

Seminoles Surprise VMI With Thrilling 12 to 7 Upset Win

Metts Helps Give Nugent A Big Night

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Halfback witchery of Junior Metts and some lusty haunting by tackle Bob Barber, freshmen both, helped propel Florida State's Seminoles high into the heavens Saturday night and they latched on to a golden moon—a 12-7 upset of Virginia Military Institute's outplayed Keydets.

It was a great night for Tom Nugent, a figure on an elusive broomstick to a VMI he had led to a 28-7 victory on this same field one year ago.

The hoarse Nugent who left the Virginia school to take over the Seminole helm six months ago, told a bouncing pressbox brigade that it was a team victory, a great night, a wonderful example of what "the greatest bunch of boys I have ever coached" could do when they set their minds to it.

FILLS BIG SHOES

Metts, 170-pounder from Sanford, filled some big shoes when he stepped in for injured Bobby Fiveash after the second play of the game. But fill them he did, and admirably. He ripped off 111 yards in nine carries, scoring once, and punted five times for a 34.1 average.

Fiveash came out of the game and never got back in with a battered shoulder. Strained muscles—not a shoulder separation—it was. He may not be able to go against Mississippi Southern next week.

Barber, 210-pounder from Belle Glade, was the ghost that 9,897 fans saw in the VMI backfield. He was credited with 10 tackles and six assists in his first major turn at tackle, taking the post of George Boyer who was shifted to center. Boyer, too, was a stick-out backing up the line.

The relatively small turnout was the one disappointing feature of the evening. FSU officials had hoped for a record attendance above 14,000.

MAPP CHECKED

FSU rolled up a healthy total of 265 yards rushing. VMI, its touted Johnny Mapp bottled up to a net of 28 yards in 13 tries, settled for 146 on the ground.

FSU got many of the breaks in the game, but it made most of them the hard way. Four VMI fumbles were recovered, one pass intercepted.

VMI was without the services of left-half Mike Foley, who broke an ankle in Thursday's practice. Nick Servidio was the big backfield gun with 75 yards in 19 carries. George Ramer, tackle co-captain, was the most important man up front.

The Seminoles erupted for two quick touchdowns in the second period and stalked into the dressing rooms with a 12-0 halftime lead. VMI tallied in the third quarter and it was dog-eat-dog the rest of the way with FSU knock-

ing at the Keydet two when it ended.

FAULTY START

The Seminoles started this one with one strike against them. Fifteen yards were assessed them for delay of the game and they had to kick off from the 25. After the bull-like Servidio crashed to a first down at the FSU 48, the Seminoles had strike two called when Fiveash hobbled out of the game on injury.

VMI probed to the FSU 44 on that opening bid but Mapp bobbled the ball and George Boyer got it for the Seminoles at the 40. Led by Graham, FSU moved to the VMI 34 but Keydet George Ramer broke through to sock Corso for a six-yard loss and FSU had to punt.

FSU had a second chance moments later when Mapp fumbled a pitchout and John Griner hopped on it at the Keydet 22. A penalty for illegal holding nipped that one in the bud before Leonard Swastic fumbled and the alert Ramer recovered at the 28.

Mapp was having trouble and

the next time he ran he was hit for another loss but Servidio found a paved route through the middle and paced the keydets to midfield. VMI found the airways less open and Mapp punted to the FSU 10. Graham ran twice, up to the 19.

GOOD KICK

On a beauty that opened the second quarter, Metts quick-kicked 55 yards to the VMI 26. It was FSU's first quick-kick of the year and caught VMI completely off balance.

Mapp punted back, a 55-yard effort, and FSU started to roll. Metts got 11 and the officials 15

and FSU was knocking at the VMI 36. But Corso fumbled and Ramer was there again to recover.

Moments later, Mapp got a bad snap and toed a weak punt to the FSU 45, good for only 15 yards. From there, the Seminoles struck. It took just four plays. Griner dug for give, then Metts, on a quick-opener, ripped away on a 39-yard jaunt to the VMI 11 where Mapp fought off would-be blockers and brought him down. Graham slashed for three. Then Metts slanted around right end eight yards for the score. Graham's point-after try was blocked by Earl Klinar.

After the kick, FSU found opportunity banging again when Wolverine fumbled an attempted handoff to Mapp and Bud Leonard recovered for FSU at the VMI 31. A penalty set the Seminoles back to the 40. Massey, back to throw, ran instead on a 16-yard sparkler to the 24. Griner made it a first down on the 20. Metts, still hot, fought his way for a 17-yard trip to the three. VMI stiffened but Graham finally crashed over from the one on fourth down. It was 12-0 as Graham's conversion try went wide.

VMI found its passes going astray and it stayed that way to halftime.

THE LONG HAUL

After one of the most methodical drives in the book, VMI scored with four minutes left in the third period. The ground-eating, time-consuming march covered 71 yards and it took the Keydets a whopping total of 22 plays to make it.

The stage was set after FSU received the second-half kickoff and Metts quick-kicked 42 yards to the VMI 29. VMI threw not a single pass in the long journey. Servidio carried much of the load. No gain exceeded nine yards in the push. Woolwine climaxed it with a sneak over from 18 inches out. Woolwine then kicked the point that made it 12-7.

The Seminoles muffled a chance when Troy Carter fumbled and Bob Barber pounced on it for FSU at the VMI 21. But a 15-yard penalty and Massey's 19-yard setback on a pass attempt set FSU back to midfield and Metts punted 22 to the Keydet 28.

VMI drove into FSU territory but had to punt. The Keydets provided a real scare a little later when Corso's fumble was recovered by Woolwine at the FSU 42. A penalty stymied VMI, then Griner intercepted Royce Jones' pass at the FSU 40 and, for all practical purposes, that was the ball game.

FSU was knocking way down at the VMI two when the end came. Metts' running and a 22-yard scamper by Massey got the Seminoles down there, but time ran out before the Seminoles could get the ball over.

For FSU it was a splendid triumph, paved by breaks and fighting hearts.

THE YARDSTICK

VMI		FSU
11	First Downs	10
146	Yards Rushing	265
17	Yards Passing	7
11	Passes Attempted	3
3	Passes Completed	1
0	Passes Intercepted	1
32.2	Punting Average	34.1
4	Fumbles Lost By	1
30	Yards Penalized	109

Score By Periods:

VMI	0	0	7	0	7
FSU	0	12	0	0	12

VMI scoring touchdown: Woolwine.
Conversion: Woolwine. FSU scoring touchdowns: Metts, Graham.

THE LINEUPS

VMI

Left ends—Byrd, Dooley.
Left tackles—Miller, Westfall.
Left guards—Boxley, Lazarus, Barker.
Centers—Klinar, Lyons.
Right guards—Siler, Foster, Morgan.
Right tackles—Ramer, Drake Wainwright.
Right ends—Ralph, Cooper.
Quarterbacks—Woolwine, Jones.
Left halfbacks—Lavery, Snyder.
Right halfbacks—Mapp, Snyder.
Fullbacks—Servidio, Carter.

FSU

Left ends—Taylor, Leonard.
Left tackles—Makowlecki, Powell.
Left guards—Jacobs, Staab.
Centers—Boyer, Crenshaw.
Right guards—Pacifico, Bates.
Right tackles—Olsen, Barber.
Right ends—Johnson, Bryant.
Quarterbacks—Corso, Massey, Swantic, Harper.
Left halfbacks—Fiveash, Metts.
Right halfbacks—Graham, Dobson.
Fullbacks—Griner, Holt.