

YOUNG MUSCLES FLEXED

Seminoles Hand Tampa U. Rivals 41 To 6 Mauling

Decisive Victory Gives FSU
Five-Five Record For Year,
Hopeful Note For Tough '54

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TAMPA, Dec. 5—Florida State University's Seminoles gleefully flexed their growing young muscles and closed the 1953 football season here Saturday night with a 41-6 mauling of a downhearted group of Spartans from the University of Tampa.

The thoroughly emphatic score evened the season's record of the Seminoles at 5-5 and provided a hopeful note for 1954 and an ambitious schedule.

That five-touchdown margin was pretty much of a true story of the differences between the two teams this night.

A rugged Seminole defense bottled up Tampa's attack and the Spartans netted only 85 yards on offense, a mere 25 in the rushing department. Tampa vainly filled the air with passes but compelled just eight out of 22 throws and FSU came up with five interceptions.

The Seminoles' own passing

game was futile, as it has been most of the year, but they piled up 316 yards on the ground and were in full command of the situation after the opening minutes of the game.

Bobby Fiveash, the senior left half star playing his final game in Seminole spangles, could hardly have been better. He accumulated 141 yards in a dozen rushing tries and scored twice.

But it was no one-man victory. There was a sparkler at every position and the game was probably the Seminoles' best team effort of the year.

Tampa, surprisingly, scored first, sweeping to a 6-0 lead from the opening kickoff. It was just the spur the Seminoles needed. Their brand of ball after that stunning blow was relentless. Before it was over, every man on the FSU bench had seen considerable duty.

FAT VICTORY

The fat victory was just what the doctor ordered, as far as FSU was concerned. The Seminoles wanted to whack the Spartans decisively after reversals at the hands of Tampa players the preceding two campaigns.

Seminole Coach Tom Nugent was completely pleased.

"This is great," he said, "really great. We had been looking forward to this game since before the season opened. We are a very happy bunch tonight."

Players lifted Nugent to their shoulders and carried him off the field. It was a fine moment for a guy who had upset the dopesters that called for a woeful year.

Ken Nuzoff, sophomore half-back out of Detroit, Mich. quickly gave the crowd of 8,000 a sharp charge when he hauled FSU's opening kickoff back 44 yards to

the Seminole 38, a sparkling exhibition of evasive running finally stopped by Eddie Johnson.

Eleven plays and four minutes later, the Spartans had what the folks were whooping for. Wide tackle and end runs by Tom Spack and Al Leathers gulped down most of the distance, with Spack climaxing the drive from one yard out. Reggie Colvard's point try was wide.

Tampa tried an onside kick but Taylor was there to get it and returned to the FSU 45. Passes failed and Fiveash finally punted 45 yards to the Spartan seven, Leathers bringing it up to the 12.

Taylor smashed through to smack Charlie Harris for an 11-yard loss to the one and the Spartans punted to the 33.

Dobosz dug for six, then Fiveash on three straight carries, took the ball to the seven. Metts breezed around end for the score behind Fiveash and Griner blocks. Harry Massey's conversion put FSU ahead 7-6.

RUNNERS CHECKED

Tampa's running game was checked after the kick and Colvard punted to the FSU 29. Holt got four and Fiveash swept for 12 to the 43. Metts grabbed a pass from Massey on the Tampa 38 and pulled some dazzling side-steps in a 48-yard gain to the nine. On third down, Fiveash swept wide from the five to score with Ray Staab and Holt throwing key blocks. Massey converted again and FSU was in front, 14-6, seconds before the first quarter ended.

Spartan quarterback Bill Minahan unlimbered a slick passing attack from the double-wing. Ralph Frazier, a tackle who became eligible under some she-nanigans of the formation, grabbed two and Leathers, Spack and H. L. Hires one apiece in a quick push to the FSU 21. But Griner put an abrupt end to the stuff when he intercepted at the 15 and ran smartly for 85 yards and a third Seminole touchdown. Bill Graham booted the point this time and made it 21-6.

Lee Corso turned up with another interception a little later, running it back 25 yards to the Tampa 43 but the attack fizzled.

Just before the half ended, Corso intercepted again. It was a long heave from the fingers of Spack that Corso hauled in at the FSU 12.

FIVEASH GETS LOOSE

Tampa's hopes of a second-half rally were dampened on the first scrimmage play after the kickoff. Massey had brought the boot back 22 yards to the 32. On a quick-opener, Fiveash sailed

off left tackle 68 yards for a touchdown. Griner and Dobosz paved a portion of the route with fancy blocks. Massey's conversion made it 28-6.

FSU had another crack when Al Makowiecki recovered Jim Mathis' fumble at the Tampa 43. But a clipping penalty cancelled the threat.

Minutes later, the Seminoles opened an 80-yard touchdown drive. Griner, Fiveash and Ronnie King were the big guns in a march to the Spartan 30. Graham abruptly broke away on the reliable quick-opener for a 30-yard scoring run, with a blocking assist from Tom Price. Graham's point-after shifted the score to 35-6.

MORE SUBS

These rabid Tampa people were starting to file out of the stadium now and Tom Nugent ushered more reserves into action.

Early in the final quarter, FSU had a chance from the Tampa 19 after a bad snap on a Spartan fourth-down punting effort. The Seminoles got to the five but were racked for losses on two plays and Tampa took over.

Another FSU bid ended with Minahan's interception of a Corso pass at the Tampa 10. Tampa was backed up to the four after a penalty and Colvard's punt traveled 28 yards to the 32.

FSU drew a couple of five-yard penalties but Massey hit Taylor with an 11-yard pass and Tampa was assessed 15 yards on the next play, putting the Seminoles in business at the 16. Graham crashed to the six on two runs. King powered to the three, then went over from the one. Graham's conversion missed and 41-6 was the score.

FSU 14 7 14 6-41
Tampa 6 0 0 0-6
FSU scoring: Touchdowns, Metts, Fiveash (2), Griner, Graham, King; conversions, Massey (3) Graham (2).
Tampa scoring: Touchdown, Pack.

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Left Ends—Taylor, Leonard, Price, Mann.
Left Tackles — Makowiecki, Olsen, Phillips.
Left Guards — J. Jacobs, Bates, C. Jacobs.
Centers—Boyer, Crenshaw, Kalenich.
Right guards—Pacifico, Staab.
Right Tackles—Barber, Powell.
Right Ends—Bryant, Johnson, Manning.
Quarterbacks—Massey, Rooks, Corso, Harper, Mendel.
Left Halfbacks—Fiveash, Messinese.
Right Halfbacks—Dobosz, Metts, Davies, Graham.
Fullbacks—Griner, Holt, King.

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Left Ends—Stefanik, Onderko, Seftik, Frazier.
Left Tackles — Gnagy, Fuchek, H. Garcia.
Left Guards — Waytovich, Sloveniki, Ach, Quanne.
Centers—Greene, Hillier.
Right Guards — Zalupski, Espinola, Quanne, Youvalis.
Right Tackles—Colvard, Nagy, Davis, Truluck.
Right End—Hiers.
Quarterbacks — Minahan, Peck, Sarcoulis.
Left Halfbacks — Leathers, Nuznoff, Musso.
Right Halfbacks—Harris, Mahis.
Fullbacks—Sparr, E. Garcia.

THE YARDSTICK

	Tampa	FSU
First downs	8	15
Rushing yardage	26	316
Passes attempted	22	17
Passes completed	8	3
Passes intercepted	1	5
Punts	6	5
Punting average	32	33
Fumbles lost	1	0
Yards penalized	35	90