

Seminoles Roll Over Stetson For Impressive 27-7 Victory

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MUNICIPAL STADIUM, DeLand, Nov. 11.—Florida State University's Seminoles, who have resembled a sleeping giant during most of their 1950 campaign, awoke with a start here Friday night and jabbed, punched and pounded Stetson's Hatters into submission in a 27-7 triumph that left most of a record crowd of 6,000 stunned and subdued.

Opening up their offense with a series of flanker plays, jump passes and pitch-outs, the Indians gave by far their most impressive performance of the season and at times approached the brilliance which marked their 19-6 upset victory over Wofford in Tampa's Cigar Bowl.

The Seminoles had worked two weeks getting ready for this big-state squabble with the Hatters, and the time wasn't wasted.

Fiery, determined and quick to take advantage of the breaks, FSU shot off to a 13-0 lead in the first four minutes, scored again on a beautiful 57-yard pass play at the end of the first half and then had enough left for one final touchdown thrust in the fourth period.

The game, which attracted around 1,500 more fans than Stetson has ever been able to lure into their cement stadium in the past, was a rough renewal of a series that started in 1947 and has grown fiercer every year.

The tackles and the blocks were layed on for keeps. FSU was hitting harder, and as the game went on it was apparent that the Indians were carrying too many guns for the Green and White eleven.

There was stars aplenty in the Seminole skies, but four players stood out above the constellation. They were Mike Sellers and Bill Dawkins, whose linebacking arrested the Hatter running game, and Tommy Brown and Wayne Benner whose pass defense work was brilliant.

Sellers, a raging demon on the defense, was credited with 16 tackles during the game.

Brown, making his first appearance in the Seminole lineup since injuring his shoulder against Randolph-Macon in the second game of the season, intercepted three passes, punted well and handled the safety chores with polish considering the fact that he had difficulty raising the injured arm.

Veller, a master at building a defense, was set for the Hatters with 5-3-3, 6-2-2-1 and 4-4 setups, and the Indian forwards harried and rushed Hatter air ace Bill Johnson on every play. The tall quarterback completed only six of 19 attempts, but he handled the ball with the smoothness of a pickpocket and never quit trying.

On the offense, of course, it was Nelson Italiano who set the spark. Running hard and then harder, and passing with surprising accuracy and coolness, Italiano was there to set the spark every time the Indians needed to move.

One play when passing from the very edge of his own end zone, he was as cool as a big league pitcher in face of a wave of Hatter tacklers.

Sellers, used sparingly on the attack and concentrating on his

defensive work, scored twice with bull-like thrusts. He got the second touchdown after Ted Hewitt's terrific 54-yard dash with an intercepted pass that carried to the one, and Sellers banged over for the fourth and final touchdown late in the last period.

Driver notched the initial score, taking a pass from Italiano cut on the flank and angling nicely to paydirt.

The other TD, and the most colorful counter of the night, was a 57-yard toss from Italiano to Harry Bringer.

Stetson was primed for this one, make no mistake about that. The squad felt it was ready, so did the student body. And even when the Indians got those two quickies in four minutes the Green and White kept flying their flag.

Billy Joe Leathers, a great little guard, and Guido Tamur, a fine

end, backboned the Hatter defense.

The loss of Jerry Gallagher, a hard, bucking runner who was hurt early in the game, was a blow to the Hatter hopes, but with the Seminole defense showing few loopholes he couldn't have made the difference.

The Seminoles stormed out in the opening minutes of the ball game as though they were going to run the Hatters right out of their own ball park.

Eubanks returned the opening kickoff from his 15 to FSU's 35, and the Indians were underway.

Spreading their offense with flankers, the Seminoles caught the Hatter defense bunched.

Italiano speared Driver with a 22-yard toss out on the flank that carried to the Hatter 42 and then Italiano slashed off tackle for 22 more yards to the 20.

Italiano nailed Eubanks on the 15, then threw again to Driver out on the left flank and the FSU quarterback angled into the end zone for the score. Huggett converted and it was 7-0 with only 2½ minutes gone.

Stetson brought the kickoff back to their own 30, and on the

third play Ted Hewitt intercepted one of the heralded Bill Johnson's passes and ankled all the way to the Hatter one before Gibson finally ran him down. Sellers bulled through right guard for the score and it was 13-0, with 4½ minutes elapsed.

The Hatters, fighting mad, slammed right back to score after Brown fumbled a punt on the 27. With Johnson feeding the ball beautifully and catching the Seminoles defense napping, Gallagher and Marks sped to the 14. Gallagher shot through a hole at right guard to score almost untouched while the Indians ganged Marks.

Martin converted to make it 13-7.

Stetson roared to the 14 once in the second quarter, and twice got breaks when Jim King flopped one Indian fumble, but the Hatters couldn't muster up the big punch. Finally on the last play of the second half the Seminoles scored again. Tommy Brown set up to score by intercepting Bowden's pass and coming out from his 12 to the FSU 43. On the first play Italiano dropped back and nailed Bringer with a pass on the 22. The flashy halfback outran two pursuers to the goal line. Huggett converted to boost it to 20-7.

FSU CONTENT

FSU, apparently content to rest on its lead, crawled back into its shell in the third quarter and played straight football. The Hatters, trying desperately to get back into the game twice got drives underway, going once to the Seminole 31 and again to the seven. On the deep thrust Johnson fired three high passes over the end zone attempting to hang a ball up there that towering end Jim Yonge could latch onto without danger of interception.

Early in the fourth period an Armstrong put FSU back to their own one, and from there the Seminoles started to roll. With Italiano and Turk carrying the load, FSU rumbled to the 21 before they gave out of gas.

On the first play after Stetson held for downs, Brown intercepted Johnson's pass on the 50 and free-wheeled back to the Hatter 14. Driver, lined up at right end, slashed to the two on an end around and Sellers crunched over guard from there for the score. Huggett tackled on the final point to make it 27-7, and the ball game ended with PSU in possession around midfield after Brown had committed larceny on a DeLalla pass at midfield.

STATISTICS

	Stetson	FSTU
First downs	10	12
Net yards gained		
rushing	134	215
Net yards gained forward passing	64	161
Forward passes attempted	21	14
Forward passes completed	6	8
Forwards intercepted by	4	3
Number of punts	3	7
Punting average, yards	41	37
Number of fumbles	2	4
Opponents fumbles recovered	3	1
Total yards lost		
penalties	15	79