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With Lee Corso wheeling deftly in his new role as quarterback, and Bobby Renn dealing from a fast-running deck, Florida State poured it on Ohio University, 47-7, in an opening football game here Saturday night.

It was the most points ever scored against an Ohio U. team under one-time national "coach of the year" Carroll Widdoes. And it was the first opening-game setback in Widdoes' nine seasons with the Bobcats.

The crowd of 18,312—one of the largest turnouts in FSU history—saw the Seminoles let loose a balanced attack that brought three touchdowns on the ground, three via air and another on a pass interception.

SMART WORK

Looking mighty like the sharple, Coach Tom Nugent hoped he would turn out, ex-halfback Corso handled the reins superbly. Twice he threw touchdown passes to end Bob Nellums, a junior college graduate out of Pensacola from whom much more is bound to be heard later.

Corso, throughout, was a passing-running threat that Ohio simply did not know how to stop. He was the game's leading runner on 104 yards in 13 carries and hit on three of five passes for 51 yards.

Renn, like Nellums playing his first FSU game, scored twice, on a 15-yard run and a 34-yard runback of a pass interception. In 11 rushing efforts, the speedy Davidson College transfer netted 90 yards.

Other FSU touchdowns were added by end Ham Hiles, on a 25-yard pass from Len Swann, Buck Metts from four yards out, and Billy Weaver on an 8-yard end sweep.

Ohio's lone TD came on one of the last plays of the first half.

was assessed a whopping 150 yards in penalties.

FSU went all the way from the opening kickoff, covering 75 yards in 10 plays.

Corso faked a handoff, then tore around end for 26 yards to the Ohio 49 on the first scrimmage play. Buck Metts dug for five, Bobby Renn for ten and three. Corso picked up six, then overshot Ronald Schomburger with an end-zone pass. After a quarterback sneak netted two to the 23, Metts hit the middle for 11 more. But Corso, trying to sweep, was decked back on the 23 by end Walt Gawronski.

Back to pass, Corso was apparently trapped but evaded three Ohioans and threw on the run to Bob Nellums, who grabbed it on the 12 and scored as Joe Holt blocked the only man that could have nailed him.

Johnny Sheppard's kick made it 7-0.

Quickly, FSU got another. Jim Hiles brought the kickoff back to

the Ohio 25, fumbled when hit and tackle John Craig recovered for the Seminoles.

Len Swantic, at the helm of the No. 2 unit, immediately lined up in the "I" formation, sent his fullback plunging up the middle on a familiar fake, and passed to Ham Bisbee for six points. Bisbee grabbed the ball on the 10, danced easily the rest of the way.

It was a play similar to that Swantic worked in the opener here last year against N. C. State, one that worked and won, 7-0.

After this mid-first-quarter hot streak, the Seminoles simmered down considerably.

Next time Swantic tried to throw, from his own 20, Hilles was there to intercept at the FSU 41. The Bobcats whacked away on running plays to the 28 and a personal-foul penalty got them to the eight. Norm Leggett gained two yards but the luckless Hilles fumbled on the following run and big George Boyer made it FSU's ball at the two.

Corso got FSU out of the hole with keep-gains of ten and nine yards. A holding penalty ripped FSU britches, however. On the punt, Renn got a bad center snap and end Nick Petroff whipped through to partially block the boot. The Bobcats had a chance from FSU's 26.

With Larry Buckles leading the ground charge, the visitors got to the 11. But no farther as passes went awry, with fullback Molt doing some apt defending.

Shortly before halftime, Schomburger blocked an Ohio punt at the FSU 40. Big guard Al Pacifico picked up the free ball and lumbered with it 45 yards to the Ohio 15, where quarterback Charles Stobart brought him down from behind.

Right away, Corso gave the ball to Renn, who drove off right tackle, cut back neatly and scored.

Sheppard added his second point for 20-0.

Still, Ohio U. had time to pound out a touchdown before the second quarter ran out.

Don Wirtz brought the kick back 18 yards to the Ohio 41. Suddenly, the Ohio rushing attack started clicking off short yardage. With Hilles, Wirtz and Leggett taking turns, the Bobcats moved to the FSU 29.

McBride passed to Leggett at the 16. Leggett struck off five yards, eight and then one. Hilles pilled over the left side for the TD from two-yards range. Al Christopher converted.

After the kickoff, FSU had an anxious moment when penalized back to its one. But Priest sneaked up to the five as the half ended, 20-7.

FSU quickly repulsed Ohio's initial third-quarter efforts, then rode 66 yards for touchdown No. 4 in six plays.

Renn started it with a swift burst for 23 yards to Ohio's 43. Corso passed to Holt for 11. Renn ran for six but FSU drew a clipping penalty back to the 38. Corso kept and swept to the 25. Metts went wide for eight. On a bootleg sweep, Corso dropped a pass into the hands of Nellums, all alone in the end zone. Sheppard's kick brought it to 27-7.

With Renn a-romping, FSU was away toward No. 5 a couple of minutes later. The Seminoles had things set up for them when Schomburger partially blocked a punt that netted 24 yards and stopped on the Ohio 43.

Renn racked 18 yards in three tries and Vic Prinzi got 11 in two. Another penalty socked the Seminoles for minus 15. Renn passed to Metts for 13 to the 13. Swantic swept to the five but the Tribe was taxed 15 more yards. Renn dashed through, lateralled to center Troy Barnes for a 14-yard gain to the four. Metts went wide for the touchdown. Corso ran the point over, kayoing a would-be tackler en route, making it 34-7.

Early in the final period, Renn and Corso teamed up for a little lateral razzle-dazzle that netted 20 and Metts raked off 20 more to put FSU in business at the Ohio 20. A fumble stopped it.

Renn brought a payoff seconds later, however, when he intercepted a McBride pass at the 20 and steamed 35 yards behind all-out blocking for TD No. 6. Sheppard made it four conversions in so many kicks for 41-7.

Another interception, this time by Swantic, gave FSU a shot from the Ohio 37. Billy Weaver sailed for 22. After Billy Odum lost three, Prinzi came in to connect with Bisbee on a 10-yard pass. From the eight, on fourth down, Weaver sprinted around right end for the score. Nellums missed the point kick, leaving things at 47-7.

Ohio 7 0 0 0
 Florida State 13 7 14 15
 Ohio scoring: Touchdowns—Barnes (2, plunge). Conversion: Christopher.
 Florida State scoring: Touchdowns—Nellums (2) (13, pass and run; 13, pass), Bisbee (13, pass and run), Renn (2) (15, run and 30, run before intercepted pass), Metts (5, run), Weaver (8, run). Conversions—Sheppard (4), Corso (run).

The Yardstick

	Ohio U.	FSU
First Downs	18	18
Rushing Yardage	143	228
Passing Yardage	18	99
Passes	2-11	6-18
Passes Intercepted by	1	3
Punts	6-26	2-13
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Yards Penalties	5	150