Tech's James Barber Crashes for TD

Gobblers Beat FSU, 36-13

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period that cut Tech's day-long lead to 9-7, and a one-yard sneak by QB Billy Prescott with little more than three minutes to play in the third quarter.

For the most part, the Tech defense left FSU with poor field position throughout the afternoon, while the Gobblers enjoyed just the opposite. In the first half, for instance, the Hokies had nine possessions and four started near midfield.

Having turned the ball back to FSU on the opening play from scrimmage when a Joyce pass was intercepted, Tech used a Billy Hardee punt return of 45 yards to the Seminole 37 to set up the go-ahead TD. That came the third time Tech ran the ball — Rogers getting 16 yards on the first of his 20 carries for the day and Barber a short two before the latter escaped three FSU tackles on his 19-yard scoring run. The last of the would-be stoppers was back Buzzy Lewis, whom Barber dragged the last three yards to the end zone.

It was that kind of effort that paid off the Hokies throughout the day.

On Scales' TD, for instance, it was perseverance and a dash of luck. The junior caught, then dropped — twice — a Joyce pass to the left, recovered and scammed down the sideline to the astonishment of FSU players.

But Tech didn't get all the breaks. Field goal attempts of 66 and 61 yards by Latimer fell just short of the crossbar despite the brisk wind that was at the sophomore kicker's back. And Tech lost a touchdown early in the game when a Joyce pass was dropped in the end zone.

Orlando and Prescott, sharing the QB spot, combined for 232 yards passing — hitting 16 of 39 — for FSU, but the Seminoles managed only 100 yards rushing — 37 in the first half — while the Gobblers ran for 346 yards.

"It's been a long time coming," sighed Tech coach Charlie Coffey, crediting Tech's defensive pursuit — "better than at anytime this year" — as one key to the game.

FSU mentor Larry Jones, obviously suffering from the defeat he thought the Seminoles had a chance to avoid, said, "It was the worst game and effort we've had this season."