

## FSU Subdues Delta State as Italiano Sets Aerial Mark

### Passes Give Indians Easy 34-0 Victory

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Sparked by Nelson Italiano, who set a new Seminole passing record of 191 yards gained on seven completions, Florida State University struck through the air last night to defeat a dogged Delta State Teachers eleven 34-0 before a slim crowd of 5,308 in Doak S. Campbell Stadium.

The Indians, always more of a running team than a passing crew under Coach Don Veller, pitched for three of their scores and set up a fourth through the airways, with Italiano furnishing most of the fireworks.

The durable Tampa boy, running from both fullback and his old tailback slot, figured directly in three of the scores. He cracked right guard for the first TD with 11 minutes gone in the first period, and passed 28 yards to Bob Whitmer who lateraled to Earl O'Neal for a third quarter score that gave the Indians a 20-0 edge. Minutes later he speared Curt Campbell on a jump pass play that covered 54 yards and made it 27-0.

Sophomore tailback Gary Folsom, who ran and passed effectively before going out of action in the first half with a sprained arm, passed to Whitmer for the second touchdown in the opening quarter.

Preston Bradley cracked center for the fifth and last marker in the final period.

While Italiano's pitching performance was gratifying to fans who have been used to seeing the Seminoles grind out their yardage along the ground, the Indian's triumph was one of the least impressive they have fashioned in rolling up 26 wins against only three defeats under Veller.

The little Delta team, outnumbered and outclassed, kept battling through all four periods, and in the second quarter completely stole the show from the Seminoles with two long drives to the Indian 8 and 9 that gave them possession of the ball for practically all of the 15 minutes playing time.

Delta, which outgained FSU along the ground, ran and passed effectively until it reached scoring territory, then a succession of fumbles and pass interceptions stopped them short.

Quarterback "Flinging" Freddie Foster with 10 completions in 20 attempts lived up to most of his pre-game notices, but it was a little 156-pound halfback named Claude Woodall who caught the eye of the crowd with his drive and determination.

Florida State, still appearing a little flat after its defeat in Miami, gained 234 yards in the air and 126 on the ground, and rolled up 12 first downs.

Delta ran for 147, passed for 85 and got 18 first downs. FSU's remodeled backfield of Sellers at quarter, Fiveash and Campbell at halves and Italiano at full, failed to get much of a chance to function as Fiveash went out of the action with a sprained wrist.

Folsom relieved Fiveash and fitted in nicely until he too was injured. Italiano went back to his old tailback post in the second half, and supplied most of the spark with his passes from that position.

Campbell, getting his first test as a back, set up the Seminoles second score with a nifty 39-yard punt return to the Delta 39. And he continued to sparkle as a receiver both from halfback and end, a post he returned to in the second half.

Actually punt returns and passing gave the Indians all their TDs. It was a 34 yard punt return by Gerald Lee Smith that set up the final touchdown by Bradley in the fourth period.

Remodeled backfield unable to shake out the kinks and Delta limited to one offensive thrust of 13 yards on a Foster-Reed pass, the two teams toiled scorelessly through the first 7 minutes before the Seminoles finally began to roll.

Putting Woodall's short punt into play from their own 46, and aided by a pass interference play on their first thrust, FSU sped to a touchdown in nine plays. Interference against Whitmer on Folsom's pass moved the ball 17 yards to the Delta 37 to get the drive started. After Italiano got 3, he hit Campbell with a jump pass and Campbell shook off tacklers at the 26 and drove to the 18. Folsom sped to the 10 and Sellers bucked to the 6. From there Italiano made it in three bursts, getting the last one at right guard. Huggett converted and it was 7-0 with 3:59 left.

Two minutes and one second later it was 13-0.

After Delta could get nowhere with the kickoff, McCaleb punted to Campbell and the converted end swirled 39 yards back to the Statesmen's 28 where the busy McCaleb brought him down. On the next play Folsom pitched to Whitmer on the 11 and the big end cantered across untouched. Huggett was wide with his kick. Delta took the kickoff back to its 23, and after racking up a first down was working from its own 35 as the period ended.

#### SECOND QUARTER

Pass interference against the Indians moved Delta to midfield and set up their first threat. Sparked by a 17-yard run by

Foster and a 13-yard pass Foster pitched to Bevalaque, Delta drove to the 9 before Foster fumbled and Arnold recovered for FSU.

Folsom and Campbell carved out a first down on the 29 in two carries, but FSU stalled and Folsom punted to Delta's 44, where Foster returned to the Seminole 47. Delta caught a 15-yard penalty back to their own 34, but the Statesmen were catching fire and they started to roll. With Sanders and Woodall running and Foster sneaking for first downs, Delta went to midfield then to the Seminole 17, mainly on a couple of Foster pitches to Bevalaque and Reed. Foster hit Thomas on the eight but he fumbled there and Graham recovered to kill another threat.

Three Indian running plays worked the ball out to the 17 and Foster carried Folsom's punt from the 50 to FSU 44. Campbell intercepted Foster's pass on the 13. Thompson pass to Whitmer was short and Folsom hit Thompson on the 34 as the half ended.

### THIRD QUARTER

FSU got an early break when Szczepanik stole the ball from Delta on the Statesmen's 12, but the Indians failed to cash in when Foster intercepted Sellers' jump pass in the end zone for a touch-back.

With Woodall running well, Delta moved out and over into FSU territory, but when the drive bogged down Woodall punted poorly again. The ball went out on the Seminole 34, and FSU didn't pass this break up. Italiano, back in at tailback, pitched to Turk on a freak batted pass for 2, then speared Whitmer for 24 to the Delta 42. Turk bulled to the 33, and Italiano hit Whitmer again, this time on the 11. When two Delta defenders grabbed Whitmer, the big end lateraled to O'Neal and the guard rumbled into the end zone for the score. Huggett converted and it was 20-0.

FSU stopped Delta after the kickoff and started to work again from their 34 after Graham had fumbled and recovered Cole's punt there. Thompson slashed to the Delta 49 for a first down, but a penalty set FSU back to its own 46. From there Italiano speared Campbell with a jump pass on the Delta 46 and Campbell shook free and galloped to a score. Huggett clicked and it was 27-0.

A bad pass from center on an attempted punt put Delta in a hole with FSU taking over on the Statesmen 23, but Turk fumbled after charging to the 13 to ease the pressure.

A penalty rocked Delta back and they were on their seven as the period ended.

### FOURTH QUARTER

Cole kicked out to his 46, and Delta stopped the Indians after they had rolled down to the 18.

With Woodall, Keenum and Cole carrying most of the load, Delta rolled up three first downs to the Seminole 34, but G. Smith intercepted Leslie's pass on his 22 and came out to the 38 to slam the door in another threat by the Statesmen.

Italiano punted dead to the Delta 25 when the Indians stalled again, and on the return kick Smith hustled Cole's punt back 34 yards to the Delta 28. Italiano passed to Campbell to the 19 and Sellers sneaked to the 11. Bradley and Sellers worked the ball to the 4, and Bradley blasted through the middle to make it 33-0. Huggett converted and it was 34-0.

#### STATISTICS

	Delta St.	FSU
First downs	18	12
Carried rushing	57	36
Gained rushing	211	136
Lost rushing	64	10
Gained rushing	147	126
Attempted passes	26	21
Completed	10	9
Had intercepted	3	2
Net gain passing	85	254
Punts	7	5
Punts blocked	0	0
Punting average	29.4	25.4
Fumbles lost	1	1
Yards penalized	56	41
Delta State	0	0
Florida State	13	0

Scoring: Italiano 1, Whitmer 1, O'Neal 1, Campbell 1, Bradley 1. Conversions: Huggett 4.

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Delta State—Sanders, 7 runs for 36 yards; Woodall, 18 for 31; Foster, 10 for 30. Passing: Foster, 20 for 10 completed, 2 interceptions and 85 yards; Leslie, 5 for 1 completion and 10 yards.

Florida State—Italiano, 13 runs for 31 yards; Bradley, 4 for 17; Sellers, 3 for 16; Campbell, 5 for 15. Passing: Italiano, 15 for 7 completions, 1 interception and 186 yards; Folson, 3 for 2 completions and 48 yards.