



TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN FLORIDA STATE FOOTBALL

3 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS • 15 ACC CHAMPIONSHIPS • 43 FIRST ROUND DRAFT PICKS

FINAL NOTES: FSU 34, CLEMSON 37

COOK CARRIES NOLES WITH ANOTHER MONSTER NIGHT

- » Junior tailback Dalvin Cook turned the game around for the Seminoles in the third quarter with touchdown runs of 43 and 70 yards as the Seminoles erased a 17-14 halftime lead. His 8-yard touchdown run with 3:23 remaining - his single-game career-best fourth of the game - gave the Noles a 34-29 lead.
- » He is the first Seminole with four rushing touchdowns in a game since Antone Smith did it against Miami in 2008.
- » His 38 career rushing touchdowns pushed him past Warrick Dunn and he trails only Greg Allen (44) all-time among Seminoles.
- » Cook finished with 169 yards on 19 carries, an average of 8.9 ypc. It was his fifth consecutive 100-yard rushing game and the 18th of his career, which ranks second all-time among Noles.
- » He eclipsed 1,000 yards for the third consecutive season, joining all-time rushing leader Warrick Dunn as the only Seminoles to do so. He is the seventh back with three 1,000-yard rushing seasons in Atlantic Coast Conference history.
- » The Miami native has 3,768 career rushing yards and is 1 yard shy of Greg Allen (3,769) for No. 2 on FSU's all-time rushing list.
- » Cook's 70-yard touchdown run was his third of the game and the 37th of his career, tying Warrick Dunn for No. 2 on FSU's all-time list for rushing touchdowns. He trails only Greg Allen (44).
- » With two chunk plays - 20 yards or longer - against Clemson, Cook pushed his season total to 12 and now has 55 for his career.
- » He has two plays of 70 yards this season and six for his career.
- » Cook's seven touchdown runs of 50 yards or longer since the start of the 2015 season leads all FBS players.
- » He has been especially potent against Clemson in his career. Following up last season's 194-yard rushing performance - which included a 75-yard touchdown run - Cook has 363 rushing yards and five touchdowns on 40 carries (9.1 ypc).

MURRAY MAKES PRESENCE FELT

- » Sophomore wide receiver Nyqwan Murray came up big in the most expanded role of his career, collecting six receptions for 96 yards and a touchdown in the absence of senior Bobo Wilson.
- » In the opening half, Murray collected three receptions for 67 yards, capped by a 5-yard touchdown catch from Deondre Francois with 23 seconds remaining in the first half.
- » The Orlando, Fla. native came into the game with 11 career receptions for 111 yards; just five for 46 yards this season.
- » He jump-started the touchdown drive on FSU's final possession of the half with a career-high 40-yard hookup with Francois, down to the Clemson 28. Two plays later he dragged his right foot just inside the pylon while collecting a bullet from Francois. The play was originally ruled incomplete, but overturned on replay review.
- » Murray also had second quarter reception of 22 yards and his 67 yards are a single-game high.

MCFADDEN STRIKES AGAIN

- » Sophomore cornerback Tarvarus McFadden collected his nation-leading sixth interception of the season with 6:26 remaining in the third quarter.
- » McFadden's six interceptions are the most by a Seminole in a single season since Patrick Robinson recorded six in 2007, which ties him for seventh in school history for single-season interceptions.
- » McFadden is the first Seminole with interceptions in three consecutive games since Patrick Robinson in 2007, when he came up with thefts against NC State, Wake Forest and Miami.
- » It was the Seminoles second interception of the game and 11th of the season and, like Marquez White's first half interception of a Deshaun Watson pass, led to an FSU touchdown. Dalvin Cook scored on a 43-yard run to give the Noles a 21-20 lead on the ensuing play.
- » The Seminoles have 17 takeaways this season and have scored 65 points off turnovers.

DEFENSIVE SHORT TAKES

- » Florida State defensive linemen Derrick Nnadi, Demarcus Christmas and Demarcus Walker (2) recorded pass break-ups against Clemson, totalling four for the Noles. The Seminoles came into the game with three pass break-ups by defensive linemen through the first seven games this season.
- » Defensive back Trey Marshall registered 11 tackles - the most by a Seminole this season - before he was ejected for targeting with 13:51 remaining in the game.
- » The Noles had just one double-digit tackler in a game this season - Matthew Thomas (10 vs. Louisville) - entering tonight's game. Marshall (11) and Demarcus Walker (10) each eclipsed that total against the Tigers.
- » Florida State's defensive line combination of Demarcus Christmas, DeMarcus Walker, Derrick Nnadi, Josh Sweat, Frederick Jones and Brian Burns combined for 27 total tackles, including 12 solo stops, five tackles for loss, three sacks, four pass break ups and three quarterback hurries. That was 39 percent of the Seminoles' total tackles in the contest.
- » Marquez White collected his second interception of the season and fourth of his career with 12:03 remaining in first half. It was the second interception in as many games for White, pushing FSU's season total to 10.

- » The Seminoles have now forced a turnover in nine consecutive games.
- » Leading 14-0, Clemson's third and fourth possessions of the first half began at the FSU 49 and 47 and ended with Noles forcing a punt and White coming up with an interception.
- » Clemson rolled up 148 yards of total offense on its first two possessions of the night, building a 14-0 lead, and managed just 90 yards and field goal on its final five possessions of the first half.

QUICK HITTERS

- » Redshirt freshman quarterback Deondre Francois withstood a ferocious Clemson pass rush which produced six sacks and briefly knocked him out of the game in the fourth quarter. He completed 17 of 35 attempts for 286 yards and a touchdown, with one interception.
- » Senior fullback Freddie Stevenson broke off a career-long 32-yard run in the fourth quarter, setting up Dalvin Cook's go-ahead 8-yard TD run. Stevenson's previous long run scrimmage was 13 yards.
- » The Seminoles rolled up 449 yards of total offense but were out-gained by the Tigers (511).
- » Offensive tackle Roderick Johnson's recovery of a Dalvin Cook fumble at the Clemson 4-yard line came one play before Cook put the Noles on the board with a 4-yard touchdown run, halving Clemson's lead (14-7) with 8:20 to play in the half.
- » Travis Rudolph's 18-yard reception with 5:20 to play in the first half extended his streak of consecutive games with a reception to 26.
- » Senior Associate Athletic Director and former Seminole All-American defensive back Monk Bonasorte was the honorary captain for tonight's game. He was accompanied onto the field by his sons Teej and Rocky Bonasorte, and his brother Chaz.
- » Sophomore wide receiver Auden Tate made his first career start in place of injured senior Bobo Wilson, whose 26 career starts leads all offensive players.

GAME CAPTAINS

- » Florida State's captains for today's game are senior defensive end DeMarcus Walker, junior offensive tackle Roderick Johnson, junior defensive back Trey Marshall and senior fullback Freddie Stevenson.
- » Florida State won the toss and deferred to the second half.