

WEEK 1A
MIAMI, FL VS FLORIDA

Inconsistent Franks, No. 8 Florida rally to beat Miami 24-20

ORLANDO, Fla. -- Feleipe Franks was clutch one minute and confused the next, showing the kind of inconsistency that got him benched five times in two years.

His job might be in jeopardy again if not for Florida's defense.

Franks made up for three inexcusable turnovers by accounting for three touchdowns, doing just enough to help the eighth-ranked Gators beat rival Miami 24-20 Saturday night in a wild and wacky opening game of the college football season.

"Last five minutes of the game, I aged 10 years," Florida coach Dan Mullen said. "That was exhausting."

Franks threw for 254 yards and two scores and ran for another as the Gators won for just the second time in their last nine meetings with the Hurricanes. Franks also threw two interceptions -- both horribly inaccurate passes -- in the fourth quarter.

He looked anywhere from good to great, from lost to downright awful.

He dropped in a perfect pass to Josh Hammond that gained 65 yards and set up the go-ahead score in the fourth and later in the quarter threw right to a defender. He also fumbled in the first half while deciding what to do on a read-option play.

Florida's defense bailed Franks out time and time again, finishing with a staggering 10 sacks and 16 tackles for a loss.

Miami converted a fourth-and-34 play with 1:30 remaining when Marco Wilson was flagged for pass interference. The Hurricanes moved the chains again thanks to another pass interference call against Trey Dean. One official threw one more flag in the end zone with 20 seconds to play, but it was picked up following a discussion.

The Hurricanes failed to score, and they needed a touchdown after Bubba Baxa missed a 27-yard field goal attempt wide right early in the fourth.

"We don't have the maturity level to see a victory through," first-year Canes coach Manny Diaz said. "That's a maturing process we have to go through."

Franks took a knee to run out the clock, celebrated with teammates and then ran toward the tunnel and punted the ball into the stands. At least this one didn't count as a turnover -- or result in a penalty.

The teams combined for five turnovers -- Florida had four -- and 225 yards in penalties.

Miami got to break out its revised Turnover Chain after each of Florida's gaffes and was able to debut its Touchdown Rings following both trips to the end zone.

"We wanted to spice it up," Diaz said. "The 305 (chain) came out really well. We talked about offense wanting something else, wanting something different. Hopefully we'll see a lot more of them."

Miami's Jarren Williams completed 19 of 29 passes for 214 yards and a touchdown in his first career start. DeeJay Dallas ran for 95 yards, including a 50-yard scamper that put the Canes up 20-17 early in the fourth.

Franks answered, though.

And Florida's defense stepped up again.

GUTSY CALLS

Florida converted all four of its fourth-down tries, but none of them was more important than Mullen's fake punt early.

Punter Tommy Townsend ran for 6 yards on a fourth-and-3 play from the Florida 28. Kadarius Toney turned a screen pass into a 66-yard score on the next play.

The Gators scored again after Jeff Thomas muffed a punt. Van Jefferson recovered for Florida, and Franks found Lamical Perine over the middle for an 8-yard touchdown three plays later.

WOE-LINES

Both offensive lines struggled. Miami started two freshman offensive tackles, and it showed in giving up double-digit sacks. Florida had four new starters and finished with just 52 yards on the ground.

PREGAME SUSPENSIONS

Florida suspended four players, including safety Brad Stewart and defensive tackle Tedarrell Slaton, for the opener. The Gators also held out receiver Rick Wells and walk-on defensive back Pat Mooror for not living up to "the Gator Standard."

Miami, meanwhile, suspended sophomore cornerback DJ Ivey for a "violation of team rules." The Hurricanes also were without backup safety Bubba Bolden, who did not suit up for Saturday night's game. The sophomore and Southern California transfer arrived on campus a little more than two weeks ago.

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MIAMI	3	10	0	7	20
FLA	7	0	10	7	24

Scoring Summary -----

QUARTER	MIAMI	FLA
FIRST QUARTER		
MIA FG 9:37	Bubba Baxa 36 Yd Field Goal	
9 plays, 56 yards, 5:23		3 0
FLA TD 7:37	Kadarius Toney 66 Yd pass from Feleipe Franks (Evan McPherson Kick)	
5 plays, 79 yards, 2:00		3 7
SECOND QUARTER		
MIA FG 8:26	Bubba Baxa 42 Yd Field Goal	
5 plays, 27 yards, 2:20		6 7
MIA TD 0:45	Brevin Jordan 25 Yd pass from Jarren Williams (Bubba Baxa Kick)	
12 plays, 90 yards, 6:08		13 7
THIRD QUARTER		
FLA FG 6:30	Evan McPherson 27 Yd Field Goal	
9 plays, 33 yards, 3:25		13 10
FLA TD 0:30	Lamical Perine 8 Yd pass from Feleipe Franks (Evan McPherson Kick)	
3 plays, 11 yards, 0:50		13 17
FOURTH QUARTER		
MIA TD 14:15	DeeJay Dallas 50 Yd Run (Bubba Baxa Kick)	
3 plays, 75 yards, 1:15		20 17
FLA TD 8:18	Feleipe Franks 3 Yd Run (Evan McPherson Kick)	
4 plays, 80 yards, 1:30		20 24

Team Stats	MIA	FL
First Downs	20	18
Passes for First	11	11
Rushes for First	4	5
Penalties for First	5	2
Third Down Efficiency	2-13	2-10
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-2	4-4
Total Yards	308	306
Total Plays	66	54
Avg Gain Per Play	4.7	5.7
Net Yards Rushing	94	52
Rushes	36	27
Yards Per Rush	2.6	1.9
Net Yards Passing	214	254
Comp-Att	19-30	17-27
Yards Per Pass	7.1	9.4
Times Sacked	10	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-60	-9
Interceptions	0	2
Punts	4	3
Punt Average	42.5	44.7
Penalties	14	9
Penalty Yards	125	100
Fumbles	3	2
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Time of Poss	36:13	23:47

Individual Stats

RUSHING	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
MIAMI					
DeeJay Dallas	12	95	7.9	1	50
Jeff Thomas	1	16	16.0	0	16
Cam'Ron Harris	6	15	2.5	0	6
Bubba Baxa	1	4	4.0	0	4
K.J. Osborn	1	2	2.0	0	2
Tate Martell	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Jarren Williams	14	-44	-3.1	0	8
FLORIDA					
Lamical Perine	10	42	4.2	0	15
Feleipe Franks	7	8	1.1	1	12
Tommy Townsend	1	6	6.0	0	6
Kadarius Toney	3	3	1.0	0	6
Dameon Pierce	3	2	0.7	0	3
Malik Davis	3	-9	-3.0	0	3

PASSING

MIAMI	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jarren Williams	19	30	214	7.1	1	0	17.1
FLORIDA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Feleipe Franks	17	27	254	9.4	2	2	38.6

RECEIVING

MIAMI	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Brevin Jordan	5	88	17.6	1	25
K.J. Osborn	4	41	10.3	0	18
DeeJay Dallas	4	37	9.3	0	40
Jeff Thomas	2	28	14.0	0	18
Mike Harley	1	12	12.0	0	12
Mark Pope	1	4	4.0	0	4
Cam'Ron Harris	2	4	2.0	0	2
FLORIDA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Josh Hammond	4	93	23.3	0	65
Kadarius Toney	1	66	66.0	1	66
Kyle Pitts	3	33	11.0	0	18
Lamical Perine	6	25	4.2	1	8
Van Jefferson	1	14	14.0	0	14
Tyrie Cleveland	1	13	13.0	0	13
Trevon Grimes	1	10	10.0	0	10