

## Seminoles Throw Big Scare Into Georgia But Lose 3-0

### FSU's Touchdown Voided By Penalty

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ATHENS, Ga., Sept. 29—A stolen pass in the last 6 minutes set things up for a slightly incredible field goal in the last two as University of Georgia's Bulldogs got their silver pants almost scared off them this sunny afternoon by Florida State's battling Seminoles, who finally went down, 3-0.

Tom Nugent's surprising Floridians, who had a first-quarter touchdown nullified by a penalty, were off and running toward the Georgia goal when Quarterback Billy Hearn swiped a pass from Ronald Schomburger to start the Bulldogs breathing again at their own 38.

A Hearn pass to Roy Wilkins, coupled with tough running by Knox Culpepper and Gene Littleton, brought Georgia to the FSU 13. Three plays later an aroused FSU had the Bulldogs three yards back at the 26, needing 13 for a first down.

Then, Coach Wally Butts, ushered in Ken Cooper, junior end from Tifton, Ga., for his first play of the season.

Cooper came through admirably, kicking the field goal—officially credited at 36 yards—that broke Seminole hearts. It was the longest in Sanford Stadium history and 25,000 predominantly Georgia fans screamed their appreciation.

#### EVEN NOW, A THREAT

Even then, with but a minute and a half left, FSU threatened to ruin Georgia's home opener. Billy Odom burst through for a 34-yard sprint to Georgia's 40 in the closing 10 seconds. But time shut the Seminoles out after one more play.

Losers to Georgia by 14-0 and 47-13 scores the last two years, the Seminoles played Georgia on their own Southeastern Conference terms. Net total offense for each club was exactly the same, 214 yards.

FSU recovered three first-half fumbles in Georgia territory but lacked payoff power. The Bulldogs, save for that trio of scares, dominated play through the first two quarters.

#### GEORGIA OUTPLAYED

In the last half, FSU coolly outplayed the home team, but penalties hurt them awfully. The Seminoles were assessed 78 yards in the game versus 40 against Georgia—and 50 of those yards FSU suffered came in the last half.

Georgia turned up with a stunning pass defense and FSU managed only three completions in eight tosses for 16 yards. The Bulldogs passed seldom, hitting two of five for a net of three yards.

Both teams were tenacious in the clutch. FSU stopped one Georgia threat at its two-yard line.

Buck Metts emerged as the leading runner of the day with 56 yards in 12 carries. Odom picked up 32 in six. Culpepper was Georgia's best with 48 in 11.

The FSU touchdown that was called back came on a 7-yard pass from Bobby Renn to Bob

Neillums in the first quarter. That was as close as FSU got, despite repeated threats.

#### A GEORGIA TERROR

Guard Wayne Dye was a terror for Georgia with 14 tackles. FSU tackle Bill Musselman had seven.

FSU's three fumble recoveries all came in the first quarter. Closest Georgia to Seminole country during that early stage was its own 49.

The Bulldogs received the opening kickoff, had to punt after Culpepper carried three straight times for eight yards to the 29. Buck Metts, a rugged runner all day, brought Jimmy Orr's boot 22 yards to the FSU 44. On third down, from the "I" formation, Renn tried a quick kick. It was partly blocked by Bulldog Jimmy Brown and traveled but nine yards to the Georgia 49.

But Orr fumbled immediately and Nellums recovered for FSU at the Bulldog 49. Renn hit the line three times for but eight yards, then punted neatly out of bounds at the Georgia five.

#### **BULLDOGS STOPPED**

With FSU's No. 2 unit now in on defense, Georgia marched, Orr leading the charge, up to its 41. A 15-yard holding penalty stopped the Bulldogs there. Then the Bulldogs bobbled a pitch out and Bob Elliott got it for FSU at the 25.

Renn gained nothing on first try and, a Lee Corso-to-Nellums short pass clicked for seven yards but was nullified by an illegal procedure penalty. Another penalty—too much time—knocked the Seminoles back five yards more. Corso got 10 back on the keep. Then Renn punted from the 25 out of bounds at the eight.

Two plays later Georgia Quarterback Glen Nulley handed the ball back with a fumble recovered by Troy Barnes at the 12.

Metts went wide for five to the seven. Renn found Nellums with an end-zone pass and an apparent touchdown. But an official decided that FSU was holding and set the Seminoles back to the 25. A Corso-Schomburger pass got five yards as the first quarter ended.

An end-zone pass to Schomburger was broken up by Orr and Comfort. Metts ran four yards to the 16, and Georgia took over.

#### **BULLDOGS IN HOLE**

The Bulldogs couldn't get out of the hole and pretty soon Comfort punted to the FSU 30, with Metts returning to the FSU 46. Stan Dobosz struck off five and Len Swantic raced around end for nine and FSU's initial first down, at the Georgia 40. Rushing Georgia ends racked Swantic, trying to pass, on the next two plays and Renn punted out at the 14.

A clipping penalty seconds later put Georgia back at its six and Orr's punt was returned five yards by Corso to the Bulldog 46. The Seminoles bogged down and Renn again kicked, to Culpepper at the 11.

The Georgia fullback eluded a tackler and skipped 46 yards to FSU's 43 before Metts nailed him.

Sub Fullback Theron Sapp lit out for 14 yards, and Georgia

was rolling. Heran came on the scene at quarterback.

J. B. Davis, Sapp and Heran alternated to carry to a first down at the 16. Three plays later, Heran whipped off five yards, when he found no pass receiver open.

FSU stiffened sharply. Sapp fumbled but Heran regained the ball for the Bulldogs at the seven. Orr was stopped after a 2-yard gain. Halfback Wendell Tarleton, trying to pass, found Joe Holt all over him and grounded it a foot or two from where he stood. Ken Schulte, a heralded passer, moved in at quarterback confronted with a fourth-and-five situation. Schulte found nobody open and ran wide. He was knocked out of bounds a yard and a half from goal. FSU took over with a minute to go in the half.

#### **CORSO CAUTIOUS**

Corso cautiously ran the clock out with quarterback sneaks.

Georgia found little consolation in a halftime tabulation that showed the Bulldogs leading in first downs, 6-1, and in yards rushing, 188-50. Both teams were sticking to the ground, playing it close.

FSU opened the last half with a running display that carried the Seminoles from their 23 to Georgia's 22.

Odom and Metts swapped turns carrying to the 38. Corso hit Holt with an 8-yard pass. Metts bulled for nine to the Georgia 44. Odom and Metts moved it down to the 32. With fourth down and a yard to go for a first, Metts made it to the 30. Here, a turn to passing failed. Holt dropped one when Davis hit him and Nellums gained but a yard on a short one. Corso picked up seven on a sweep but was decked for minus nine on the next play.

Came Georgia's time to march—but in vain.

Sticking firmly to a running game, the Bulldogs pounded all the way to FSU's 19. Culpepper was the wheel of the 12-play drive, with solid contribution from Carl Manning. At the FSU 21, Georgia needed two for a first down. Manning was elected.

Chains were brought in, showing Georgia a scant one inch from new life. FSU took over.

The Seminoles had advanced as far as their 30 when the third quarter ran out.

From the 37 a minute later, Metts punted 45 yards to Orr and Corso brought him down at the Georgia 15. But a holding penalty knocked that beaut in the head and Metts tried again, this time from the 22. It was a 41-yarder that Manning brought back to the Georgia 45.

Lofton's running led Georgia to the FSU 40. Hearn passes went astray. One of them was complete but Schomburger socked receiver Manning for a loss of seven.

#### CLIPPING PENALTY

Lofton's punt was returned by Metts. However, FSU had to start over from the five after a clipping penalty.

Billy Weaver, Metts and Corso, running hard, got the Seminoles out of trouble. Indeed, the FSU rushing was beginning to look like a payoff punch as a 7-yard plunge by Dobosz brought FSU to its 46.

Then Corso went overhead, and it appeared to be a solid strike to Schomburger on the Georgia 38. But Hearn stole the ball from his hands as they hit the ground together and Georgia had a final chance with 5½ minutes.

A 12-yard pass, Hearn to Roy Wilkins, was a big lick, putting Georgia at the FSU 47. Culpepper, in two rushes, got 12 yards. Littleton tore loose for 12 more to the 23. Georgia was penalized five for illegal procedure. Littleton got it back. Hearn, trying to pass, lost three. Another pass was almost intercepted by Metts in the flat. He could have gone the route with it.

Now fourth and 13. Orr held and Cooper kicked the field goal. It was high, but over. There was a minute and a half left.

With Georgia's defense open for passes, Odom on a pitchout raced to Georgia's 40 with 10 seconds to go. Hemmed in, he tried to lateral. It went wild but Barnes covered it for FSU at the Georgia 43. Odom had managed a threatening 34-yard gain but there was time for only one more futile play.

### The Yardstick

	FSU	Georgia
First downs	16	12
Rushing yardage	198	211
Passing yardage	15	3
Passes	3-3	2-1
Passes intercepted	0	1
Punts	6-27.8	4-41.8
Fumbles lost	0	3
Yards penalized	78	46

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				
F S U				
RUSHING				
	No.	Net Yds.		
Cohso _____	13	43		
Renn _____	5	13		
Holt _____	2	6		
Metts _____	12	56		
Swantic _____	4	2		
Dobson _____	3	14		
Odum _____	6	52		
Weaver _____	2	11		
PASSING				
	A	C	I	Yds.
Corso _____	1	3	1	16
RECEIVING				
	No.	Yds.		
Schomburger _____	1	5		
Holt _____	1	5		
Nellums _____	1	1		
PUNTING				
	No.	Avg.		
Renn _____	4	27.5		
Metts _____	1	41.0		
Team _____	1	9*		
*Partially blocked.				
PUNT RETURNS				
	No.	Yds.		
Metts _____	3	32		
Corso _____	1	5		
KICKOFF RETURNS				
	No.	Yds.		
Metts _____	1	20		
Odum _____	1	22		

GEORGIA			
RUSHING			
	No.	Net Yds.	
Schulte	1	4	
Comfort	3	17	
Orr	7	32	
Littleton	4	27	
Culpepper	11	48	
Lofton	5	24	
Davis	4	23	
Nunnally	1	1	
Hearn	3	11	
Sapp	3	14	
Tarleton	1	2	
Manning	5	12	
PASSING			
	A	C	I Yds.
Hearn	3	2	0 3
Tarleton	1	0	0 0
Schulte	1	0	0 0
RECEIVING			
	No.	Yds.	
Manning	1	-7	
Wilkins	1	10	
PUNTING			
	No.	Avg.	
Orr	3	43.0	
Lofton	1	44.0	
PUNT RETURNS			
	No.	Yds.	
Culpepper	1	47	
Manning	1	8	
KICKOFF RETURNS			
	No.	Yds.	
Comfort	1	9	