

FSU THROWS A HEALTHY SCARE

Fighting Seminoles Hold Georgia To 14 To 0 Score Before Crowd Of 19,401

Bulldogs Perk Up Lagging Attack To Score In First And Last Quarters Of Game

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A game but greenish band of Florida State University Seminoles threw a healthy scare at University of Georgia before a record 19,401 opening-day football fans here last night but the Bulldogs perked up a sputtering offense for first and last-quarter touchdowns and a 14-0 victory.

Both teams drew defensive salutations but neither offense was anything to write home about.

Jimmy Harper, slight junior quarterback from just across the line at Thomasville, struck erratic sparks for the Bulldogs, scored the first touchdown and passed for the second but mistakes and penalties cancelled several budding bids. Harper threw 10 times, completed six but FSU intercepted a pair off him and two more off his understudy, Pensacola's Dick Young.

FSU used all 19 freshmen on its varsity squad during the evening, and herein lay much of the tale. Foremost among the yearlings was quarterback Ted Rodrique, who still has to learn FSU's book of plays. The rugged Massachusetts boy showed potential as a passer, may be a master ramrod by mid-season.

Georgia's initial bid, after winning the toss and receiving, was contained as big fullback Foots Clemens found early rough going up the middle.

But FSU could cut no first ice, either, as Bulldog guard Don Shea made three straight tackles, forcing a punt to the Georgia 33.

Harper returned the punt to the Georgia 48 and the Bulldogs started to roll. Clemens busted center for 12 to the FSU 40, Harper, back to pass, was bottled up, side-stepped a trio of tacklers and skipped 25 yards to the 15. Clemens got three and Harper hit Roy Wilkins with a seven-yard pass to the five. On a quarterback draw play, Harper fumbled, picked up the ball, hustled through the middle for the touchdown. Charley Madison converted for 7-0.

Joe O'Malley's nailing of Harry Massey for a nine-yard setback on the next series stymied

the Seminoles but a 15-yard penalty for roughing on a punt put FSU up to its 43 with a fourth-and-one-foot-for-a-first-down situation.

FSU played it safe, punted Georgia back to its 20. A holding penalty bogged the Bulldogs in the shadow of its goal at the six. Bobby Garrard punted to the Georgia 48. Corso received, fumbled, retreated and was finally stacked at the Seminole 43. The Bulldogs had a personal foul assessed against them on the kick, however, and FSU was in threatening command at the Georgia 20.

After Len Swantic lost three, FSU ushered in an all-freshman backfield—Ted Rodrique, Buddy Reynolds, Bill Weaver, Tommy Thompson. Things evened up a bit as FSU was taxed 15 yards for an illegal formation and three passes by Rodrique fell astray.

Pat Versprille punted out of bounds on the Georgia 13. Garrard got the Bulldogs out of the hole with a 27-yard center crack to the 40. Jimmy Williams ripped off 10 to midfield. Jim Olsen cut down Harper for minus one on a keep attempt and, following an incomplete pass and fumble, Garrard punted to the 16.

LONG QUICK KICK

FSU's attack was stalled. The teams changed sides as the first quarter ended, and Buck Metts surprised the Bulldogs with a beaut of a 57-yard quick kick to the Georgia 25.

FSU had only 10 players in the lineup on the kick. After Clemens picked up a couple, Harper passed to Madison at the 40 and he maneuvered to FSU's 49 on a 24-yard play. Garrard dug for 13.

Georgia was penalized five for off-sides but Harper passed 10 yards to Cleve Clark at the 32. Jerry Jacobs led an FSU line stand and Georgia yielded on downs at the 27.

The Seminoles gained a first down at the 40 with the assistance of another Georgia off-sides. Rodrique struck Lee Corso with a 10-yard aerial to the 50 but John Griner fumbled on the next play and Alex MacDonald, one of Georgia's more alert men this night, grabbed it at the Bulldog 45.

Harper tried a long pitch and Corso intercepted at the FSU 26. Graham bagged 14 yards to the 40. Rodrique passed to Feamster for seven but Bud Mosteller broke through to nail the FSU quarterback for minusc 15 to the 32.

Corso made a tremendous catch of Rodrique's pass and made the Georgia 42 on a 26-yard play. Georgia's line tightened and Pat Versprille punted, with Charley Harris reeling off a 35-yard return to the Bulldog 43. Dick Young connected on a pass to Red Roberts down at the FSU 39 but an off-sides nullified it. Two plays later, Billy Graham hauled in a Young throw at the FSU 40 and returned to Georgia's 33. Shea broke through to discourage Harry Massey with a two-yard reversal and the half played out as Seminole passes failed.

STALL AGAIN

FSU took the second half kick and struck to midfield with Graham carrying the load. But a backfield-in-motion penalty and Shea's racking of Corso for minus three took the steam out and Rodrique punted to the 29.

Madison and Clemens led Georgia to its 45. Carl Grenn halted it, however, by nabbing a Harper aerial at the FSU 33.

After a fumble and screen pass lost nine yards, Corso lit out for 17 to the 41. FSU needed three yards for a first down and Versprille got it on a daring run from punt formation, reaching the 44. An illegal substitution put the Seminoles in Georgia territory at the 41 a play later.

Clipping knocked FSU back to its 46 after two runs lost two yards.

Metts got off another sharp quick kick and Jimmy Trado was down fast to hit John Bell at the nine. A 17-yard trip by Bell and five-yarders by Wendell Tarleton and Garrard aided Georgia to the 40 but the drive stopped as Grenn sparkled as a pass defender.

Garrard punted to the FSU 19. FSU moved to the 25 but Len Spadafino intercepted a Swantic toss and Georgia was knocking at the 30. Once more the Bulldogs cashed in opportunity as Harper fumbled on the first play after the

interception and Ray Staab hopped on the ball for FSU.

And a moment later it was the final quarter with FSU still very much in contention at 0-7.

Massey opened the fourth frame with a short 22-yard punt to Georgia's 42. On third down, Harper found Bell with a 23-yard pass to the FSU 34. The Thomasville junior promptly hit Madison with another bullet at the 27. FSU called a judicious time out.

Bell was stopped short on a pitchout but FSU was penalized to the 10 for roughness. Here the FSU line called halts. Don Powell stopped Harper on the 11. Garrard bulled to the five, then to the three. Harris set sail wide on a pitchout but Peamster was there to set him down at the four. Georgia's downs had run out.

With Grinner carrying three of five times, FSU whipped to the 23. But Griner fumbled the third trip and Harper had it for Georgia at the 24. Seven minutes remained.

Harper called one play—the right one. He hit Matthew Arthur with a shot at the goal line and he was over with Georgia's second touchdown. Joe Graff converted and it was 14-0.

It looked worst moments later when MacDonald broke up a Billy Odom-Grenn double reverse and recovered a fumble at the FSU 17.

Harris pounded for four. Bud Leonard was in on the next one to strike quarterback Dick Young for minus five to the 19. Al Mako-wiecki dumped Howard Kelly for a yard loss on the next play and Corso intercepted Young's pass at the six, fought his way to the 16.

Corso skipped to the 24 but a clipping penalty slapped FSU back to the five. Two plays later, Massey punted from the nine and the ball rolled 61 yards to Georgia's 30. However, Georgia clipped on the play and FSU was set up with a first down on its 33.

In the fading seconds, Rodrigue connected with Reynolds on a 33-yard pass play to the Georgia 34. Rodrigue moved around end to the 26 but time ran out on his passes.

THE YARDSTICK

	GA.	FSU
First downs	11	9
By Rushing	8	4
By Passing	3	1
By Penalty	0	2
Yards Gained Rushing		
(net)	143	76
Yards Lost Rushing	31	56
Yards Gained Passing	180	97
Yards Gained Total		
Offense	245	175
Passes Attempted	13	16
Passes Completed	6	6
Number Punts	9	8
Average Punt	41.5	34.9
Number Fumbles	3	4
Fumbles Lost by	1	3
Number Penalties	7	8
Yards Penalized	75	90
Passes Intercepted by	1	4
Touchdowns	2	0
Points after Touchdown	2	0
Field Goals	0	0
Safeties	0	0
Final Score	14	0
GEORGIA	7 0 0	7-14
FSU	0 0 0	0-0

Georgia scoring—Touchdowns: Harper, Arthur. Conversions: Madison, Graff.

Attendance: 19,401.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

GEORGIA

Leading Rushers

	Carried	Gain	Loss	Net Gain	TD's
Garrard	7	58	0	58	0
Clement	7	38	0	38	0

Leading Passers

	Att.	Cmp.	H.Int.	Yds.	TD's
Harper	10	6	2	100	1
Young	3	0	2	0	0

Leading Pass Receivers

	Caught	Yards	TD's
Madison	2	35	0
Bell	1	24	0

Leading Punter

	Number	T. Yards	H. Block.	Ave.
Garrard	3	124	0	41.3

FSU

Leading Rushers

	Carried	Gain	Loss	Net Gain	TD's
Graham	6	37	0	37	0
Griner	8	24	0	24	0

Leading Passers

	Att.	Cmp.	H.Int.	Yds.	TD's
Rodriguez	13	5	0	103	0
Swantic	3	1	1	-6	0

Leading Pass Receivers

	Caught	Yards	TD's
Corso	2	16	0
Reynolds	1	23	0

Leading Punter

	Number	T. Yards	H. Block.	Ave.
Metts	4	165	0	41.3

GEORGIA

Left ends: Wilkins, Roberts.

Left tackles: Griffin, Mosteller, Luck, Fruehauf.

Left guards: Cushenberry, Graff, Spadafino, Fowler.

Centers: Cook, Saye, Carrollton, Nutt, Grubbs.

RG—Shea, Dye, MacDonald, Mitchell.

Right tackle: Brown, White, Van Buren.

Right ends: O'Malley, Clark, Arthur, Monti.

Quarterbacks: Harper, Young, Armistead.

Left halfback: Bell, Williams, Tarleton.

Right halfback: Madison, Harris.

Fullback: Clemens, Garrard, Culpepper, Kelly.

FLORIDA STATE

Left ends: Taylor, Trado, Swilley.

Left tackles: Makowiecki, J. Olsen.

Left guards: J. Jacobs, Baggett, C. Jacobs.

Centers: Crenshaw, Leonard, Culom.

Right guards: Pacifico, Bryant.

Right tackles: Barber, Staab, Powell.

Right ends: Feamster, R. Glenn, Bisbee, Schomburger.

Quarterbacks: Massey, Swantic, Rodrigue, Versprille.

Left halfbacks: Metts, Corso, Reynolds.

Right halfbacks: Graham, C. Glenn, Odom, Weaver.

Fullbacks: Holt, Griner, Cox, Thompson.