

Penalties Frustrate Seminoles In 14-7 Defeat By Furman

Russ Sutton Makes Up Difference

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Frustrated Florida State Seminoles, their offense cut to a slow fizz by 115 yards in penalties, fell 14-7 victims of a vigorous Furman University football team here Saturday afternoon before a disappointing and disappointed crowd of 7,000.

A fragile halfback name of Russ Sutton played his best game since 1951 and was about the sum of individual differences between the two elevens.

Sutton broke Seminole hearts midway the third quarter when he returned a kickoff 82 yards to pave the winning touchdown after FSU had battled 72 hard-earned yards to tie the game at 7-7.

FSU played one of its worst games. But you got the idea, too, that Furman was not exactly at its peak. Still, it was a close and tense affair. And you can charge much of FSU's performance to that old devil, inexperience. The Seminoles were not "up," definitely not, but they were trying and if they had kept their hands within their legal limits they might very well have won in spite of things.

Bill Youne, the genial Furman coach, summed it up pretty well.

'THOSE PENALTIES'

"I tell you," the big man said, "Those penalties just about kept us in the ball game. . . . Now, I sure am worried about coming back here next year and facing this FSU team. You sure got the makings."

FSU's brightest spots were the lefthalf play of Junior Metis, who ran 12 times for 70 yards, and the tackle work of steady Al Makowiecki, leader of Seminole defensive forces with seven tackles and two assists.

STEWART SURGE

Furman's rushing game was not as devastating as one might have imagined. The Hurricanes ran roughshod at the start, with halfback Paul Stewart leading the battering, but FSU apparently caught on to their offensive ways and contained them reasonably well after that early splurge.

Stewart picked up 56 yards in 11 jaunts during the afternoon. Sutton had 39 for eight, including three yards for Furman's first touchdown. He bobbled a pass in the end zone that had TD written all over it but more than redeemed himself with that kick return.

The fragility of Sutton has to do with the injuries he's had that have kept him out of action much of the way since 1951, a year that saw him draw raves as all-America material. Certainly, he was solid enough this day, definitely Furman's best weapon.

Vince Perone, 205-pound guard co-captain, led the Furman line, registering six tackles and nine assists. He played all except 50 seconds.

On paper, FSU showed a good passing attack with Harry Massey connecting on five of eight and Lee Corso on two of three and the Seminoles ending the day with a nine out of 15 total. But the aerial game was

not sound. FSU hit very seldom when it counted.

NO PAYOFFS

Florida State probed twice to the shadows of Furman's goal, to the nine in the first quarter and to the 14 in the final period. Inability to cash opportunities was out of a familiar book, for the Seminoles reached inside Mississippi Southern's 25 four times last week and failed. Oddly, the Seminoles drew only five yards in penalties against Southern in one of their better exhibitions.

Late in the game, FSU ran into a manpower problem at the halfbacks. Stan Dobosz was injured and did not play. Bobby Fiveash re-injured his bum shoulder in the first quarter and did not get back in. Billy Graham was slowed with a game injury and sat out most of the last half. Lee Corso moved over from quarterback to righthalf in an attempt to alleviate a tight situation.

Roughly, the whole contest can be divided into two phases—before Sutton's 82-yard kickoff return, and after.

Furman won the toss and received. One of the Hurricanes' few penalties, for offsides, stymied their initial efforts. FSU looked in like Flynn for a moment when quarterback Jim Boyle fumbled on the Furman 35 and Jimmy Lee Taylor hopped on it for FSU. But Taylor hit the ball with such force that it squirted away and Boyle finally covered his own bobble at the 30.

METTS BOOTS ONE

After a swap of punts, Furman rolled to its first touchdown, 72 yards in 13 plays, all on the ground. Sutton climaxed it by hitting PSU's vulnerable right side from three yards out. Gus Pringle kicked the point for 7-0.

With Graham out front, PSU pulled to midfield. Fiveash caught a Massey pass and was injured when tackled. PSU was penalized for backfield in motion. Metts, in for Fiveash, quick-kicked 54 yards to the Furman 11, a real beaut.

First play of the second quarter found Furman punting and Corso making a slick runback of 22 yards to Furman's 42. Corso passed to Metts for eight and Metts for nine on a power play. Corso shot a fourth-down pass to Taylor for a first down at

the 10. Graham bulled to the nine but—Metts lost three, Corso 10 and Corso's pass was intercepted and brought back to the 27.

A situation that further typified PSU's frustration developed a little later. PSU was on the 50. John Griper had just reeled off a 7-yard run. Three plays later the stunned Seminoles were back on their own seven, propelled by two 15-yard penalties and an 11-yard loss by Massey on a pass try.

Furman drove down to the PSU seven after a Metts' 7-yard punt, with a 26-yard pass from Boyle to John Popson doing most of the damage in the drive. But PSU checked three running plays and Sutton let Boyle's neat pass slip through his fingers in the end zone on fourth down.

DETERMINED RETURN

PSU marched 72 yards in 15 plays from the second-half kick-off to its one and only TD. Taylor converted Massey's short pass into a 31-yard gain by some fancy digging that reached the Furman 35—for the big lick of the drive. George Boyer was there to recover for PSU when Taylor fumbled as he was finally brought down on the play. A pass interference ruling helped give PSU a first down on the 17. On fourth down, Massey hit Graham with a screen pass that gained nine yards to the one-foot line. Massey sneaked over for his first touchdown of the season, then converted for 7-7.

Then Sutton did it. He took the kick on the eight and was long gone. Metts finally pulled him down from behind at the PSU 10. In three plays Furman scored, Bobby Dellinger hitting right tackle for the final three. Pringle again kicked the extra point.

PSU appeared plenty aroused, grinding 66 yards to the Furman 14. Metts and Carl Grenn were the key men in the determined bid. But that first down on the 14 was cancelled as two running plays that included a fumble lost eight, a pass went wild and Corso who was rushed in from the bench, could only gain back the yardage lost on a laudable bootleg effort on fourth down.

That was all she wrote, for all practical purposes.

Purman did push to the FSU 12 with four minutes left in the game but Popson was stopped short with two to go for a first down. FSU took to the air with Massey tossing. Metts and Eddie Johnson caught his throws and the Seminoles were at the Furman 35 in no time at all.

No time at all was right. For after officials stepped off some more penalties and set the Seminoles back on their own 40, the clock ticked off.

FSU tackle Jim Olsen was thumbed out of the game in the first quarter for illegal action with his forearm. Purman had two players ushered to the sidelines. End Roland Barefoot went first after some unkind words to an official, though hwo the Hurricanes could have offended an official did during the game was hard for FSU folks to understand. Barefoot was joined by tackle Dave Buffamoyer, who led with his right late in the game.

FURMAN

Left ends—Hichtower, Smith.
Left tackles—Fuller, Peidmore.
Left guard—Perone, Cobb.
Centers—Maddox, Byrd.
Right guards—Williams, Socha.
Right tackles—Buffamoyer, Gilreath, Young.
Right end—Barefoot, Harris.
Quarterbacks—Boyle, Principles.
Left halfbacks—Sutton, Yakimowicz, Ransbotham.
Right halfbacks—Popson, Stewart, West.
Fullbacks—Barry, Wellmeyer, Sneed.
FLORIDA STATE
Left end—Taylor, Price.
Left tackle—Makowiecki, Olsen, Powell.
Left guards—J. Jacobs, Bates.
Centers—Kolenich, Crenshaw.
Right guards—Pacifico, Stash, Manning.
Right tackles—Boyer, Barber.
Right ends—Johnson, Bryant, Leonard.
Quarterbacks—Massey, Corso, Harper.
Left halfbacks—Fiveash, Metts, Mesivense.
Right halfbacks—Graham, C. Green, Corso.
Fullbacks—Hull, Griner.

Score by periods:
Furman 7 0 7 6—14
Florida State 0 0 7 0—7
Furman scoring: Touchdowns—Sutton, Dellinger. Conversions—Principles.
Florida State scoring: Touchdown—Massey. Conversion—Massey.