

Seminoles One Step Behind Miamians As They Lose Big-Time Debut 35-13

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MIAMI.—For years people in Tallahassee have been saying "They travel too fast for me in Miami," when referring to the madcap manner in which the Magic City merry-makers pursue life. The same yardstick can now be applied—footballically speaking—to Florida State University and the Miami Hurricanes.

The Seminoles were just one step too slow in their first venture into the fast set of the gridiron world Friday night as the hurryin' Hurricanes hustled to a 35-13 triumph that snapped FSU's 13-game winning streak before a record opening game crowd of 38,278 in the Orange Bowl.

ONE SHORT STRIDE

That one short stride that separated the Seminoles from Coach Andy Gustafson's South Florida's moon was emphatically apparent in the first half when Miami shook four of its bevy of backs loose on touchdown runs that enabled the Hurricanes to build up a 28-0 advantage at halftime.

It wasn't that FSU was caught with its defenses down. The Seminoles seemed to be in the right places. They just couldn't get there at the right times as first Long Jim Dooley, then Harry Mallios,

Mike Vacchio, and Frank Smith literally and figuratively ran away from Indian tacklers on TD jaunts that covered from 11 to 88 yards.

SOME SOLID SUPPORT

In the second half, the chapter that was supposed to be the bad one for the Indians since they lacked the reserve strength of this Hurricane team that appears to have righted itself after having been stunned by Tulane, the Seminoles won themselves a lot of solid support by bouncing back and outscoring Miami 13-7 at the stage where a lesser club would have simply folded up and called it quits.

Two passes, one from Nelson Italiano to Bobby Fiveash for eight yards, and the other to Tommy Brown for 59 yards gave the Indians their markers in the third and fourth periods.

That 59-yarder, which Brown took on the 'Cane 28 and carried across after running out of a tackle by Phil Tedder, was longer than any scoring shot that such noble football "name" teams as The Citadel, Villanova, Purdue, Boston, Pittsburgh, Georgetown, Louisville, Iowa, Missouri, Clemson or the Florida Gators were able to engineer against the Hurricanes all last year as the Miami defenders limited those 11 teams to scoring plays of 46 yards or less.

SQUIRTED 35 YARDS

Earlier in the game Preston Bradley had squirted through the middle and raced 35 yards for the longest ground gain that anybody has rolled up against the 'Canes since Rollins rambled 50 against the Miami reserve backs in the opening game of 1949.

These facts and figures should convey the idea that FSU, while beaten, did very well for itself indeed down here in the big-time setting of the Orange Bowl.

Actually the game would have ended a lot closer than it did had two "breaks" not been missed. The Seminoles missed one golden opportunity to score in the first half after Bob Wodrich had blocked an Elmer Tremont punt that gave the Indians a first and 10 on the 'Cane 11, and the officials missed a very flagrant piece of clipping in the second period on a 50-yard punt return for a touchdown by Frank Smith that upped the ante to 21-0.

Tears, of course, shouldn't be wasted over spilled milk. They should be shed about that Miami backfield speed.

TASTE OF HEELS

Dooley gave the Seminoles their first taste of flying heels after seven scoreless minutes of the first quarter when he dashed off-left tackle, cut back and raced 21 yards to paydirt. Mallios, Vacchio and Smith got together in the last five minutes and 20 seconds of the second quarter in a pell-mell touchdown parade that broke the ball game apart.

Mallios skirted right end for 11 yards on a pitchout after a nice double-fake by Schneidenbach for the first of those three quick TDs.

Vacchio got the next one and set a new Miami record for touchdown runs from scrimmage in the process, when he wheeled off left tackle, cut back—how those 'Cane backs love to cut—and scampered 88 yards.

Smith's 50-yard punt return seconds later wound up the first half barrage.

Miami got its final tally on a one-yard plunge by Mallios in the third period after FSU had taken the second half kickoff and driven 60 yards to a score.

Beautiful downfield blocking, combined with the Hurricane speed to produce the TD runs as

the Miamians mowed the Indian defenders in the secondary practically every time they got a ball carrier into high gear.

TWO STANDOUTS

Two men, Captain Bill Dawkins and Tommy Brown, stood out for the Seminoles as they suffered their first defeat at the hands of a Florida eleven and the first loss they have ever absorbed on Florida soil under Don Veller.

Dawkins, who has been ailing with bad knees all Fall, roamed far and wide over the field from his linebacker slot and made about 40 per cent of the tackles while he was in the game. Twice he tripped Frank Smith by one toe when it looked like Frank was away, and he blackjacked the rest of the Hurricane wrecking crew when they came into his territory.

OLD BALL HAWK

Brown, the old ball hawk, stole two passes from Schneidenbach, who incidentally had a terrible night when it came to passing and looked like anything but a top-flight quarterback, punted for a 38-plus average and sliced the ball out several times deep in 'Cane territory; caught that one TD pass and fitted into the offensive picture well though he hadn't worked on offense all year.

Bradley, with 50 yards in five carries, paced the Seminole ball carriers, followed by Sellers, who had 42 in 14. Bobby Pivens racked up 22 yards in six carries before he, like his predecessors at right halfback, Roy Thompson and Harry Bringger, went out of the lineup.

It won't help Don Veller, of course, but Florida State won the halftime show like the Yanks won the American League pennant, going away and by a healthy margin. People down here are already hoping that the Seminole Circus, under the masterful direction of Jack Haskin, will be brought back for the Orange Bowl.

SUMMARY

FIRST QUARTER

Bringer carried the opening kickoff from his three to the 22, and with the aid of two penalties for offsides and unsportsmanlike conduct the Seminoles rolled up two quick first downs to their 44. A line play and two passes failed and Brown punted out on the 'Cane 34. With Smith and Dooley triphammering the tackles Miami sped to three first downs on a charge to the FSU 24, but Campbell flopped on Mallios' fumble to kill the threat.

The Seminoles worked out to the 35, but Tremont intercepted Italiano's pass on the FSU 49 and raced to the 34.

Smith slashed to the 21, and a play later Dooley got loose over left tackle for the touchdown. Tremont converted and it was 7-0 with 5:20 remaining in the period.

The 'Canes stopped the Seminoles on the kickoff, and with Smith sparking the attack shook off the effect of two penalties and moved out to the 36.

SECOND QUARTER

Wodrich set up the Seminoles best scoring opportunity of the first half when he broke through and blocked Tremont's kick, FSU recovering on the 11. The 'Canes rose up, however, and stopped Italiano once, Sellers twice and then dropped Whitmer at the four on an end around.

Smith tore off 11 and five and Dooley slammed around left end for 43 yards to the Indian 37. After Mallios and Vacchio scampered to the 17 Mallios rambled over on a double-fake handoff and a pitch-out that he took and whipped around right end. Tremont was true again and it was 14-0.

FSU took the kickoff back to the 17, and Bradley got away for 35 yards up the middle on the first running play. It was the longest run against Miami since Rollins shook loose for 35 yards against the 'Cane reserves in the 1949 opener.

After the Indians stalled Brown punted out on the 10, and the Hurricane began to roar. Vacchio raced 87 yards around left end and hit paydirt to make it 20-0. Tremont was on the beam again to make it 21-0.

Less than two minutes later the Hurricanes had scored again as Smith took Brown's punt at mid-field and went 50 yards for a counter. Tremont split the up-rights and it was 28-0 as the half ended six plays later.

THIRD QUARTER

The Seminoles came out with more bounce per ounce in the second half and rolled 60 yards to a score after Brown ran the kickoff back from his five to the 40. Sellers' drives at the middle and two Italiano-Campbell passes moved the ball to the seven, and Italiano pitched to Fiveash in the end zone from there. Huggett converted and it was 28-7. The Seminoles ran 14 plays in their TD drive.

McDonald lugged the kickoff from his 28 to the 35, and the 'Canes ripped to the Indian 18 in four plays. A penalty there boosted them to the three, and Mallios dove over right tackle for a score two plays later to make it 34-7. Tremont hit again despite the fact that Miami had been set back five and it was 35-7. Miami was knocking at the door again when the period ended after recovering Brown's fumble of a punt on the FSU 28.

FOURTH QUARTER

The Seminoles stiffened, stopped Melear and Constantino and took over on their own 19. Seven plays later the Indians had a score as Turk and Italiano punched to their 41 and Italiano speared Tommy Brown with a 59-yard scoring heave. Brown took the ball on the 'Cane 28, ran out of a tackle by Tedder and galloped home. Huggett's kick was wide and it was 35-13.

FSU got another chance when Nagy recovered Dooley's fumble on the Miami 40, but three passes failed and Brown booted out on the seven. The teams traded interceptions with Dooley and Brown committing the larceny, before Brown punted to the 'Cane 30, and Miami ran one play as the ball game ended.

STATISTICS

	MIAMI	FSU
First downs	20	15
Total yds. gained net	400	275
Yds. gained rushing	408	195
Yds. lost rushing	20	28
Yds. gained passes	12	108
Passes attempted	13	22
Passes completed	5	7
Passes intercepted by	2	2
Punts	3	8
Average yds. punts	18.1	38.7
Yds. punts returned	63	0
Kickoffs	7	2
Average yds. kickoffs	55	33.1
Yds. returned kickoffs	18	140
Fumbles	5	3
Own fumbles recov.	3	2
Penalties	6	7
Yds. lost penalties	70	85

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STATISTICS

MIAMI		FSU
17	First downs, rushing	10
3	First downs, passing	4
1	First downs, penalties	1
21	Total First downs	15
45	Rushing plays	43
419	Yards gained rushing	151
9	Yards lost, rushing	31
410	Net yards gained, rushing	120
13	Forward passes tried	22
5	Forward passes completed	7
12	Yards gained passing	108
422	Net yds gnd, rushing, passing	228
2	Own forward passes had intercepted	2
35	Yds returned intercptd, passes	45
3	Number of punts	8
19.3	Average yards punts	40.2
1	Number of punts blocked	0
85	Yards returned all kicks	163
4	Fumbles	1
2	Fumbles lost	1
6	Number of penalties	6
60	Yards penalized	60

BALL CARRIERS

Player	IAI		M		Net G.	Avg.G.
	Yds	Plays	Yds	Plays		
Vacchio	4	113	0	113	28.3	
Dooley	8	98	2	96	12.0	
Mallios	10	89	0	89	8.9	
F. Smith	9	67	0	67	7.5	
Constantino	7	43	1	42	6.0	
Mosketti	1	3	0	3	3.0	
Strong	1	1	0	1	1.0	
Melear	1	0	0	0	0.0	
Taro	2	4	10	-6	-3.0	
Schneidenbach	2	1	9	-8	-4.0	
FLORIDA STATE						
Campbell	1	15	0	15	15.0	
Bradley	5	51	0	51	10.2	
Fiveash	6	26	4	22	3.7	
Turk	5	18	0	18	3.6	
Sellers	14	42	0	42	3.0	
Taylor	1	2	0	2	2.0	
Whitmer	2	4	0	4	2.0	
Italiano	9	11	27	-16	-1.8	

MIAMI (35)

LE—Lutes, Martin, Pepsin, McDonald.
 LT—Chickillo, Mugler, Tassotti, Mariut-
 to.
 LG—Arcangeletti, Lubas, Hammell,
 Sauls, Houston.
 C—Vari, Shiver, Payne.
 RG—Diamond, Panno, McCloskey, Bar-
 tolovich, Sunderland, Schultz.
 RT—George, Kesterson, Carlstrom, Fish-
 er, Allen.
 RE—O'Boyle, Chwalik, Pagley, Agui-
 lera, LaRussa.
 QB—Schneidenbach, Garrigus, James,
 Mclear.
 LH—F. Smith, Knust, Tedder, Constan-
 tino, Tremont, Harris.
 RH—Dooley, Vacchio, Pasternak, Taro.
 FB—Mallios, Stolk, Castagno, Strong,
 DeBogory, Viconde.

FLORIDA STATE (13)

LE—Driver, Arnold, Sorgen.
 LT—Szczepanik, Davis, Karlowicz, San-
 ders.
 LG—Dawkins, Booth.
 C—Kalenich, Owen, Bryant, Tully.
 RG—Schmelz, Huey, Walker.
 RT—O'Neal, Wodrich, Polak, Nagy,
 Merritt.
 RE—Whitmer, Freeze.
 QB—Turk, Taylor, Huggett, Bradley,
 Smith.
 LH—Italiano, Brenner, Massey, Brown.
 RH—Thompson, Fiveash, Bringger,
 Folsom.
 FB—Seller, Turk, King.

MIAMI	7	21	7	0—35
Florida State	0	0	7	6—13

Scoring touchdowns Miami—Dooley,
 Mallios 2, Vacchio, F. Smith.

(Scoring extra points Miami—Tremont
 5 (placements).

Scoring touchdowns Florida State—Five-
 ash (Pass from Italiano), Brown (pass
 from Italiano).

Scoring extra points Miami—Tremont 5
 Huggett (placement).

Officials—Referee, Fred Koster (Louis-
 ville); Umpire, J. E. Burghard (Miss.
 Col.); Head Linesman, Charles Wood (Ga.
 Tech); Field Judge, W. R. Bentley (Geor-
 gia).