

FSU LAUGHS AT GREAT ODDS

Big Mississippi Southern Eleven Is Upset 19 To 18 By Surprising Seminoles

200 Yards Rushing Bewilders Visitors

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A slightly incredible Florida State, looking mighty like a football team that would not be beaten, thumbed its proud nose at the staggering odds and overcame a bewildered Mississippi Southern outfit, 19-18, here Saturday afternoon.

As 6,700 wind-whipped customers looked on in disbelief, the Seminoles ripped Southern's enormous linemen like few folks have in three years.

FSU rolled up an astounding 200 yards rushing against this big line. A fired-up defense held Southern's touted runners to 163 on the ground. Southern turned desperately to George Herring's passes but, though he hit Hub Waters for two touchdowns, he completed only seven of 24.

Southern struck first after Carl Bolt returned the opening kick 73 yards. FSU replied rapidly for a 6-6 tie on Harry Massey's 20-yard pass to Lee Corso. Southern vaulted back, led 12-6 at half. Billy Graham put FSU ahead early in the third quarter with a 31-yard run. The margin was quickly upped to 19-12 on Massey's 22-yard TD pass to Tom Feamster. Southern's final score, on the second payoff pitch of Herring to Waters, was in vain.

Feamster caught his 26th pass of the campaign, breaking the school record of 24 set by Curt Campbell in '52.

FLOCK OF STARS

Quarterback Massey, a Mississippi gambler from way back, shuffled his deck of plays as though the cards were marked and there was nothing about which to fret. He called Southern's hand with a daring running game that startled the foe from the start. He rationed his aces cautiously, passing seven times, completing four—two for his seventh and eighth touchdown strikes of the season.

But Massey was almost a lesser hero this day.

Heavy credit must go to full-back Joe Holt, who scored not at all but repeatedly racked enemy ball-carriers from his linebacking post, struck for key

gains on offense, and—all important—blocked a Southern conversion attempt that might have brought a tie.

And to tackle Don Powell, who played what Coach Tom Nugent

called a "dream game" at tackle after star Al Makowiecki was helped off the field on the fourth play of the game with a dislocated elbow. One sad note: it was Makowiecki's last appearance in an FSU lineup for the injury will definitely keep him out Saturday against Tampa.

ALL THE WAY

And to center Bob Crenshaw, who played all 60 minutes, teamed with Holt for brilliant linebacking, intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble.

And to Graham, whose 31-yard touchdown run was made possible by flawless assignments carried out by teammates. Graham, who gained 82 yards in 11 rushes, kicked the extra point that proved to be the difference.

Add ends Jimmy Lee Taylor and Feamster, who must have

played their best games ever. And guard Al Pacifico, a terror throughout. Plus backs Corso, Buck Metts and Billy Odom, who contributed much.

That's still not justice to all . . . It was as much of a team victory as any in FSU history.

TROUBLE, TROUBLE

FSU was in trouble from the moment Southern sent eight captains to midfield to meet Seminole leader Harry Massey, who beat the odds, won the toss, and chose to kick.

With the stiff wind to FSU's back, Massey's choice was good strategy—but only for a moment. Carl Bolt, captain-elect of the Washington and Lee team before that outfit folded early this year, took Tom Feamster's deep kickoff eight yards inside the goal line and was off to the races. Massey finally brought him down after an official 73-yard runback at the FSU 27.

It took five plays for a payoff.

Bolt got two. A pass fell incomplete. Herring slipped to the 19 on the "keep," and Brooks Tisdale dug for a first down at the 16. Herring then passed to Waters, who juggled the ball at the goal, finally gained possession, and stepped across for six points. Tisdale's conversion was wide.

QUICK COMEBACK

Stung by the injury of Makowiecki, when he stopped Herring on his run, FSU pounded back.

Southern made a bid with an onside kick, which Joe Holt nixed with a five-yard return to the FSU 40. Corso shot through for six and Odom for four. Corso got four and Odom eight to the 38. Then Odom tucked the leather under arm twice more and whacked to the 27. A Southern offside moved the ball to the 22 and Corso picked up two to the 20. Pronto, Massey nailed Corso with a bullet at the 10 and the soph halfback ran wide for the touchdown. Massey's point try was wide and it stayed, 6-6.

The Southerners turned 160-pound fullback Smallwood loose after the kick was returned to the visitors' 30 by Tisdale. Smallwood hit right tackle for 11 and Tisdale found a hole in the middle for 17 to the FSU 42. Bolt got two and Smallwood smashed to the 29. Herring found Tisdale with a 12-yard pass to the 17. Smallwood cut loose for nine and Tisdale for six to the two. In two sneaks, Herring pushed across. The wind toyed with Tisdale's boot again to keep it 12-6.

BACK AND FORTH

Taylor returned another short Southern kickoff to the FSU 40. But the Seminoles could not go and after Waters socked Vic Prinzi for an 8-yard loss, Buck Metts punted 41 yards to Southern's 27. Taylor dropped Tisdale for a 3-yard loss as the quarter ended.

Herring replied with a 40-yard punt to FSU's 35. Metts notched 10 yards in two rushes. Billy Graham got two and Massey passed to Feamster for 10. Graham whipped off 11, then four to the 29.

But Jack Speracino intercepted Massey's hurried pass when Jerry Taylor rushed him and stepped to the Southern 40.

An 18-yard aerial, Herring to Curry Juneau, was the major blow in a push to the FSU 31. It played out when Herring fumbled and Bob Crenshaw covered it for the Tribe at the 33.

ANOTHER STEAL

With Holt, Odom and Graham leading a running charge, FSU penetrated to the Southern 47. Brick Mason's interception of Massey's deep pass, with a 13-yard return to the 28, stopped that one.

An on-again-of-again rain began to fall.

Herring, with the help of the

wind, punted across the FSU goal 67 yards away and the Seminoles started from their 20 after the touchback.

Prinzi was racked for minus 10 and the Tribe was in trouble. Versprille punted and Jackie Howard returned nine yards to the FSU 40. Taylor crashed through to dump Herring for a loss of 12 to Southern's 48. It might have been the most important play of the first half for FSU. Southern had to punt again and FSU stuck to the ground as the clock ticked the second quarter away.

FSU GOES AHEAD

Southern took the second-half kick, maneuvered to its 46. Three passes netted nothing and Southern drew the first 15-yard penalty of the afternoon, for roughing. Herring punted 38 yards to the FSU 31.

FSU rolled.

Holt slashed off 10, Graham nine more to the 50. Southern stopped two running efforts but Massey jump-passed to Feamster for 15 yards. It was a "crucial" third-down play.

Graham hit for four. On a quick 'trap', Graham moved off right tackle, cut wide and dangled clear for 31 yards and a touchdown. Graham swung his toe and FSU was ahead of Southern for the first time in history, 13-12. Eight minutes were left in the quarter.

Mason returned Feamster's booming boot to the 21. Feamster slapped Smallwood down for minus four, passes failed and Herring punted to the Seminole 45.

FUMBLE EXCHANGE

FSU ripped again but Odom fumbled and Al Tregle got it at the Southern 33. Tisdale ran to the 43, fumbled, and Waters recovered, but Southern was holding and was penalized to the 17. Three plays later, Ted Trenton fumbled and Al Pacifico hopped aboard for FSU at the 22.

Southern called time out. It was in vain. Feamster whirled, reached and tipped a Massey pass within grabbing distance, rambled to a touchdown. Massey's kick missed, leaving in 19-12.

A roughing-the-kicker penalty on Herring's punt gave Southern life a few moments later at FSU's 46. Herring passed to Taylor at the 27. Corso nipped it with an interception which he returned to the 21. The Miami boy had just entered the game.

Stymied, Massey punted 27 yards to Southern's 45 as the fourth quarter opened. The enemy turned loose its troops from there.

NOT ENOUGH

Smallwood pounded for eight and Herring for 11. Bolt got six and Smallwood four. Then Bolt picked up three and 12 to the 11. Herring hit Waters with a scoring pass from there. Joe Holt broke through and blocked Bolt's point try to hold things at 19-18.

With Corso, Massey and Graham dashing, FSU drove to Southern's 46. Holt slipped from the "I" for 18 to the 29 a couple of plays later. After Graham got six, Waters struck Corso for minus 10.

Massey punted beautifully, to the one-foot line.

Bolt's running took Southern to the 23 but when Herring tried to pass on a fourth-and-three situation, the strike fell astray and FSU took over with two minutes left.

FSU dallied with the clock and Southern finally got another chance with 29 seconds left, the ball at the 30. It ended as Bob Crenshaw intercepted a fourth-down pass and wheeled to the 19.

The Yardstick

	MSC	FSU
First Downs	14	13
By Rushing	10	11
By Passing	3	2
By Penalty	1	0
Net Yards Rushing	163	200
Yards Lost Rushing	20	45
Yards Gained Passing	88	66
Yards Gained Total Offense	251	266
Passes Attempted	24	8
Passes Completed	7	4
Passes Intercepted By	2	2
Number of Punts	5	4
Punting Average	37.2	34.25
Number of Fumbles	3	3
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Number of Penalties	5	3
Yards Penalized	55	25

Score by periods:

Miss. Southern	12	0	0	6—18
Florida State	6	0	13	0—19

Miss. Southern touchdowns: Waters 2, Herring.

Florida State touchdowns: Corso, Graham, Feamster. Conversion: Graham.

MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN

Left end—Waters, Juneau.

Left tackle—Owens, Bishop, Mitchell.

Left guard—Underwood, Orphan, Tregle.

Center—L. Clark, Speracino.

Right guard—Cook, Fitzgerald, Bethea.

Right tackle—B. Clark, Davis.

Right end—Williams, J. Taylor.

Quarterback—Herring.

Left halfback—Bolt, Mason, Trenton.

Right halfback—Tisdale, Howard, Whitfield.

Fullback—Smallwood, Cardenas.

FLORIDA STATE

Left end—Taylor, Leonard.

Left tackle—Makowiecki, Powell.

Left guard—Jacobs, Baggett.

Center—Crenshaw.

Right guard—Pacifico, Bryant.

Right tackle—Staab, Barber.

Right end—Feamster, Trado.

Quarterback—Massey, Prinzi.

Left halfback—Corso, Metts, Vesprille.

Right halfback—Odom, Graham, C. Grenn.

Fullback—Holt, Griner.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

MISS. SOUTHERN

LEADING RUSHERS

	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TDs
Smallwood	12	59	3	56	0
Bolt	10	45	1	44	0

LEADING PASSERS

	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TDs
Herring	24	7	2	88	2

LEADING PASS RECEIVERS

	Caught	Yards	TDs
Jerry Taylor	2	33	0
Waters	2	27	2

LEADING PUNTER

	No.	Yards	Ave.
Herring	5	180	37.2

FLORIDA STATE

	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TDs
Graham	11	82	0	82	1
Odom	12	62	0	62	0

LEADING PASSERS

	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TDs
Massey	7	4	2	66	2

LEADING PASS RECEIVERS

	Caught	Yards	TDs
Feamster	3	46	1
Corso	1	20	1

LEADING PUNTER

	No.	Yards	Ave.
Metts	1	41	41.0