



# TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN FLORIDA STATE FOOTBALL

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

## FINAL NOTES: FSU 45, SYRACUSE 14

### COOK BECOMES NOLES ALL-TIME LEADING RUSHER

- » Doak Walker and Walter Camp Award semifinalist Dalvin Cook had 225 rushing yards on 28 carries and four touchdowns. He has 4,166 rushing yards in his career, passing Warrick Dunn's 20-year FSU record of 3,959 career rushing yards.
- » The 225 yards are his fourth career 200-yard rushing game and ranks fifth in school history. Cook has four of FSU's seven highest single-game rushing days.
- » He is the first running back in ACC history to pass the 4,000-yard career rushing mark in only three seasons and ranks third in league history with 4,166 yards, passing Dunn, Raymond Priester (Clemson, 3,966), Mike Voight (UNC, 3,971), Chris Barclay (Wake Forest, 4,032), Robert Lavette (Ga. Tech, 4,066) and LaMont Jordan (Maryland, 4,147) on Saturday.
- » Nationally, Cook jumped from No. 126 all-time to No. 89.
- » Cook has 20 career 100-yard rushing games, second-most in FSU history.
- » Cook's four touchdown runs give him 17 for the season, third in single-season history at FSU. Cook's 44 career rushing touchdowns are tied for the most in school history (Greg Allen, 1981-84). The four rushing touchdowns tie his career-high from the Clemson game this year and tie a school record.
- » With 104 yards in the first half and 121 in the second, Cook has passed the 100-yard mark in a half 11 times and the second time he has done it in the same game (USF, 2015).

### McFADDEN LEADS NATION IN INTERCEPTIONS

- » Nagurski Trophy finalist and Thorpe Award semifinalist Tarvarus McFadden intercepted Zack Mahoney in the second quarter, ending an Orange drive in the end zone.
- » McFadden has eight interceptions on the year, tied for the second-most in school history and the most for a Seminole since Terrell Buckley's 12 in 1991.
- » He has one interception in eight different games this season, one behind Buckley in 1991 (12 interceptions in 9 different games).
- » With Ermon Lane's first career interception on the next Syracuse drive, FSU has 20 takeaways in 2016, including 14 interceptions. Last season, FSU had 15 takeaways in 13 games.

### DEFENSE, SPECIAL TEAMS SHINE IN OPENING HALF

- » True freshman defensive end Brian Burns blocked a punt on Syracuse's first possession and had 2.5 sacks of Syracuse quarterback Zack Mahoney.
- » Burns now has 8.0 sacks on the season and entered the game tied for second nationally and leading the Power 5 in sacks by a freshman. He has the most sacks in a season for a freshman at FSU since Ron Simmons had 12 in 1977. It's his third game with at least 2.0 sacks this season.
- » Burns' blocked punt was the first for an individual Seminole since Chris Thompson had one against Samford in head coach Jimbo Fisher's first game in 2010. The team was credited with a block last week against Boston College.
- » Senior defensive end DeMarcus Walker had his 12th and 13th sacks of the season against Mahoney. He entered the game tied for third nationally in sacks. His 13 sacks are tied for sixth-most in a single season at FSU, while his 25.5 career sacks rank third in school history.
- » Redshirt junior linebacker Matthew Thomas had a solo sack in the first quarter. It was his second career sack, with the first coming in 2013 against Bethune-Cookman.
- » FSU's eight sacks set a season high and were the most since recording eight against BYU in 2010.

### FRANCOIS OVER 300 YARDS FOR FIFTH TIME

- » Redshirt freshman quarterback Deondre Francois was 18-of-28 for 315 yards and a pair of touchdowns.
- » It was Francois' fifth 300-yard game this season, tying Chris Rix (2001) for second-most by a freshman. Jameis Winston had seven 300-yard passing games in 2013.

### RUDOLPH UP TO EIGHTH IN SCHOOL HISTORY IN RECEIVING YARDS

- » For the 29th consecutive game, junior wide receiver Travis Rudolph had at least one reception, finishing with 64 yards on 5 catches, including a 15-yard touchdown pass on the second drive of the game. His six touchdowns this season are tied for the team lead with sophomore Auden Tate.
- » Rudolph ranks eighth in school history with 2,215 career yards, while his 17 career touchdown passes are tied for the 14th-most in a career, one behind Craponso Thorpe.

### ODDS & ENDS

- » Florida State's captains for today's game are senior defensive end DeMarcus Walker, senior defensive back Marquez White, junior offensive tackle Roderick Johnson and senior fullback Freddie Stevenson. Syracuse won the toss and elected to receive.
- » Redshirt freshman offensive lineman Cole Minshew made the first start of his career at left guard.
- » FSU has 72 points off turnovers this season after Cook's touchdown following McFadden's interception. The Noles have scored touchdowns on five of the last nine defensive takeaways.
- » Redshirt sophomore Ryan Izzo's 39-yard catch on the Noles opening drive of the second half was the longest of his career.