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FINAL NOTES: NORTH CAROLINA 37, FSU 35

COOK DOUBLES UP ON 100-YARDS

- » Junior running back Dalvin Cook, coming off a career-best 267 yards last week at USF, became the first Florida State back with 100 yards rushing and 100 yards receiving today against North Carolina.
- » Cook carried the ball 29 times for 140 yards and matched his career high with three touchdowns. He also compiled 106 receiving yards on six receptions.
- » It was Cook's 15th career 100-yard rushing game. He broke a tie with Travis Minor and now sits in third place in FSU history with 15 career 100-yard rushing games. Only Warrick Dunn (22) and Greg Allen (17) have accomplished the feat more often.
- » Cook pushed his career rushing yards total to 3,334, passing Travis Minor (3,218) on his way to the No. 3 spot in school history behind Warrick Dunn (3,959) and Greg Allen (3,769).
- » The Miami native now ranks 9th all-time among NCAA Division I rushers at Florida universities, passing Minor, Neal Anderson (Florida) and Ottis Anderson (Miami) today.
- » He also had two receptions for more than 20 yards - covering 24 and 41 yards in the fourth quarter. They were Cook's 50th and 51st plays (run or catch) of 20 or more yards in his career.

FRANCOIS' FOURTH QUARTER BRILLIANCE

- » Redshirt freshman quarterback Deondre Francois scored what appeared to be the winning touchdown on a 2-yard run with 23 seconds remaining, and Ricky Aguayo's PAT gave the Seminoles a 35-34 lead over North Carolina. That capped his second big rally of the season; this one from a 21-point first half deficit.
- » Francois was 20-of-32 for 372 passing yards and added 32 rushing yards on 10 carries.
- » In the fourth quarter alone he completed 8-of-12 attempts for 129 yards and added 13 more on the ground.
- » He completed passes to five different receivers in the fourth quarter.

NOLES RECOVER FUMBLE; FORCE TURNOVER IN 6th STRAIGHT GAME

- » With North Carolina threatening to push its lead to 28-7 just before halftime, redshirt junior linebacker Matthew Thomas forced the first fumble of his career. Junior Jacob Pugh fell on the Elijah Hood fumble at the 7-yard line.
- » Dating back to last season's Peach Bowl against Houston, FSU has forced at least one turnover in six straight games.
- » This season, the Noles have recovered five fumbles and intercepted six passes. Last season, FSU tallied 15 takeaways.

WHITFIELD CLIMBS ACC RETURN YARDS LIST

- » After two kickoff returns for 40 yards against North Carolina, senior Kermit Whitfield now ranks sixth in ACC history with 2,161 kickoff return yards.
- » He also had a pair of rushing attempts on the game's opening drive, including a 21-yarder on the first play of the game.
- » It was Whitfield's longest rush since 2014 and the fourth game of his career with multiple rushing attempts.

TIGHT ENDS IMPRESSIVE

- » Redshirt sophomore tight end Mavin Saunders caught quarterback Deondre Francois' first pass of the game, a 26-yard gain in the middle of the field. He added a 33-yard catch later in the quarter.
- » Entering today's game, Saunders' career long catch was 21 yards against Louisville last season and his most yards in a game was 26 against Miami last season.
- » Redshirt sophomore Ryan Izzo had four catches for 63 yards, including a 34-yarder. His career highs before today were three catches for 41 yards against Ole Miss.
- » The seven catches by tight ends for 137 yards are the most in a game this season.

QUICK HITTERS

- » The Seminoles saw their home winning streak snapped at 22 games, which had included 17 consecutive ACC wins. FSU's last home loss came to Virginia in 2011.
- » FSU's 37-35 loss to North Carolina was the identical score of the Seminoles' 2010 home loss to the Tar Heels. It was also the last time an FSU team lost a game without committing a turnover.
- » Travis Rudolph extended his streak of consecutive games with a reception to 23 games when he reeled in his lone catch with less than a minute remaining.
- » Florida State held North Carolina on 4th-and-1 in the first quarter. The Noles are 2-of-4 in fourth-down defense this season.
- » FSU attempted its first fourth down try in the third quarter. Quarterback Deondre Francois ran 18 yards on 4th-and-3.
- » It was the first time this season the Noles were held scoreless in the opening quarter. The Seminoles outgained the Tar Heels, 134-128, in the opening frame. Each team had 17 plays.
- » Senior wide receiver Bobo Wilson had a 16-yard catch in the first half. He now has a completion in 19 straight games. His last game without a catch was the 2014 ACC Championship Game against Georgia Tech.
- » Defensive end DeMarcus Walker had a sack early in the third quarter. He has 6.5 on the year and 7.5 tackles for loss. His 31 career tackles for loss rank 16th in school history.
- » Defensive tackle Walvenski Aime blocked Nick Weiler's PAT with 2:31 remaining, setting the stage for FSU's go-ahead score with 23 seconds to play. It was the first blocked PAT for FSU since Nile Lawrence-Stample against Oregon in the 2015 Rose Bowl.

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COMEBACK WINS UNDER FISHER

- » For the third time this season, Florida State trailed by 21 points or more in the opening half when the Tar Heels went up 21-0 in the second quarter on quarterback Mitch Trubisky's 4-yard touchdown run.
- » Under Jimbo Fisher (since 2010), FSU has won eight games when trailing by 14 or more points, including the season opener against Ole Miss in Orlando this season.

<i>Deficit</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Final Score</i>	<i>Notes</i>
22	vs. Ole Miss	9/5/16	45-34	Largest comeback win in school history
21	at Louisville	10/30/14	42-31	Largest comeback road win in school history
18	vs. Auburn	1/6/14	34-31	BCS National Championship in Pasadena, Calif.
17	at NC State	9/27/14	56-41	
16	at Miami	11/15/14	30-26	
14	at Boston College	9/28/13	48-34	
14	vs. Clemson	9/22/12	49-37	Largest comeback win at home under Fisher
14	vs. Notre Dame	12/29/11	18-14	Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

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