



# TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN FLORIDA STATE FOOTBALL

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## FINAL NOTES: FSU 45, OLE MISS 34

### FRANCOIS LEADS LARGEST COMEBACK WIN IN SCHOOL HISTORY

- » After an 11-yard touchdown with 1:40 remaining in the second quarter gave Ole Miss a 28-6 lead, Florida State scored the next 33 points en route to a 45-34 win over the Rebels Monday night.
- » The 22-point deficit is the largest comeback victory in FSU history, besting the 21-0 lead the Noles spotted Louisville in 2014 before winning 42-31.
- » Redshirt freshman quarterback Deondre Francois was 33-for-52 with 419 yards passing, two touchdowns and added 59 yards on the ground, including a pair of 31-yard runs that were the longest for an FSU quarterback since EJ Manuel's 32-yarder against South Carolina in the 2010 Chick-fil-A Bowl.
- » The 419 passing yards for Francois are the 15th-most in school history and the most in a season opener in FSU history (370 by Jameis Winston vs. Oklahoma State in 2014 was the previous high).
- » The Orlando, Fla., native became just the fourth Seminole freshman to open a season under center, joining Chris Rix (2001), Drew Weatherford (2005) and Jameis Winston (2013).
- » All four first-time starters under Fisher (Clint Trickett, Winston, Sean Maguire and Francois) have thrown for over 300 yards.
- » Francois had the most attempts, completions and yards by an FSU freshman QB in his first start. He also tied for the most completions to different receivers (8).

### TOP DEFENDERS

- » Senior DeMarcus Walker had a career high 4.5 sacks. It is the second time in the last three games Walker set a new high in sacks. His previous high was 3.5 in a 2015 win over Florida.
- » Sophomore defensive backs Derwin James and Marcus Lewis recorded the first interceptions of their career Monday night.
- » James intercepted Ole Miss quarterback Chad Kelly in the first quarter and Lewis intercepted Kelly early in the third quarter.
- » In 2015, the Seminoles only game with multiple interceptions was two at Georgia Tech and the Noles had eight on the year.

### COOK, WILSON TOP 100 RECEIVING YARDS

- » Running back Dalvin Cook had 7 catches for 101 yards, both numbers set career highs (previous highs: catches - 5 vs. Ga. Tech, 2014 ACC Championship; yards - 60, 2015 Louisville).
- » Six came in the first half, highlighted by a 25-yarder in the second quarter and a 24-yarder on 2nd-and-23 in the first quarter.
- » Cook becomes the fourth Seminole with a 100-yard receiving game after finishing with 101 yards on seven catches.
- » Senior wideout Jesus Wilson finished with nine catches and 125 yards (both career highs), making Monday the first game since NC State in 2014 that FSU had a pair of 100-yard receivers (Wilson and Rashad Greene).

### NOLES 7-for-7 IN RED ZONE

- » Since 2010, Florida State has the second-best red zone conversion rate in the country at 90.4 (OK State - 90.8) and Monday night they did even better.
- » FSU not only was a perfect 7-for-7 in the red zone, the offense scored on nine consecutive drives starting in the second quarter until they ran out the clock on the final drive to seal the win.

### AGUAYO SETS FSU RECORD WITH SIX FIELD GOALS

- » True freshman kicker Roberto Aguayo, playing the first game of his career, set an FSU record with six made field goals against the Rebels, including a long of 44 yards in the fourth quarter to stretch the Noles lead to 42-34.
- » The previous high was five made field goals done six times by four different kickers, most recently Aguayo's brother Roberto against Wake (14).
- » It also tied an FBS mark for made field goals by a freshman, tying Mickey Thomas (Va. Tech, 1989); Matt Hogan (Houston, 2012); and Jaden Oberkrom (TCU, 2012).

### QUICK HITTERS

- » Senior fullback Freddie Stevenson recorded the second rushing touchdown of his career - and first since the Nevada game in 2013.
- » Senior defensive end DeMarcus Walker stripped Chad Kelly on a sack in the third quarter for his sixth career forced fumble. In 2015, Walker led the ACC with four forced fumbles. Junior tackle Derrick Nnadi recovered the fumble, his second career recovery and first since jumping on one against Oregon in the 2015 Rose Bowl.
- » Senior Kermit Whitfield ran for a three yard touchdown in the third quarter, the third rushing score of his career and first since a 74-yarder against Syracuse in 2013.
- » Over a 6:12 time span between the second and third quarters, Florida State went from a 28-6 deficit to a 29-28 lead.
- » Tight end Ryan Izzo set a career-high with 41 receiving yards, including a two-yard touchdown from Francois in the third quarter.

### GAME CAPTAINS

- » Florida State's captains against Ole Miss were senior defensive end DeMarcus Walker, senior wide receiver Kermit Whitfield, junior running back Dalvin Cook and sophomore defensive back Derwin James.

### ON THE SIDELINES...

- » NFL Hall of Famer, wide receiver Cris Carter, was one of a handful of notable faces on the field for today's game.
- » Former Seminoles and current NFLers Jalen Ramsey (Jaguars), Jameis Winston and Javien Elliott (Buccaneers) were also on the FSU sidelines, as was USA Track and Field Olympian Marvin Bracy.