

# Seminoles Scalped 20-7 By Fast, Alert Abilene Eleven Here

## Leaky Pass Defense, Fumbles Cost

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A fast, alert Abilene Christian College football team derailed Florida State University's hoped-for football express just one week after it had ripped out of the station with a 59-0 triumph over Louisville. The score was 20-7.

The Seminoles contributed to their own downfall with a leaky pass defense, an erratic punting game and costly fumbles. FSU's secondary was faked out of position repeatedly.

Abilene came from behind to do it. FSU had struck quickly for seven points, before the visitors got warmed up well.

### ONE CALLED BACK

They tied it on a 30-yard pass from freshman ace Leondous Fry to end Von Morgan midway the second quarter. It was Morgan's fifth touchdown grab of the season.

They went ahead on a 75-yard run by fullback Gene Boyd a

couple of minutes after the second half opened.

And they polished things off with a final six points with seconds remaining.

It might have been worse. Abilene had one touchdown cancelled on a penalty.

Bobby Fiveash continued to ramrod the FSU offense. He emerged as the game's leading ground-gainer with a net of 100 yards on 14 carries. He caught four passes for 20 yards net and the one and only touchdown.

Rushing was FSU's primary weapon. The Seminoles netted 195 yards on the ground, 14 less than ACC. FSU topped the Texas teams in first downs, 13-6. The Seminoles showed seven completions in 13 pass tries, against six of 12 for ACC. But FSU's aerial game was weaker than the figures showed — two were intercepted — and ACC's was stronger.

### FRY SMOOTH

Fry was as good as Abilene had said he would be. The freshman handled the reins smoothly, hit five of nine passes for 82 yards, punted for a 33-yard average, was sharp on defense.

But that fast-charging Abilene line must have been the difference. James Cobb, 220-pound tackle was the big boy. Full-back Poyd was a terror on defense, too.

Abilene struck early through a

porous Seminole pass defense. The Christians had won the toss and chose to receive. On the second play from scrimmage, quarterback Bobby Campbell fired over the line smartly to end Von Morgan, a 14-yard gain to the ACC 34. With the aid of a 13-yard sweep by Jimmy Hirth, Abilene got into Seminole territory, at the 49.

FSU stiffened, pushed the visitors back to their own 48, and Abilene had to punt. Hirth got a weak five-yarder off the side of his foot to the FSU 47.

It looked like Louisville and last week as the Seminoles skipped 53 yards to six points on a half-dozen plays.

Fiveash started it with a 17-yard scamper to the ACC 37. He was almost away on the play. Then Fiveash dug for a lightning 15 more to the 22 on a quick opener. Billy Graham pounded out seven to the 15, then two to the 13. Fiveash swept to the 10. Harry Massey surprised the Abilene defenders with a pass that Fiveash hauled in smoothly and stepped over the goal. Graham kicked the point for 7-0 with less than six minutes gone.

#### **FRY BRILLIANT**

Abilene sent in the brilliant Fry for the first time. The Christians did not get far after the kick and Fry punted. Lee Corso reeled a sparkling runback of 19 yards to the ACC 39.

Corso's running led FSU to the ACC nine and a first down. Abi-

lene had its dander up and four plays later FSU had been socked back to the 32, where Abilene took over on downs.

Abilene fought to its own 45 and then Fry quick-kicked 27 yards to the PSU 28.

Dobosz swept out to the 38, fumbled and Wayne Holt hopped on it for Abilene at the PSU 38. Jimmy Lee Taylor discouraged Fry, hitting him for a six-yard loss and ACC punted again. Another weak one, 19 yards to the 23.

Fiveash spurred the Seminoles with an 18-yard sprint and Massey nailed Holt with a 12-yard pass, two big plays that helped FSU to the Abilene 47. But Fiveash fumbled at the 44 and tackle James Cobb, a real thorn all night, recovered for the Wildcats.

#### **19-YARD BOOT**

Another punting exchange and Abilene had a crack from the FSU 30 after Taylor's booting effort went only 19 yards.

Abilene called time. They must have plotted things perfectly. Fry, licking his hands as he came out of the huddle, coolly uncorked a pass that Morgan, all alone at the four, grabbed easily. It was a simple matter for him to vault over the goal. FSU had been fooled badly on the play. Fry kicked the point and it was 7-7.

They sparred out the remaining minutes before halftime without any broad incident. Fry backed up with a 36 yard punt to the Seminole six. Massey fumbled it but Ed Kalenich was there to retake it for the Seminoles. FSU punched its way as far as its own 22 as the half ended.

Twenty-five bands gave a sparkling, ear-splitting demonstration on the art of sound during intermission. In the FSU dressing room, all the Seminoles could hear was the aroused voice of Coach Tom Nugent.

FSU had out first downed the visitors, eight to three, out rushed them, 110 to 52. But passing and punting was keeping Abilene in there and the scoreboard was stuck solidly on 7-7.

FSU was obviously steamed up as it got a new start. Fiveash whipped back with the kickoff 25 yards to the FSU 26. A roughing penalty put the Seminoles back on the 24. Fiveash made it up and then some with a 40-yard scamper to the Abilene 36, where Don Morris bagged him from behind. Holt struck for nine to the 25.

Abilene abruptly took the starch out when Massey fumbled and Morgan recovered for ACC at the 25. A moment later, it struck home that this was this week and Abilene Christian College.

On the first Abilene play, Boyd, a transfer from University of Texas, grabbed the handoff, hit the middle on a guard-trap play and was away on a 75-yard scoring jaunt. He got a helping downfield block from Hirth. Hirth converted for 14-7.

Boyd kicked off and again Fiveash returned nicely, 32 to the FSU 44. The Seminole attack fizzled and Buddy Bryant punted 38 yards to the ACC 25.

ACC struck again with that stunning speed. Morgan, who was lonesome as a skunk most all night, stepped out in the open, took a pass from Fry and lit out on a 69-yard touchdown run. But ACC was offside and the Seminoles were saved. Fry got off a 50-yard punt to the FSU 25.

#### **FRY INTERCEPTS**

Ronnie King's running spurred FSU momentarily but Corso was nailed on pass attempts and Junior Metts punted 39 yards to the Abilene 22.

Fry limbered his passing arm again, hit Morgan with a 23-yarder, Jimmie French for 19, mixed in a few running plays and

in short order Abilene was down to the FSU 15. Fry fumbled, however, and Don Powell got it for FSU there.

Corso's pass was intercepted by Fry at the FSU 40 and Abilene was knocking again as the third quarter ran out. FSU held, Hirth punted, Graham fumbled it out of bounds at the 11. Tiny Moore, 272 pounds of him, broke through to block Fiveash's punt effort at the five. More trouble.

Moore handed the ball back to FSU with a fumble at the three, Fiveash recovering.

FSU started to march but the pitfalls were too many. Fiveash, Graham and Robert Grenn got the Seminoles out of the hole with a series of short runs. Massey passed to Fiveash for a nine-yard gain. Interference was ruled on a Leonard Swantic throw to Taylor and FSU was down to the ACC 31, a 29-yard gain. Swantic overthrew Fiveash, who was open and might have gone the distance. Corso jump-passed to Dobosz for nine to the 22. A roughing penalty cut things short and ACC took over on downs at its 41.

Abilene punted after three futile probes. FSU made it up to its own 41, a 10-yard pass Swan-tic to Fiveash was just short of a fist down. ACC took over with 2:27 left.

Hirth got a block from Morgan and swept 36 yards to the FSU five on a reverse. Fry sneaked to the two, to the one. Morris, on third down, darted over with 24 seconds left. Corso, Doboaz, Bud Leonard broke through to block the point try.

That was all. FSU had one chance after the kick. W. L. Harper threw and Charlie Smith intercepted for Abilene, returned to the FSU 38, as the game ended.

The last play was typical. FSU, who could do nothing wrong last week, was finding trouble doing anything right this time.

## *Seminole Statistics*

	ACC	FSU
First Downs	6	13
Yards Rushing	200	195
Yards Passing	96	61
Passes Attempted	12	13
Passes Completed	6	7
Passes Intercepted By	2	0
Number Punts	9	5
Average Punt	23.7	25.2
Number Fumbles	4	4
Fumbles Lost	2	2
Yards Penalized	35	35

### Score By Periods:

Abilene Christian	0	7	7	6	—20
Florida State	7	0	0	0	—7

Abilene Christian Scoring Touch-downs: Morgan, Boyd, Morris. Con-versions: Fry 1, Hirth 1.

Florida State Scoring Touchdowns: Fiveash. Conversion: Graham.