From the Tallahassee Democrat December 5, 1954
Page 1

Seminoles Held To 13-0 By Aroused Tampa Team;

Massey Passes Yield Two TDs In First Half

Fumbles, Penalties
Hobble FSU

By BILL McGROTHA Democrat Sports Editor

TAMPA, Dec. 4 — An aroused team of Tampa Spartans fought favored Florida State to a last-half standstill here tonight but Harry Massey had thought-fully tucked away two early touchdowns under his passing arm and the Seminoles hung on for a 13-0 victory.

Multiple fumbles hobbled both sides. FSU was further staggered by 80 penalty yards.

Senior Quarterback Massey, who passed for his ninth and tenth touchdowns of an 11-game season. collaborated with Lee Corso on a 28-yard scoring play, then kicked a point that provided a 7-0 lead in the first couple of minutes.

47-YARD PAY-OFF

Halfback Buck Metts picked his way with a Massey pass through a mass of Spartans on a 47-yard payoff run in the second quarter.

Then Tampa closed the door. The Spartans took out after FSU with a vigorous running attack in the closing half and the Seminoles had to battle down Spartan threats at the FSU seven and at the four.

For Sun Bowl-bound FSU, it was victory No. eight in 11 starts. Tampa's loss was its second in nine games. The Spartans play Morris Harvey in the Cigar Bowl here Dec. 17.

Carl Grenn spurred an FSU ground game that Tampa curtailed effectively when it had to. Grenn gained 97 yards in 10 efforts.

A drive after the opening kickoff was checked but FSU still managed a touchdown in the first two minutes. Massey's punt bounced off Tom Spack's chest and Tom Feamster grabbed the ball for FSU at the Tampa 28. Massey evaded a trap, hit Corso with a short pass and the fancy halfback cut wide to score easily. The extra point by Massey made it 7-0.

The keyed-up Tampans fum-

bled away their next chance, too, as Al Pacifico covered Al Leather's bobble at the Spartan's 44. FSU could not cash this one. A push yielded to an aroused defense after penetration to the 24 on Billy Graham's 11-yarder.

Tampa moved into Seminole territory just before the quarter

ended, getting a foot in the door at the FSU 46 as Leathers led a running game.

FSU surmounted 20 yards of penalties in a 77-yard parade to a second TD. Massey's fakepunt pass to John Griner for a gain of 24 was a key play. Buck Metts climaxed it, hauling in a short Massey pass and weaving

through several defenders on a 47-yard jaunt. Massey's point try was wide, leaving it 13-0.

Ray Staab's recovery of a Minahan fumble gave FSU a shot from Tampa's 28. Passes failed to do any harm.

With the help of a pair of 15yard assessments, the Spartans rambled to FSU's 24 late in the half. But that was all.

PENALTY HURTS

Fred Chicado, a bit of slippery' lightning, fired Tampa with a 55-yard runback of the second half kickoff to the FSU 36. But Tampa was offsides and the gem was nullified.

FSU ten tried a futile onside kick, after some confusion, during which the Tampa captain declined to accept the short kick, the Spartans finally got the ball on the FSU 47 when Coach Marcelino Huerta shouted to his team to take the play.

It all proved vain as Feamster intercepted Minahan's pass and took it to the Tampa 49. A penalty knocked the Seminoles back to their 36. Massey passed 13 yards to Feamster, again to Feamster for 11—complete on an interference ruling.

A 15-yard sweep by Buddy Reynolds helped keep FSU rolling to the Tampa 19. The bid came to an abrupt stop as Spack intercepted a Massey pitch at the four.

Things were beginning to perk in this last half. Officials were drawing critics from both sides. FSU muffed opportunity when Carl Grenn tore away on a pitch-out for 55 yards to Tampa's 12. Billy Odom and Grenn moved the ball to the three but freshman quarterback Vic Prinzi was racked for a minus 15 on fourth down and Tampa hopes stayed alive.

TAMPA DRIVE

Tampa was on the march as the final quarter started. With Ken Muznoff and Minahan in the fore of some determined rushing, the Spartans moved from their 18 to the FSU 29. Sub quarterback Mike Skaroulis came in and passed to Jim May for nine. Leathers led to the 12 and Skaroulis ran for a first down at the seven.

FSU called time. Then Nuznoff fumbled and Jimmy Lee Taylor was there to recover for FSU at the nine.

The Seminoles moved out from under the gun but Tampa forged itself another chance when Jos Underko pounced on a Graham fumble at the Spartan 32.

Don Herndon reeled off a 19yarder and Skaroulis dug for 12 to feature a drive to the FSU 22. Nuznoff dashed through the middle 18 yards to a first down on the four.

But Taylor racked Nuznoff for a loss of three on a sweep, and Pacifico stacked Herndon for a minus four. Two passes fent astray and FSU took over with a couple of minutes left. Florida State, burning for another TD, drove to the Tampa 20 in the fading seconds. On the last play, Nuznoff intercepted a Massey pass and steamed 10 yards before he was nailed.

From the Tampa Tribune December 5, 1954 Page 37

Statistics	PT	TOTT
	Tampa	FSU
First downs rushing	19	5
First downs penalties .	1	0
Total first downs	16	14
Yards gained rushing	193	177
Passes attempted	8	19
Passes completed	3	8
	9	1
Passes intercepted by	2	199
Yards gained passing	196	200
Total yards gained Kickoffs, average	35.0	42.0
Total yards KOs retur	med 31	19
Total number of punts	3	4
Punts, average		35.5
	0	0
Blocked punts		3
Fumbles		3
Fumbles lost by	4	90
Yards penalized	25	90

The lineups: Florida state: Left Ends—Leonard, Taylor. Left Tackles—Powell, Taab. Left Guards—Baggett, Gibson, Jacobs. Center-Crenshaw, Cullom. Right Guards—Pacifico, Bryant. Right Tackles—Craig, Barber. Right Ends — Feamster, Schomburger, Bisbee, R. Grenn. Quarterbacks-Massey, Prinzie. Left-Halfbacks-Corso, Metts, Reynolds. Right Halfbacks - Odom, Graham, C. Fullbacks-Holt, Griner, King. Tampa: Left Ends—Sefcik, Knight. Left Tackles—Lovely. Left Guards—Waytovich, Duray. Center-Greene, Onderko. Right Guards—Zalupski, Garcia. Right Tackles—Colvard, Rimoldi. Right Ends-Mayo, McLeod. Quarterbacks-Minahan, Skaroulis. Left Halfbacks-Herndon, Chicado, K. Nuznoff. Right Halfbacks-Spack, B. Nuznoff. Fullbacks-Leathers, Gambrell.

RUSH				
Tam	pa			
Leathers1	1 tries	for	43	yards
Herndon	8 tries	for	40	yards
K. Nuznoff	6 tries	for	36	vards
Chicado	6 tries	for	21	yards
Minahan	7 tries	for	19	
Skaroulis	3 tries	for	18	yards
Spack	3 tries	for	9	yards
Gambrill			7	yards
FS		-		2
Graham		for	52	yards
Reynolds	4 tries			yards
Grenn	9 tries		35	yards
Corso				vards
Holt				yards
Massey				vards
Odom				
Griner				yard
Prinzi				
PASS	ING	777	-	2 44 440
Tam				
Skaroulis 4	passes	for	2	vands
Minahan 4	passes	for	ī	vard
Minahan 4	U		-	Sure
Massey14				
Prinzi 4	passes	for	30	vards
Corso 1				