



TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN FLORIDA STATE FOOTBALL

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

FINAL NOTES: FSU 55, USF 35

RUNNING AGAINST THE BULLS

- » Florida State was dominant on the ground against USF Saturday afternoon, finishing with 478 yards on 63 carries (7.6 per carry).
- » Junior Dalvin Cook ran for a career-high 267, second-most in school history (Greg Allen, 322, 1981). Cook also set a career-high with 329 total yards. Cook averaged 9.5 ypc.
- » Cook ran 75 yards on the first offensive play for the Seminoles. It tied his own 75-yarder against No. 1 Clemson last season for the 19th-longest run in school history. His 74-yarder against USF in 2015 ranks 20th.
- » With his second touchdown of the first half, a 13-yarder, Cook passed both Devonta Freeman and Amp Lee for sole possession of third in career rushing touchdowns with 31.
- » Sophomore running back Jacques Patrick ran for 124 yards on 20 carries. It is just the third time in school history FSU has had a 200-yard and a 100-yard rusher in the same game (1981, Greg Allen 322 and Michael Whiting 106 against Western Carolina; 1985, Victor Floyd 212 and Keith Ross 163 against South Carolina).
- » Senior fullback Freddie Stevenson broke a 13-yard run in the first quarter, a new career-long. He also scored a pair of one-yard touchdowns in the opening 30, giving him three on the season and the most scores in a season in his career. His two touchdowns in the first half equalled his career total coming into the game.
- » The FSU high in rushing yards in a game this season entering today was 171 yards last week at Louisville.

FSU SETS CONSECUTIVE PAT MARK

- » Ricky Aguayo's third PAT in the opening quarter was the 263rd-consecutive for a Seminole kicker, breaking the NCAA record of 262 set by Syracuse from 1978-89. The Noles are now at 267.
- » Dustin Hopkins made his final 50 point after tries in 2012; three-time All-American Roberto Aguayo was 198-for-198 from 2013-15; and Roberto's brother, Ricky, is 19-for-19 to open 2016.
- » Entering Saturday, Michigan is the only other team in the country with a current streak of over 200 (242).

NOLES HIT 28 POINTS IN OPENING QUARTER

- » The first quarter featured fireworks to start and FSU kept it going throughout the first 15:00.
- » The Seminoles racked up 250 total yards and 28 points. Of those 250, 146 came on the ground to go along quarterback Deondre Francois' 104 passing yards on a 6-for-6 effort. FSU converted it's only third down while averaging nearly 14 yards per play.
- » Florida State did not punt, committed just one penalty (a celebration foul) and did not allow a sack. The defense chipped in as well. After allowing TD's on the first two drives, including a TD pass on the first play, the Bulls did not complete another pass and were forced to punt on their next three series in the opening quarter.
- » With four touchdowns in the first quarter, including a 75-yard Dalvin Cook touchdown on the first offensive play for the Noles, Florida State scored 28 points in a quarter for the second time in three weeks.
- » Against Charleston Southern, the Noles scored three offensive touchdowns and had an 89-yard punt return from Bobo Wilson, the first punt return TD for the Noles since 2012.

COOK'S 75-YD TOUCHDOWN ON FIRST TOUCH OF GAME

- » Florida State junior running back Dalvin Cook took the first offensive snap of the game for the Noles and went 75 yards to tie the score 7-7.
- » It was Cook's longest run of the season and the longest against USF on the season (previous high: 28 by Joel Bouagnon of Northern Illinois).
- » It was the first touchdown on the Noles first touch of the game since a punt return against Murray State to open the 2012 season.
- » It was the first touchdown for the Noles on the first offensive play of a game since Oct. 21, 2000, when William McCray ran for a one-yard touchdown after the defense returned a Virginia fumble to the one yard line.

QUICK HITTERS

- » FSU was 7-8 in red zone chances and are now 20-21 on the season. The Seminoles ran out the clock inside the 20-yard line to end the game.
- » Defensive back Tarvarus McFadden added to his team-high interception total with his third of the year. Senior DB Nate Andrews, making his first start of the year, had his eighth career interception and first since 2014.
- » The 55 points against USF were the most for FSU in the four-game series, outpacing last season's 34 put up in Tallahassee.
- » Today's offensive line was the fourth different O-Line setup in four games this season.

GAME CAPTAINS

- » Florida State captains for today's game are senior defensive end DeMarcus Walker, junior wide receiver Travis Rudolph, junior offensive lineman Roderick Johnson, and junior defensive back Trey Marshall.
- » Florida State won the toss and deferred to the second half.