

Outgunned Seminoles Suffer Worst Defeat Under Nugent

Candidate For All-America End Spreads It
On Thick As Plainsmen Overpower Tribe

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AUBURN, Ala., Oct. 23—As a photographer from a national magazine caught him in color from the sidelines, end Jim Pyburn spread it on thick for the All-American billing soon to come his way and led Auburn's powerful Plainsmen to a 33-0 trimming of an outgunned Florida State University football team here Saturday afternoon.

Before 15,000 whooping partisans, the 180-pound star turned two passes into 28 and 65-yard gains, setting up one touchdown at the three and scoring on the longer reception. He blocked a punt, helped pave the way to another TD with a nine-yard run on an end-around and did himself proud defensively.

Pressed by FSU defenders all of the afternoon, Pyburn caught only those two passes. They were enough.

The zigging and zagging of half-back Fob James, the masterful quarterbacking of Bobby Freeman and the demon tackling of Bob Scarbrough were other heavy factors that contributed to FSU's worst licking under Tom Nugent.

FSU bowed stubbornly. Three of the Auburn scores came the hard way, from one yard out or

less. The 65-yard pass play and James' 37-yard prance were the flashy ones.

Auburn stepped out to a 7-0 first-quarter lead, marching 45 yards after recovering an FSU fumble with Freeman barging over from the one. It was 20-0 at halftime, with Pyburn's first pass grab paving James' scoring snack from the one and the 65-yard collaboration with Freeman accounting for the third TD.

FINE THIRD QUARTER

The Seminoles banded together for a fine third quarter stand but the Tigers added two touchdowns in the closing quarter on James' 37-yarder, coming after another recovery of an FSU fumble, and Dave Middleton's payoff squeeze from the one foot line following a drive from midfield.

FSU had its moments — notably Buddy Reynolds' 54-yard run that produced a futile threat that extended to the Auburn one—but it was not the Seminoles' day.

Their passing was sharp at times and netted 12 completions from 23 throws for 157 yards. The figures, however, tell little of the story, for Auburn rushed hard and dragged FSU pitchers down for numerous losses.

Auburn hit but three of nine aerials but they were good for 103 yards and the Tigers poured on a ground attack that yielded 296 yards.

STREAK ENDED

The decision ended a three game FSU victory streak, evened the season record at 3-3. For Auburn, it stopped a three game victory drought and brought the Tigers to 2-3 for the campaign.

Two lightning thrusts moved Auburn quickly into FSU territory following the opening kickoff. On the first play, Dave Middleton swept behind fine blocking by Joe Childress 14 yards to the Tiger 35.

After Bob Crenshaw struck Childress for a yard loss and a Bobby Freeman pass fell incomplete, Childress galloped on a draw play 38 yards to the Seminole 28. Al Pacific nailed Childress for minus two in leading a successful stand. Bobby Adams punted over the FSU goal after another pass failed. Len Swantic's 21 yards in two jaunts spurred FSU out of the hole but Billy Graham fumbled when Bob Scarborough hit him and Freeman recovered for Auburn at the FSU 45.

The Tigers scored in eight plays. Big blows were Middleton's 20-yard scamper on the belly play to the 22 and Johnny Adams' 10-yard smash to the five. Freeman crashed over from the one on third down and Childress converted for 7-0.

POWER RUNNING

Some power running by Joe Holt helped FSU to its 40 following the kick but Scarborough slapped Vic Prinzi for minus five to nip that start. Pat Versprille's high punt traveled only 27 yards to the Auburn 38.

Fob James showed his slick elusiveness by evading three tacklers on a five yard run but Freeman slipped and fell for a three yard loss and James' punt was returned by Versprille to the FSU 27.

Prinzi completed a seven yard aerial to Jimmy Trado but Jimmy Long bagged him for minus five the next time. A third pass try failed and Versprille punted 41 yards as the first quarter ended.

In eight plays, with James running eight, six and 33 yards in three trips and Howell Tubbs passing 10 yards to Long for the big ticks, Auburn pounded to the FSU two where Tubbs fumbled and Jerry Jacobs covered it for the Seminoles.

Three runs netted nothing. Buck Metts got a reverse bounce when his punt struck and Auburn had another crack from the FSU 33.

Third down on the 31 and Freeman found Pyburn with a 28-yard pass to the three. James went over from the one on second down and Childress swung his toe for 14-0.

FSU MOVES

After the kick, with Harry Massey in at quarterback, FSU started to move from its 25. Billy Odom got 12. Massey passed to Bud Leonard for four. Odom picked up three more and Massey passed to Tom Feamster for 13 to the Auburn 44.

After Massey lost 11 trying to throw, he hit Graham with a screen pass and it was turned into a 35-yard gain to the Tiger 20. But guard Chuck Maxime socked Massey for a 12-yard loss.

Trying to run on fourth down, Versprille was stopped at the 35. Auburn took over. Freeman promptly hit Pyburn with a bullet at midfield and the sturdy end galloped the rest of the route on a 65-yard touchdown play. Ronnie Schomburger partially blocked Childress' point try and it stood 20-0.

With two minutes to go in the half FSU forged a threat when Ted Rodrigue passed to Versprille for a 46-yard strike to the Auburn 33, but the Tigers held and time ran out.

The FSU Circus and band gave out with a stirring halftime show.

NET GAINS—ZERO

Halftime statistics showed FSU with a net gain of exactly zero rushing and with 113 air yards on six pass completions in 12 throws. Auburn had racked 166 yards on the ground, 133 via air, hitting three of six passes, and had out-first downed the Seminoles, 11 to five.

John Griner brought the second-half kickoff up to the FSU 36. A Swantic pass to Graham moved the Tribe to the 45. Trying to pitch again, Swantic was hit at the 40.

An exchange of punts gave FSU the ball again at its 37. Auburn's air guard was up and FSU got no further than the 41.

There followed another kicking swap with FSU gaining on the transaction after Adams' punt netted but 25 to the 50. The FSU line was looking sharp stopping the plunges of Childress. The hard-charging Tiger forewall was very much in there too.

Rodrigue and Graham were stacked for losses of 10 and five yards back to the 35. Pyburn crashed in to block Prinzi's punt and Auburn had an opportunity at the FSU 27. But the Plainsmen failed to cash it.

Childress fumbled for a four-yard setback. Freeman lost three trying to run on the option. When James, back to punt on fourth down, tried to run, the Seminoles got him at the 38 and took over there.

REYNOLDS GALLOPS

From a winged formation, Reynolds, the freshman from West Palm Beach, took a hand-off and sliced off left tackle on a 54-yard gallop to the Auburn eight. Freeman brought him down. Massey passed to Graham at the three. Then sneaked for two to the one. Here, FSU was denied as George Atkins tackled Holt hard. The fullback fumbled and Freeman nabbed the ball for Auburn at the two.

Auburn moved to its 33 on steady line whacks before punting to the FSU 30 on the first play of the last quarter.

Jerry Elliott's recovery of a Reynolds fumble at the FSU 38 set the stage for Auburn's fourth TD early in the fourth quarter. On third down, James danced 37 yards down the sidelines for the payoff. Tubbs passed to Elliott for the point and 27-0.

Next time they got the ball, the Tigers drove methodically for 52 yards and TD No. 5. James, Childress and Pyburn on a nine-yard end-around were the top guns. Middleton scored from one-foot out. Lee Corso blocked the point attempt to hold it at 33-0.

That was just about the tale. At game's end, Auburn was moving from the shadow of its goal following a 58-yard punt by Buck Metts to the Tiger eight.

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Auburn scoring: Touchdowns,
 James 2, Pyburn, Freeman, Mid-
 dleton. Conversions, Childress 2,
 Elliott.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS AUBURN

Rushing	Runs	Net	Avg.	TD
Childress	18	93	5.2	0
James	13	111	8.5	2
Middleton	6	36	6.0	1

Rushing	Runs	Net	Avg.	TD
Reynolds	3	62	21	0
Odom	2	15	7.5	0
Carso	5	15	3.0	0

Passing	Att.	Com.	H.I.	Yds.	TD
Freeman	7	2	0	93	1
Tubbs	1	1	0	10	0

Passing	Att.	Com.	H.I.	Yds.	TD
Prinzi	3	1	0	7	0
Massey	9	6	0	87	0
Rodrique	6	2	0	55	0
Swantic	5	3	0	8	0

Receiving	No.	Yds.	TD
Pyburn (A)	2	93	1
Long	1	10	0

Receiving	No.	Yds.	TD
Trado	1	7	0
Leonard	1	3	0
Framster	3	44	0
Graham	3	48	0
Versprille	1	46	0
Odom	1	9	0

The lineups:

FLORIDA STATE

Left Ends — Schomburger, Leonard, Taylor, Bisbeen.

Left Tackles — Makowiecki, Powell, Gardner.

Left Guards—J. Jacobs, Gibson, Baggett.

Centers — Crenshaw, Ackerman, Culom, Houser.

Right Guards—Pacifico, C. Jacobs.

Right Tackles—Barner, Staab, Musselman.

Right Ends — Feamster, Trado, R. Grenn.

Quarterbacks—Swantic Massey, Prinzi, Rodrique.

Left Halfs — Corso, Reynolds, Versprille, Paskalaki.

Right Halfs—Graham, Odom, Metts, C. Grenn.

Fullbacks—Griner, Holt, King, Thompson.

AUBURN

Left Ends — Pyburn, Elliott, Sansom, Whatley.

Left Tackles—Rogers, D'Agostino, Warren, Clark.

Left Guards — Scarbrough, Maxime, Higgins.

Centers — Locklear, Strain, Reeves, Johns.

Right Guards—Brame, Atkins, Dan-Jean.

Right Tackles—Neura, Brackett, Terry.

Right Ends—Hall, Long.

Quarterbacks—Freeman, Tubbs.

Left Halfs—Adams, James.

Right Halfs—Middleton, Shell, Whitten.

Fullbacks—Childress, Minor, Walsh.