

GATOR BOWL
TENNESSEE VS INDIANA

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- Tennessee sure knows how to get out of a huge hole.

The Volunteers scored twice in a 30-second span late, using an onside kick to help escape a 13-point deficit, and then held on to stun Indiana 23-22 in the Gator Bowl on Thursday night.

The rally was indicative of Tennessee's season, which started 1-4 and ended with six consecutive wins.

"Everybody in the country had given up on these guys," second-year coach Jeremy Pruitt said.

Pruitt was talking about the season. He could have been talking about the game.

The Hoosiers (8-5) looked to be in control in the second half after scoring two touchdowns in a 1:03 span, the second one coming on Jamar Johnson's 63-yard interception return, and later adding a pair of field goals.

Indiana was up 22-9 before Tennessee (8-5) shocked most of the nearly 62,000 fans on hand.

Quavaris Crouch scored on a 1-yard plunge and then fellow running back Eric Gray recovered a surprise onside kick that barely went the mandatory 10 yards. Gray scored from 16 yards out a few plays later to put the Vols on top for good.

"Obviously, very very disappointing to have a fourth-quarter lead and let it slip away," said Indiana coach Tom Allen, whose team was seeking its first nine-win season since 1967. "I'm not going to sit here and point fingers and blame. At the end of the day, it's my responsibility for us to find a way to win the game. We didn't do that."

Gray was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

"It's amazing," he said. "When adversity hits, you got to put on more steam."

Logan Justus missed an extra point in the third quarter that turned out to be costly and was wide right on a 52-yard field goal attempt with 2:12 remaining. Justus' kick had the distance but sailed just outside the right upright.

Tennessee punted with 1:02 remaining, but Indiana failed to get back into field goal range.

THE TAKEAWAY

Indiana: The Hoosiers have to find a replacement for offensive coordinator Kalen DeBoer, who stayed for the bowl game after getting the head coaching job at Fresno State. DeBoer gets much of the credit for Indiana's offensive turnaround.

Tennessee: Jarrett Guarantano is far from guaranteed to be the team's starting quarterback next season, especially after a two-interception performance. The Vols signed Harrison Bailey from Marietta (Ga.) High, and the incoming freshman is expected to enroll this month and compete for the job in spring practice.

JENNINGS PLAYS

Tennessee receiver Jauan Jennings, who was suspended for the first half for stepping on an opponent in the regular-season finale, had to wait until the fourth quarter to touch the ball. Jennings had receptions of 22 and 5 yards, setting up the first of the two late touchdowns.

ODD CALLS

Allen had a game-management issue that might have cost his team points.

The Hoosiers moved the ball to the 6-yard line in the waning seconds of the first half, but instead of calling timeout, Allen had Peyton Ramsey line up and spike the ball with 3 seconds remaining. They could have used their final timeout much earlier, taken a shot into the end zone and still had time for a field goal.

KEY INJURIES

Indiana played its second consecutive game without leading rusher Stevie Scott. Scott warmed up with teammates, but did not play. ... Tennessee linebacker Daniel Bituli injured his right eye in the third quarter, returned on the next series and could be seen covering it with his hand to get calls from the sideline. ... Indiana tight end Peyton Hendershot injured his right short on a tackle but later returned.

SPURRIER BOOED

Tennessee fans showed no love for former Florida coach Steve Spurrier.

The Head Ball Coach was one of several coaches and players on hand for the 75th edition of the Gator Bowl. All of them played or coached in the bowl and were recognized on the field shortly before kickoff.

The list included former Tennessee coach and current Vols athletic director Phillip Fulmer, Pro Football Hall of Fame running back Floyd Little, Ole Miss great Archie Manning, former Tennessee quarterback Joshua Dobbs and longtime Tennessee AD Doug Dickey, who played and coached at Florida.

Dobbs got the loudest ovation. Spurrier was roundly booed, hardly a surprise given he went 8-4 against Tennessee as Florida's coach (1990-2001) and had famous lines like: "You can't spell Citrus without U-T."

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IND	0	3	16	3	22
TENN	0	6	3	14	23

Scoring Summary -----

	IND	TENN
FIRST QUARTER		
TENN FG 14:49		
Brent Cimaglia 23 Yd Field Goal		
12 plays, 67 yards, 6:04	0	3
TENN FG 5:21		
Brent Cimaglia 32 Yd Field Goal		
14 plays, 50 yards, 6:14	0	6
IND FG 0:00		
Logan Justus 24 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 36 yards, 2:24	3	6
THIRD QUARTER	IND	TENN
IND TD 9:29		
Peyton Ramsey 1 Yd Run (Logan Justus Kick)		
12 plays, 69 yards, 5:31	10	6
IND TD 8:26		
J. Guarantano pass intercepted for a TD, J. Johnson return for 63 yds for a TD		
2 plays, 1 yard, 1:03	16	6
IND TD 8:26		
Jamar Johnson 63 Yd Interception Return (Logan Justus PAT failed)		
2 plays, 1 yard, 1:03	16	6
TENN FG 4:11		
Brent Cimaglia 43 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 49 yards, 4:15	16	9
IND FG 1:01		
Logan Justus 49 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 46 yards, 3:10	19	9
FOURTH QUARTER	IND	TENN
IND FG 10:27		
Logan Justus 30 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 35 yards, 3:54	22	9
TENN TD 4:21		
Quavaris Crouch 1 Yd Run (Brent Cimaglia Kick)		
10 plays, 82 yards, 2:45	22	16
TENN TD 3:51		
Eric Gray 16 Yd Run (Brent Cimaglia Kick)		
3 plays, 54 yards, 0:30	22	23

	IND	TENN
Team Stats		
First Downs	17	19
Passes for First	8	11
Rushes for First	7	6
Penalties for First	2	2
Third Down Efficiency	4-13	6-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	0-1
Total Yards	303	374
Total Plays	65	69
Avg Gain Per Play	4.7	5.4
Net Yards Rushing	76	136
Rushes	31	35
Yards Per Rush	2.5	3.9
Stat Name		
Net Yards Passing	227	238
Comp-Att	20-34	19-34
Yards Per Pass	6.7	7.0
Times Sacked	4	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-26	-6
Interceptions	1	2
Punts	4	4
Punt Average	46.3	37.8
Penalties	6	7
Penalty Yards	46	55
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	29:27	30:33

Individual Stats

RUSHING

IND	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Peyton Ramsey	17	54	3.2	1	16
Sampson James	11	25	2.3	0	6
Ronnie Walker Jr.	1	2	2.0	0	2
Ahrod Lloyd	1	2	2.0	0	2
Whop Philyor	1	-7	-7.0	0	0
TENN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Eric Gray	14	86	6.1	1	22
Ty Chandler	12	35	2.9	0	9
Brian Maurer	1	8	8.0	0	8
Jauan Jennings	1	5	5.0	0	5
Tim Jordan	2	4	2.0	0	3
Quavaris Crouch	1	1	1.0	1	1
Jarrett Guarantano	3	-1	-0.3	0	3
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

PASSING

IND	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Peyton Ramsey	20	34	227	6.7	0	1	53.0
TENN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jarrett Guarantano	18	31	221	7.1	0	2	15.5
Brian Maurer	1	3	17	5.7	0	0	80.3

RECEIVING

IND	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Peyton Hendershot	6	67	11.2	0	24
Ty Fryfogle	3	63	21.0	0	39
Nick Westbrook	4	48	12.0	0	27
Miles Marshall	2	25	12.5	0	20
Matt Bjorson	2	12	6.0	0	7
Ronnie Walker Jr.	2	11	5.5	0	9
Whop Philyor	1	1	1.0	0	1
TENN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Josh Palmer	6	68	11.3	0	23
Ramel Keyton	2	60	30.0	0	46
Eric Gray	2	34	17.0	0	23
Jauan Jennings	2	27	13.5	0	22
Ty Chandler	3	24	8.0	0	11
Marquez Callaway	1	19	19.0	0	19
Tyler Byrd	1	5	5.0	0	5
Dominick Wood-Anderson	1	2	2.0	0	2
Tim Jordan	1	-1	-1.0	0	0