

## Seminoles Subdue Sewanee 14-8 After Bitter Battle

### 12,033 Fans Watch FSU Come From Behind

Florida State University's Seminoles had to struggle, strain and then pull out all the stops in a second half comeback to subdue a stubborn Sewanee eleven 14-8 before a record Homecoming crowd in Doak S Campbell Stadium yesterday afternoon.

While an estimated crowd of 12,033 homecoming fans watched in dismay, the Purple Tigers from Tennessee, a three-to-four-touch-down underdog before they trotted out on the turf, battled Coach Don Veller's big Indians on even terms throughout the first half and then clawed out a 2-0 margin in the second half before the tide finally turned.

The Seminoles, who apparently came to life after Harry Bringger had fallen in the end zone while trying to run a fumbled punt out past the goal line, giving Sewanee a safety, struck quickly for scores in the third and fourth period to avoid another one of the startling upsets that have marked this 1950 football season.

#### HEWITT GRABS, RUNS

Late in the third period Ted Hewitt, an offensive end who doubles in brass as a defensive back, hauled in a Tiger pass on his own 46-yard line and fled 54 yards for a touchdown that put FSU out in front 6-2.

Little Ernie Huggett upped the ante to 7-2 with a perfect placement.

Early in the fourth period the Seminoles' Wayne Benner gathered in a punt on the Purple and White 45-yard line and hauled it back to the 20-yard line to set up the second score.

It took FSU only two plays to score from there as they finally flashed some of the scoring power that has kept them among the nation's unbeaten and untied elevens this fall.

Reserve fullback Dick Turk knifed off tackle for seven yards to the Sewanee 13. Nelson Italiano, junior halfback from Tampa, who was the offensive spark of the sluggish Indian attack, wheeled around his own left end at that point, picked up a key block from Turk on the six and then dived into "coffin corner" at the south end of the field, barrelling into a

Tiger defender on the goal line and carrying him and the ball both across for the score.

Huggett drew another bead from placement to give Veller's Garnet and Gold legions a 14-2 margin.

#### TIGERS RALLY

That should have been the blow that broke the Tigers' backs, but it wasn't. Instead the Tigers came right back and rode the pitching arm of halfback Dave Wendel to a score that put the fans back on the edges of their seats until the final whistle blew.

Starting on his own 42-year line, Wendell pitched four times in six plays to move the Tigers 58 yards through the air for the final score.

The payoff pitch was a five-yard shot into the end zone that Caywood Gunby, a DeLand boy, grabbed for the money after it had been deflected off the hands of a Seminole defender.

End Bill Porter, who had nabbed two of Wendel's passes en route to the score, including a 33-yarder that he snatched from two Indians on the five yard line, had two chances to convert the point, but missed them both.

The game ended after Sewanee had kicked off short to FSU.

## TENTH STRAIGHT

The win was FSU's second six-point triumph over Sewanee in this series, and it was just as bitter as the 6-0 triumph they gained up in the Tennessee mountains last fall.

For the record it was FSU's 10th consecutive triumph over a two-year span and their fifth in the current campaign. It was also the 21st win in 23 games that they have racked up under the tutelage of Don Veller.

The loss was Sewanee's fourth of the year against only one victory.

The first half was a dull defensive struggle marked and marred by poor punting and a series of pass interceptions which prevented either team from hitting paydirt though they each had several opportunities.

FSU's 85-piece band, sporting their new name the "Marching Chiefs" which was derived from a "name the band" contest, put on a colorful halftime show that came as a welcome relief after the somewhat lulling effects of the first two periods.

## FIRST QUARTER

Jones took Huggett's opening kickoff from his 25 to the 31, and the Purple Tigers got their offense in gear without any waste motion. A McKeithan-Lamb pass was good for one first down to the 45, and McKeithan hit Mulkin with another aerial that went to the FSU 39. Hewitt bobbed up on the 25 to steal McKeithan's next pass, however, and the Seminoles took over.

A penalty set the Seminoles back, and Italiano punted out on Sewanee's 48. The Indians gained ground when Wakefield's return boot went out on FSU's 37, but the advantage was short-lived as Jones intercepted Italiano's pass on his own 46 and raced to the 30.

The Indians held and Wakefield kicked out on the Seminole 26, slicing another hoot off the side of his foot and bouncing the ball into the stands.

The Seminoles got their first down of the game on Italiano's 14-yard run around right end, but the attack bogged down again and Italiano punted dead to the 7. A Wakefield-Hall pass was good for Sewanee's third first down of the game to the 20, but Arnold intercepted McKeithan's pass on the 17 to set up the Seminoles' first real threat. The Indians rumbled to the 9, but the Tigers held and took over there as the period ended.

## SECOND QUARTER

Wakefield punted 36-yards to Bringger who returned four to the 45, and the fans began to stir in their seats. Sellers bulled for three and then speared Eubanks with a jump pass that carried to the 30 for FSU's second first down.

Gladden and Sellers got two apiece to the 24, but Italiano's pass misfired and Bringger's aerial was just off Eubanks' fingertips in the end zone.

Lamb got five on an end-around and Hall moved to a first down, Sewanee's fourth, on the 35. But the Tigers lost their touch and Wakefield punted to Bringger who fumbled and recovered on his own 28.

A seven-yard dash around end by Italiano and a 15-yard penalty against the Tigers gave FSU its third first down on the Tiger 46, but three long Indian passes failed and Italiano punted to the Sewanee 19.

The Tigers took to the air again,

Benner intercepting on his 44 and coming back to the 46, but FSU's air attack misfired again and Italiano punted dead to the 19.

Nichopoulos got eight yards and the Tigers were working from their own 27 as the half ended 0-0.

### THIRD QUARTER

Hewitt carried Keyser's second half kickoff from his 40 to the 41, and on the first running play the Seminoles set the stands buzzing with a jump pass from Italiano to Eubanks that carried to Sewanee's 42. When Italiano slashed to the 37 the big crowd thought the Indians were finally on the march, but it was another false alarm. The running attack failed after being slowed by a penalty and Benner punted out on the Tiger 16.

Wakefield punted high to Bringer on the 41, and he returned to the Sewanee 47. Two running plays and a jump pass from Sellers to Hewitt moved the leather to the Purple 20, but Mulkin stole Italiano's aerial on the 14 and brought it back to the point of origin.

The Tigers chugged up to the 38, then Wakefield kicked a high twisting spiral that Bringer tried to field on the 9. The ball got away from him into the end zone and Bringer fell back there for a safety when trying to run the ball out and Sewanee had a 2-0 lead.

On the free kick that followed Huggett kicked from his 20 to Mulkin on the 21, and the tiny Tiger came back to the 47. Wakefield punted to Bringer who returned eight yards to the 29. Sellers and Italiano punched out a first down on their 41, but FSU took to the air and Morrow intercepted on his 40 and returned to the 43.

On the next play Nichopoulos tried to pass down the middle, Hewitt grabbed the ball on his own 46 and raced 54 yards to a touchdown with the aid of a key block on the Tiger 35.

Huggett converted and it was 7-2 with three minutes of playing time remaining in the period.

Gunby took Huggett's short kickoff on his 28 and returned to the 35 where he was hit hard and fumbled. Woodrich flopped on the leather there, and FSU was in scoring position again.

Italiano circled right end to the 13 after apparently being stopped on the 23, but the Tigers rose up and threw the Indians back to the 21 where they took over.

### FOURTH QUARTER

Wakefield kicked out to the FSU 44, and the Seminoles started to roll. Bringer dashed 12 to the Tiger 44 for FSU's eighth first down. After Gray and Sellers had picked up nine in two carries, Gladden sneaked for another first down on the 33.

Bringer, Gray and Turk charged to the 20 to move the chains again, but the Tigers finally braced and took over on their 12.

The Tigers ground out a first down on their 22, but stalled and Wakefield kicked out to Benner on the Tiger 45. He returned to the 20 and the Seminoles finally flashed some of their scoring power. Turk cracked left tackle for seven to the 13, and Italiano swept around right end and dived into coffin corner for a score after Turk's block on the six had cleared the way.

Huggett converted and it was 14-2.

Sewanee returned the kickoff to the 40, but had to kick. Wakefield booted to Hewitt who came back from his 26 to the 48 Sewanee where he fumbled and Wendell recovered for the Tigers. Wendell passed to Miller on the FSU 42 and to Porter on the 38 for a first down. Wendell cranked up and pitched to Porter on the five, where the big end snatched the ball away from two Seminoles.

Two running plays lost a yard, then Wendell passed into the end zone where Gunty grabbed the ball after it had glanced off an Indians' hands. Porter's kick was no good and the game ended 14-8 after a short kickoff.

## STATISTICS

	F.S.U.	U of S
First downs	11	7
Net yards gained rushing	164	87
Net yards gained forward passing	41	91
Forward passes attempted	15	17
Forward passes completed	3	9
Forward passes intercepted by	3	3
Punting average, yards	31.1	34.8
Number of fumbles	1	3
Opponent's fumbles recovered	1	1
Total yards lost penalties	26	55
Individual yardage from scrimmage:		
F.S.U.—Sellers 14 in 9, Italiano 85 in 13; Gray 17 in 6, Bringger 21 in 4.		
Sewanee—McKeithen—17 in 8, Sorrell 23 in 6.		

## Score by periods:

Florida State	0	0	7	7—14
Sewanee	0	0	2	6—8
Florida State scoring touchdowns: Hewitt, Italiano. Conversions: Huggett 2.				
Sewanee scoring touchdowns: Gunby. Safety: Bringger (fell back of own goal).				

## FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Left end—Hewitt, Arnold, Powell.  
Left tackle—Kendrick, Maltby, Szczepanik, Hoppe.

Left guard—Schmelz, Dawkins, Dennis.

Center—Kalenich, May, Lockard, O'Connell, McPherson.

Right guard—Osha, O'Neal, Miller.

Right tackle—Baker, Wodrich, Lombardi, Mero.

Right end—Eubanks, Hedricks, Thomas.

Quarterback—Gladden, Driver, Huey, Linton.

Left half—Italiano, Peterson, Benner.

Right half—Gray, Bringger, Huggett.

Fullback—Sellers, Turk, Bradley.

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Left end—Lamb, Rox, Miller.

Left tackle—Whitaker, Keyser.

Left guard—Willard, Speer.

Center—Heath, Lindsay.

Right guard—Reed, Anderson.

Right tackle—Elam, Thomas.

Right end—Nichols, Robertson, Porter, Wakefield.

Quarterback—McDavid, Gunby, Hall.

Left half—McKeithen, Sorrell.

Right half—Mulkin, Nichopoulos, Morrow.

Fullback—Jones, Watkins, Wendel.