

## Seminoles Blank N. C. State

# By 14 To 0

### 62, 35-Yard Runs By Corso Bring Victory

### FSU Controls Ball, Bottles Up Wolfpack

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RALEIGH, N.C., Oct. 13—Unable to cut any ice with several early chances, Florida State came back on the twinkling feet of Leo Corso for two last-half touchdowns and a satisfying 14-0 victory over surprised North Carolina State here tonight.

Coach Tom Nugent's Floridians gave the Wolfpack a decisive lesson in ball-control tactics as they totalled up their fourth straight triumph over a slightly favored foe. N.C. State had the ball for only 40 offensive plays, and most of those came late in the game when FSU had packaged this one up.

FSU ran or passed 74 times, ran up 17 first downs to its opponent's six. N.C. State intercepted a pair of passes, recovered three FSU fumbles that kept the Seminoles from an even bigger statistical margin.

#### CORSO RUNS WELL

Quarterback Corso, completing five of 10 passes and running up 108 yards rushing in 10 carries, cracked things open in the third quarter when he weaved 35 yards to score.

Early in the final period, Corso set sail with a punt 62 yards to the N. C. State 10-yard line. Three plays later, Vic Prinzi passed eight yards to end Bob Nellums for a second TD. It was Nellum's fourth scoring catch of the season.

Johnny Sheppard, a Tallahassee boy, kicked points after both touchdowns, running his record to seven out of seven.

In FSU territory only one time in the first half—and that but barely at the 49—N. C. State gave FSU almost no trouble with its vaunted multiple offense. It

was the first time the Wolfpack had been held scoreless since the Seminoles won out, 7-0, in an opening game at Tallahassee last season.

Only in the last seven minutes, with FSU virtually home free, did the Wolfpack seriously threaten. Passes finally carried N. C. State over the FSU goal but a penalty nullified Bill Franklin's 12-yard shot to John Collar.

It was a remarkable FSU effort, considering that both regular linebackers on its No. 2 unit—Fullback Eddie Johnson, Center Bud Leonard—were hobbled with injuries and played little. Ace Halfback Bobby Renn, also injured, played but briefly.

A slim crowd of 10,000 on a fair, cool night watched unbelievably as FSU pretty well monopolized the action from the kickoff.

Florida State had plenty of first-half opportunity.

N. C. State received the opening kick, had to punt after reeling off one first down.

Starting from their 36, the Seminoles penetrated to the Wolfpack 36. Billy Weaver's running, spaced with sneaks by Lee Corso and short passes to Joe Holt for 10 and eight yards, had them rolling. A third passing try failed, however. Bobby Renn's punt went out of bounds on the 15. FSU's second unit came in.

Two plays later, Dick Hunter fumbled and Vic Prinzi recovered for FSU at the 22. Prinzi was stopped for no gain and Stan Dobosz lost a yard. A third-down pass was intercepted by Dick

Christy at the one-foot line.

Hunter punted to midfield and Dobosz returned to the 37. FSU's first unit was back in now.

Weaver got five, Corso six, Weaver four, eleven and three—all the way to the eight. Here Corso turned to the pass. One fell incomplete. Weaver fumbled but Corso recovered. Then Hunter intercepted a Corso throw at the four.

The quarter ended as Corso returned a punt 15 yards to the Wolfpack 31.

Corso ripped off 10 yards. Weaver picked up eight to the 12 in three carries. On fourth down, needing two, Corso tried a sweep, was hit hard, fumbled and N. C. State recovered at the 15.

Backed up, N. C. State's multiple offense couldn't click, thanks largely to the driving defensive work of Ronald Schomburger. The Wolfpack punted but had to do it over again from the one after a holding penalty.

Metts took the ball and returned 10 yards to the 23. A Weaver to Len Swantic lateral lost two. A handoff was fumbled and the Wolfpack pounced on it at the 28.

A quick-kicked by Tony Guerrier, on third down caught PSU with its defenses down and the ball rolled 60 yards to the PSU 10 and Prinzi was hit after a 3-yard return. The Seminoles moved up to their 37 before slowing and punting.

Two minutes before the half N. C. State got across midfield for the first time, on a 10-yard scamper by Hunter to the PSU 49. But End Bob Fountain rose up to sock quarterback Tom Kahich for a loss of six and Joe McGee swept in from his guard post to deck Kahich for minus 10 on the next play. That put an end to that.

The two teams swapped punts early in the third period and FSU started anew from its 14, drove 86 yards in just eight plays for a payoff.

After Billy Odom got a couple, Corso tore loose for 19 to the 35. Weaver bucked for two. Corso rolled out and hit Bob Nellums with a pass at the N. C. State 42 for a gain of 21.

#### **RENN TAKES TURN**

Another pass missed. Renn entered the game for his first running try, got only a yard. Corso slanted off right guard for five.

It was fourth and five at the 35. Corso rolled out to his left, got sharp blocking, cut back and went the distance. Johnny Sheppard came in to kick the point for 7-0.

Minutes later FSU forged another threat. Prinzi sailed a 14-yard pass into the arms of Carmen Battaglia at the N. C. State 36. Clipping was called, however, and the bid was nipped. Metts punted out nicely, a 45-yarder out of bounds on the five.

Hunter punted back and FSU started from its 47. Corso found Nellums with a pass but the end fumbled. Christy got it for the home team as time ran into the last quarter.

#### DEFENSE LOCK TIGHT

N. C. State still couldn't unlock FSU's defense. From the 31, Christy punted.

Corso gathered in the ball at the 28, faked a reverse handoff, struck out down the sidelines, cut toward the middle and was all the way to the N. C. State 10 before Christy, the kicker, got

him.

Prinzi came in at quarterback. Dobosz and Metts got but two y. : between them as they hit the middle. Then Prinzi, on the familiar rollout to the right, found Nellums on the five with a running throw and the big fellow cruised into the end zone. Sheppard again kicked the point, and the scoreboard read 14-0.

A short punt that took a backward bounce provided FSU with still another shot, this time from the Wolfpack 49. That one played out as N. C. State tightened up sharply after Swantic ran to the 39.

Thrown back to its 45, FSU punted to the Wolfpack 30. From there, with Bill Franklin heaving passes, N. C. State started romping.

Big lick was a Franklin strike to Hunter at the FSU 39, a gain of 31. A bit later Hunter connected with Christy on a 22-yard pass play that carried to the 12. Franklin threw to end John Collar for an apparent touchdown but N. C. State was detected holding, got slapped back to the 30. Franklin hit Hunter with a 10-yarder, then end Jern Lowe for eight more to the 12. On fourth down, Collar, clear in the end zone, dropped Hunter's pass. FSU took over with three minutes left.

The Seminoles moved to mid-field. Ted Rodrigue was vainly trying to find some pass receivers as the game ended.

## FIGURE STORY

|                          | N. C. ST. | FSU  |
|--------------------------|-----------|------|
| First down—Rushing       | 2         | 11   |
| First down—Passing       | 3         | 6    |
| First down—Penalty       | 1         | 0    |
| Total First Downs        | 6         | 17   |
| Yards gain—Rushing       | 89        | 243  |
| Yards lost—Rushing       | 32        | 74   |
| Net Yards Rushing        | 57        | 169  |
| Number of Rushes         | 27        | 61   |
| Avg. Gain Per Rush       | 2.1       | 2.8  |
| Forward passes attempted | 13        | 13   |
| Forward passes completed | 5         | 7    |
| Passes intercepted       | 2         | 0    |
| Yards Gained Passing     | 96        | 94   |
| Number of punts          | 10        | 5    |
| Punting yardage          | 412       | 166  |
| Punts had blocked        | 0         | 0    |
| Punting Average          | 41.2      | 33.2 |
| Fumbles committed by     | 1         | 6    |
| Fumbles lost by          | 1         | 3    |
| Yards penalized          | 45        | 55   |

#### PASSING

|        | Att. | Cmp. | Int. | Yds. | TD |
|--------|------|------|------|------|----|
| Corso  | 10   | 5    | 1    | 74   | 0  |
| Prinzi | 3    | 2    | 1    | 23   | 1  |

#### RUSHING

|          | No. | Gain | Lost | Net | Avg. |
|----------|-----|------|------|-----|------|
| Corso    | 10  | 102  | 4    | 108 | 10.8 |
| Metts    | 9   | 19   | 6    | 13  | 1.4  |
| Holt     | 2   | 9    | 0    | 9   | 4.5  |
| Weaver   | 20  | 43   | 8    | 35  | 2.9  |
| Dobosz   | 5   | 6    | 1    | 5   | 1.0  |
| Prinzi   | 2   | 6    | 3    | -3  | —    |
| Swantic  | 5   | 11   | 13   | -2  | —    |
| Rodrigue | 2   | 0    | 39   | -39 | —    |
| Renn     | 5   | 19   | 0    | 19  | 3.8  |
| Odom     | 1   | 2    | 0    | 2   | 2.0  |

#### PUNTING

|       | No. | Yds. | Avg. | Bk. |
|-------|-----|------|------|-----|
| Renn  | 2   | 54   | 27.0 | 0   |
| Metts | 3   | 112  | 37.3 | 0   |

#### PUNT RETURNS

|        | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD |
|--------|-----|------|------|----|
| Holt   | 1   | 8    | 8.0  | 0  |
| Dobosz | 1   | 14   | 14.0 | 0  |
| Corso  | 4   | 75   | 18.8 | 0  |
| Metts  | 1   | 10   | 10.0 | 0  |
| Prinzi | 1   | 5    | 5.0  | 0  |
| Odom   | 1   | 11   | 11.0 | 0  |

#### PASS RECEIVING

|           | No. | Yds. | TD |
|-----------|-----|------|----|
| Holt      | 3   | 28   | 0  |
| Nellums   | 3   | 53   | 1  |
| Battaglia | 1   | 13   | 0  |

#### KICKOFF RETURNS

|       | No. | Yds. | TD |
|-------|-----|------|----|
| Metts | 1   | 20   | 0  |