



# TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN FLORIDA STATE FOOTBALL

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## FINAL NOTES: FSU 33, MICHIGAN 32

### WILD ORANGE BOWL TIPS SEMINOLES WAY

- » After running out to a 17-3 lead after the first quarter, Florida State had to score a touchdown with :36 remaining and then survive a final Michigan drive to secure a 33-32 win over No. 6 Michigan in the Capital One Orange Bowl Friday night.
- » The win was FSU's 27th bowl win, tied with Texas for the seventh-most in history. It also evened the Noles Orange Bowl record to 5-5.
- » Head coach Jimbo Fisher improved to 17-10 against AP-ranked opponents and FSU is now 6-0 in Hard Rock Stadium under Fisher. The 33 points FSU scored in the game are the most in the team's 10 Orange Bowl appearances. FSU twice scored 31 points, against Notre Dame in 1996 and against Northern Illinois in 2013.
- » FSU also improved to 9-2 against Big Ten schools, which includes a 6-1 mark against the league in bowl games. The Noles are now 2-1 all-time against Michigan, with the Wolverines ranked in the Top 10 each time.
- » Freshman Keith Gavin touched the ball for the first time this season with 1:57 remaining in the game, fielding a kickoff after the Wolverines had scored a late touchdown to take a lead. The Crawfordville, Fla., native initially hesitated in the end zone, but took off and ran 66 yards to the Michigan 34-yard line. It was the longest kick return for the Seminoles since Kermit Whitfield, the other deep man on Gavin's return, took a kick 100 yards against Auburn in the 2013 BCS National Championship Game.
- » The win helped FSU avoid what would have been the first three-game bowl streak in school history. Fisher is now 5-2 in bowl games.
- » FSU is 14-2 in NFL stadiums under Jimbo Fisher, including a 3-0 mark in 2016: at Raymond James (USF) and at Hard Rock (Miami, Michigan).

### MVP COOK RECORDS TOP RUSHING SEASON IN FSU HISTORY

- » Junior running back Dalvin Cook finished the best rushing season in FSU history after recording 145 yards on 20 carries during Friday's Capital One Orange Bowl. The junior ran for 1,765 yards this season, topping his 1,691 yards from 2015.
- » Cook's 28-yard run on the opening drive was his longest in three career bowl games, besting his 20-yarder as a freshman against Oregon in the Rose Bowl. He later topped that with a 71-yard run.
- » Cook finished the season with 19 rushing touchdowns on the year. That matches his total from last season and was one away from the FSU record of 20 (Greg Allen, 1982).
- » For his career, Cook has 46 rushing touchdowns, extending his school record, and 48 total touchdowns, one shy of Warrick Dunn's 49 from 1993-1996.
- » His 4,464 career rushing yards are the second-most in ACC history and he ranks 58th in NCAA history in rushing yards. He also passed Tony Dorsett (4,376) and Troy Davis (4,382) for most rushing yards in a player's first three seasons and ranks 11th all-time in a player's first three years.
- » On FSU's second drive, Cook hauled in a 45-yard pass from quarterback Deondre Francois. Cook has now accounted for two of FSU's five longest receptions this year, including a 59-yard touchdown catch against Miami in Hard Rock Stadium earlier this season. That was the longest pass play of the year for FSU prior to Nyqwan Murray's 92-yard catch later in the first quarter.
- » With his 71-yard run early in the fourth quarter, Cook has accounted for 10 of the top 13 offensive plays for FSU this season.

### FRANCOIS TO MURRAY SETS BOWL RECORDS

- » After being pinned at the eight-yard line late in the first quarter following a Michigan punt, redshirt freshman quarterback Deondre Francois found sophomore receiver Nyqwan Murray for a 92-yard touchdown pass.
- » The reception was the longest in Orange Bowl history, the longest in FSU bowl history and the sixth-longest pass in Florida State history.
- » The connection was also the longest play of the season for the Seminoles, surpassing Bobo Wilson's 89-yard punt return touchdown against Charleston Southern in Week 2 and the longest since Dalvin Cook's 94-yard touchdown run at Wake Forest last season.
- » The Michigan defense entered the game ranked first in the country, allowing 135.9 passing yards per game. FSU had 160 in the opening quarter and 177 in the half. Michigan ranked second nationally in total yards per game allowed at 252.7. The Noles totaled 255 in the first half.
- » Murray scored his second TD of the game with 00:36 seconds left to give FSU the lead. It was the first two-TD receiving game of his career.

### HOME COOK-ING

- » FSU running back Dalvin Cook continued his success in Hard Rock Stadium Friday night.
- » In three games at the home of the Hurricanes and the Orange Bowl, Cook, a Miami native, has rushed for 387 yards on 54 carries (an average of 7.16 yards per carry).
- » Cook has three touchdowns in three games at Hard Rock Stadium with two coming on the ground and a third coming on a reception earlier this year versus Miami.
- » On top of his 387 rushing yards, Cook has also recorded 139 receiving yards for a total of 526 yards in three games in his hometown stadium.

### FSU DEFENSE'S TOP NUMBERS

- » Against a Michigan offense that averages 41 points a game and 439 total yards, the FSU defense held the Wolverines to a pair of field goals and 83 total yards in the first half. Overall, Michigan totaled just 252 yards, 187 below their season average.
- » Linebacker Matthew Thomas, a Miami native, had 15 tackles, including 3.5 for loss. His career high in tackles was 10 from earlier this season at Louisville. His 3.5 tackles for loss were also a career high. On three of Michigan's four drives inside the FSU 10-yard line, Thomas had at least a half-tackle for loss.
- » As a team, FSU had 15 tackles for loss, the most this season. In the last four games, the FSU defense recorded 43 TFLs.
- » All four of defensive end DeMarcus Walker's tackles were for a loss, pushing his season total in TFLs to 21.5, tying for the third-most in single season history at FSU. His 45 career TFLs also ranks third.
- » FSU entered the game ranked first in the nation with 47 sacks on the season and added four against the Wolverines Friday.



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### **NOLES HIT 300 CONSECUTIVE PATs BUT STREAK ENDS**

- » Ricky Aguayo's first extra point following FSU's opening score was FSU's 300th-straight made PAT.
- » Aguayo was 51-of-51 on the season and the Noles had hit 302 straight extra points, dating back to 2012. FSU holds the NCAA record and is the only team ever to record 300 straight extra points.
- » The Michigan blocked extra point late in the fourth quarter ended the Seminoles' amazing run after 302 consecutive makes.

### **ODDS & ENDS**

- » Florida State's captains the Capital One Orange Bowl were seniors Sean Maguire, DeMarcus Walker, Freddie Stevenson, and Marquez White, and juniors Dalvin Cook and Roderick Johnson. The six were named the 2016 team captains at the year-end banquet earlier this month.
- » Former Seminoles on the FSU sidelines included Marvin Jones, Darnell Dockett, Travis Johnson, Snoop Minnis, Greg Jones, Danny Kanell, Samari Rolle, and Clay Shiver.
- » Junior wide receiver Travis Rudolph, had 3 catches for 33 yards. He has at least one catch in a team-high 31 straight games.
- » The Noles were 3-for-3 in the redzone in the game. Florida State entered the game ranked first in the country with a .963 success rate inside the opponent's 20-yard line.