

Prairie View Rips Fla. A & M 26-8 In Orange Blossom Classic

39,426 See Panthers Win Undisputed Nat'l Crown

MIAMI. -- Prairie View, playing its traditional invincible style in the Orange Blossom Classic affray, turned back Florida A&M 26-8 for a third straight triumph in the series before 39,426 spectators Saturday night in Orange Bowl Stadium.

The Panthers who won their first appearance in the OBC in Jacksonville in a 6-0 thriller back in 1935 and who edged 33-27 in the '53 game in Miami, won behind jet-heeled Archie Seals, a flying freshman, who steamrolled almost at will behind a 212-pound P.V. line which chewed and clawed the Rattlers almost into shreds before the nightmare was over for the fangless Floridians.

Coach W. J. Nicks, Sr., and his Panthers led 18-0 at halftime and only an 87-yard march in the final period saved Coach Jake Gaither's team from their first shutout since 1960.

The massive and granite-like Prairie View forward wall, sparked by tackle Jimmy Hunt repeatedly strafed the Rattlers defense and bombarded the cannons of quarterbacks Lee Royster and Ted Richardson almost every time they tried to get off a play. The hulking gargantuan-spined line did the same sort of job offensively.

SEALS STEALS SHOW
 Seals set up two of P.V.'s touchdowns, one on an atom-powered 61-yard sprint. He darted off with statistical honors too with 135 yards in 13 rushes.

P.V. marched 68 yards for their first counter. Leon Brooks passed seven yards to Archie Seals at the one for the set-up play. Seals bucked on over for 6-0 with four minutes gone.

Florida A. and M. triggered an offensive in the next sequence of plays as though it expected to match touchdown for touchdown. Lee Richardson threw 21 yards to Clarence Childs, but Prairie View's Gentry Hornsby stole a Richardson pass and returned it 28 yards to the Rattler 27. On the third play, Brooks hit John Farrington with a bull's eye for the second TD.

Brooks' pass for the conversion was wild and Prairie View led 12-0 with 7:42 still left in the first quarter.

Three more minutes and Prairie

View was banging away at the scoreboard again. Charging Panther linemen shoved the Rattlers back and back until Bennie Stokes retreated from the Florida A. and M. end zone. Ollie Nelson broke through to block it, and Gene Lewis recovered in the end zone for a Panther TD.

The point-after failed on Dave Webster's short pass to Cal Scott, but conversions were looking less important as Prairie carried an 18-0 lead into the second quarter—and out of it as well.

Prairie drove to Florida's five in the second period but Clemon Daniels fumbled there and Rattler Bob Cory recovered.

The Tallahassee crew failed to move beyond the Texans' 47 in the first half.

The Panthers held on Florida A. and M.'s first offensive series of the final half, then moved 23 yards to the home 29 mainly on Brooks passes to Daniels and Frank McKee.

Prairie set up for a field goal there but P. backfired when Bennie Strong checked the ball as it came off Panther Les Porter's toe. Childs grabbed the ball and ran on to Prairie's 41.

LEROY HARDEE INJURED

Ironically, destiny backhanded the Rattlers even in their moments of seeming good fortune. On the field-goal-block play Rattler All-America Leroy Hardee was hurt, and Florida A. and M. lost a good piece of its offensive potential right there.

The Rattlers got no closer than the Panther 31 this time, and had to punt again with half the third period done.

This was Prairie's signal to flash what fans have grown to expect in this game—the bustaway play.

Seals, of course, did it. He cut around his right end from his 20 and traveled 61 yards before Dove Latimer pushed him out at the Florida A. and M. 16.

Scott cracked to the 10 in two plays, and here came lightning once more. Seals raced past the Rattler right flank and bombed through a group matted near the goal for the 21-0 counter.

Brooks tried passing for two extra points again. Again he missed.

Florida A. and M. was sure enough due by then, and the up-stater finally crashed the touchdown barrier with 50 playing minutes gone.

Operating with fresh verve, the Rattlers started from their 13 and tore off the next 87 yards in 11 plays.

Lee Royster hit Willie Johnson with a 30-yard pass at the Prairie 42. Lewis Johnson—a hero of last year's game on a 93-yard kickoff return—burst 16 more yards to the Panther 23. Four runs brought Jake Gaither's crew to the 10, and off-side's hit them to the one with a 15-yard penalty against P.V. for illegal use of hands. That was once again for Eddie Daniels, Bartow, Fla., who boomed over right guard for the TD.

Florida A. and M. got two more points on Daniel's plunge over tackle leaving it 24-8.

Earl Adams scored the final two points via the safety route. Stokes was scrambling around in the FAMU end zone, trying to pass, dropped

the ball. Adams grabbed it two minutes before the final gun.

SCORING BY QUARTERS:

Prairie View	18	0	6	2-26
Florida A. & M.	0	0	0	8-8

THE YARDSTICK

FAMU	P. VIEW
13	19
133	274
9	18
2	9
51	95
184	369
4	2
2-25.0	5-28.8
0	1
2	2
45	55