessee team for which Coach Dickens played, was supposed to be the team that took advantage of its defensive alertness, but State beat the Carolinians at their own game, stealing three of their passes and flopping on one Terrier bobble as the Seminole defense team handed the ball over to their offensive mates five times.

Wofford was limited to 69 yards on the ground, most of it being gained by wingback Roddy Powers. The Terriers picked up 113 yards in the air.

The Seminoles, apparently bothered by the near freezing temperature, spotted the Terriers a quick one touchdown lead before warming up and storming back to score twice in the second period and hit the intermission with a 13-7 margin.

Wofford got a break in the opening minutes after FSU had forced the Terriers to punt. Italiano banged left tackle for six yards on the Seminoles' first running play but the ball popped out of his arms like a grape and Small recovered for Wofford on the State 21.

Powers swirled to the 13 on a reverse then went outside left end to the two. Freshman fullback Joe Hazle dove into right guard for the score and when Barbara converted it was 7-0 with only 4:30 of the game gone.

The Terriers continued to dominate the first period. Marching 65 yards to FSU 15 before being stopped as the quarter ended.

The complexion of the game changed as the teams changed goals and midway in the period the Seminoles started to march from their own 18 where they had been backed up by McClellan's quick kick which rolled dead. Dobosz, slashing the middle and weaving in the secondary as he had against Tech, and several dashes by Woodham and Italiano,

sparked a drive to the Terrier seven.

Dobosz went to the six, then Italiano went inside his own left tackle and hit the end zone standing up. Dobosz converted to tie the score at 7-7 with 4:30 remaining in the half.

Three plays after the kickoff State got its chance when Szczepanik partially blocked McClellan's punt and Campbell took the ball on the Terrier 40. The FSU Co-Captain fumbled when hit but Carnes recovered on the 37.

Italiano went to the Wofford 28 in two thrusts at left tackle. Then faded to his left and pitched to Dobosz in the end zone. Sticky Stan taking the ball behind the Terrier defensive left half.

Dobosz' kick was wide but FSU had a 13-7 lead when the half ended four plays later with the Seminoles in possession after Campbell's interception of a Jones pass at the FSU 29.

STATISTICS

	Wofford	FSU
First downs	10	16
Yards rushing	69	299
Yards passing	113	65
Passes attempted	17	12
Passes completed	8	3
Passes intercepted by	0	3
Fumbles	2	4
Opp. fumbles recovered	1	1
Yards punting	297	180
Number of punts	8	6
Av. yards of punting	37	30
Penalties	50	25

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FSU		Wofford
16	First Downs	10
299	Yards Rushing	89
65	Yards Passing	113
12	Forwards Attempted	17
3	Forwards Completed	8
3	Interceptions By	0
30	Punting Average	37
25	Yards Lost Penalties	50

LINEUP

Florida State

Left ends—Campbell, Bryant, H. Powell
 Left tackles—Wodrich, Barnes, Booth
 Left guards—Carnes, Karlowicz, Strickland
 Centers—Boyer, Leonhardt, Ammons, Whaley, Crenshaw
 Right guards—O'Neal, Polak
 Right tackles—Jacobs, Huey, Merritt
 Right ends—King, Szczepanik, Greene, Kalenich, Johnson, McDonald
 Quarterbacks—Taylor, Griner
 Left halfbacks—Fiveash, Cassedy, Italiano
 Right halfbacks—Woodham, Rabon, Bringer, Messinese, Kelly
 Fullbacks—Dobosz

Wofford

Left ends—Abell, Pope, Maw, Gibson
 Left tackles—Auman, Fraley, Batten
 Left guards—McGinnis, Ditty
 Centers—Hipp, Small
 Right guards—Cope, E. Jones
 Right tackles—McCully, Cottingham, Day
 Right ends—Barbare, Cooksey, Arledge, Nanney
 Quarterbacks—Myer, Crawford
 Left halfbacks—C. Jones, Brock, Awirey
 Right halfbacks—Powers, Lawrence
 Fullbacks—McLellan, Hazle, Hall