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A steamed-up Florida State football team, applying the pressure both early and late, clobbered Furman into 42-7 submission here Saturday afternoon.

Stars and substitutes—including some who had seen scarcely a breath of action since the Seminoles routed Ohio U., 47-7, in the opener — all played a determined hand, as though they had a personal score to settle with the startled visitors.

But it was nothing personal. Chastened by errors in a 20-7 loss to Miami last week, the Seminoles had been a rather grim crew all week. Furman just happened along.

## FANCY PASSING

There were large contributions from several sources, but notably from Lee Corso, Bobby Renn and Len Swantic. Corso and Swantic passed for two touchdowns apiece. Renn scored two. Corso was at his best, passing for 51 yards and running for 87 more. He hit on five of eight throws. He got those 87 running in just nine carries, including one lick for 57 yards.

Renn ripped off 119 yards in 16 runs. And he caught four passes for 49.

Swantic, who played not at all in the previous two games, completed four of five passes for 89 yards. Ted Rodrigue connected on three of four as the

Seminoles ended with a fancy aerial showing of 12 strikes in 17 attempts.

#### SCORING STORY

Approximately 9,000 fans sat happily in the sunshine as FSU scored, in succession, on Corso's 21-yard pass to Renn, Corso's 5yard pass to Joe Holt, Swantic's 14-yard pass to Eddie Johnson, Renn's 10-yard run, Buck Metts' 1-yard plunge, Swantic's 17-yard pass to Jim Arnold.

Point-specialist Johnny Sheppard kicked all three of his efforts through, running his seaton's record to 15 of 16. Only one he missed Villanova blocked.

Corso added two extra points and Bob Nellums one as the Seminoles had a perfect day in he department.

It was "Dad's Day" and the athers of 20 Seminoles were on hand for the pleasant occasion.

Furman turned in some courageous work here and there, notably with its running game in the first half, but tired badly in the fourth quarter. The Hurrianes went away with their sixth setback of the season, against t lone victory over Citadel, 7-0. It was FSU's fourth triumph against three losses and a tie n eight games. A LATE SPLURGE

Midway the game FSU was in front, 21-0. A Furman touchlown that cut the score to 21-7 in the third quarter apparently irritated the Tribe no end. They replied with 21 more ponits in the last 15 minutes.

Furman's one-and-only score came on Billy Baker's 1-foot plunge on the heels of the longest march of the day, 82 yards. FSU scored first time it got the ball, after Furman had received the kickoff and failed to move.

Renn returned a punt 11 yards to the Furman 45 and the Seminoles moved to a payoff from

there in seven plays. The smashes of Metts and Renn led to the 15. After end Tom Avery trapped Corso for a loss of six, the quarterback flipped a short pass to Renn just over the line, Renn lit out for the sidelines and slid into the end zone corner for the touchdown as he was tackled.

Sheppard kicked his point for 7-0 with five minutes gone in the game.

## THREAT NIPPED

Furman came charging back with a brisk ground attack that carried 55 yards to the FSU 8. Feature play of the push was Billy Baker's lateral to Jerry Penland for a gain of 22. Penland very nearly went the distance, was finally pulled down on the 8. FSU's first unit hustled back in to contain the threat, with ends Ron Schomburger and Bob Fountain getting in the big licks. Two running plays lost four, two passes were wild and FSU took over on the 12. Spurred by a 13-yard Corso pass to Holt and an 18-yard Corso dash, the Seminoles scooted across the midfield stripe but got shackled with an illegal-receiver-downfield penalty on a pass and had to give up. Metts' punt was a dilly. 60 yards to the six.

FSU counted TD No. 2 early in the second quarter. Renn's running highlighted a 46-yard drive that was capped by Corso's 5-yard pass to Holt in the end zone. Sheppard converted to make it 14-0.

Shifting into the "I" formation for the first time, Furman still displayed some running steam and whipped downfield to the FSU 34 with Penland in the fore. Guard Bob Elliott slipped through to deck Baker for minus seven, crimping that bid.

## ODOM LOCISE

Two minutes before halftime FSU scored again. It was a 73yard trip. Billy Odom caught a 15-yard pass from Ted Rodrigue to start it. Two plays later, Odom found a hole and maneuvered 34 yards to the Furman 29. A penalty slapped FSU back to the 44. Swantic replaced Rodrigue and

shot a screen pass to Johnson 10 yards away. Johnson picked up a squad of blockers and stepped smoothly along a clear sidelines path for six points. On a fake kick for the point, Corso ran wide to extend things to 21-0.

Corso provided a flashy lasthalf start, sprinting on the passrun option 57 yards to the Furman 8 on the first scrimmage play of the third quarter. But two plays later a fumble on a pitchout to Metts was gobbled up by Furman's Hinton Davis at the 5. After Furman rose up to corral another FSU threat at its 33, the Hurricanes paraded 82 yards to a touchdown.

Ray Nickles' running plus a penalty helped Furman out of the hole. Then Baker passed 14 yards to Avery at the FSU 42. Jackie Powers tore down the sidelines for 23 to the 19. From the 16. Baker passed to Avery for a first down on the 2. Three runs later, Baker sneaked across. Ed Hansen kicked the point, narrowing it to 21-7.

The fourth quarter was barely underway when FSU retaliated with its fourth touchdown. It was a 53-yard march that saw Renn slash through the line for 36 yards, including the last 24. He scored from the 10. Sheppard swung his toe for 28-7.

#### **GET A FUMBLE**

With four minutes left, the Seminoles got another. Opportunity came when FSU end Ham Bisbee recovered a Powers fumble at the Furman 35. Renn and Metts dug for short yardage. Corso swept 15 yards to the 2, from where Metts pounded over. Nellums converted this time and it stood 35-7.

Not satisfied, FSU worked succesfully an onside kick that Renn covered at the Furman 45. Swantic passed to Wes Minton for eight yards, to Renn for 18, and finally to Jim Arnold for 17. Arnold made a falling catch in the end zone. Corso tried his foot at point-kicking and creased the uprights for a conclusive 42-7.

Furman was futilely knocking inside the FSU 10 when the minutes ran out.

# The Yardstick

|                       | Furman | I FSU  |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|
| First Downs           | 6      | 16     |
| Rushing Yardage       | 154    | 279    |
| Passing Yardage       | 83     | 166    |
| Passes                | 4-8    | 12-17  |
| Passes Intercepted by | 0      | 0      |
| Punts                 | 7-31.5 | 3-40.3 |
| Fumbles Lost          | 1      | 1      |
| Yards Penalized       | 15     | 77     |

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