



TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN FLORIDA STATE FOOTBALL

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

FINAL NOTES: FSU 17, WAKE FOREST 6

SUDDEN-CHANGE DEFENSE LOOMS LARGE

- » The Florida State defense came up big after four offensive turnovers, including the first two possessions of the second half, with the Seminoles holding a tenuous 10-7 lead.
- » Wake Forest managed just two field goals off those four turnovers, including three possessions which began in Seminole territory.
- » Following a Dalvin Cook fumble on the first possession of the second half, Wake took over at the FSU 29 and drove to the 11 before settling for a 29-yard Mike Weaver field goal.
- » FSU's second possession of the second half ended with an interception of a Deondre Francois pass, allowing the Deacs to take possession at the Seminoles' 45-yard line. Wake Forest lost two yards on three plays and were forced to punt.
- » Francois was stripped of the football at the 6:42 mark of the fourth quarter with the Noles lead 17-6. Josh Banks returned the fumble 39 yards to the FSU 20, where he was tackled from behind by Cook. The Deacs lost two yards on the drive and Weaver clanked a 40-yard field goal attempt off the left upright.
- » The Deacs managed a second quarter field goal following 56-yard drive after a Cook fumble.

RUDOLPH TURNS IN MONSTER GAME

- » Junior wide receiver Travis Rudolph registered one of the most productive days in school history, collecting 13 receptions for 238 yards against the Demon Deacons.
- » Rudolph's 238 yards rank fourth in FSU history and are the most since Peter Warrick had 249 receiving yards against Clemson in 1997. Ron Sellers holds the top two games in school history with 260 against Wake Forest in 1968 and 259 vs. South Carolina that same season.
- » The 13 receptions tie for the fifth-most in Seminole history and are the most since Rashad Greene had 13 vs. Virginia in 2014.
- » His big day included four catches in excess of 25 yards, including a season-high 58 yards on the final play of the first half.

RUDOLPH EXTENDS STREAK OF 200-YD GAMES

- » Travis Rudolph's 36-yard reception of a Deondre Francois pass with 8:02 remaining in the third quarter pushed the junior over the 200-yard mark for the second time in his career (9-202).
- » The Seminoles have had a 200-yard receiving game by a receiver in each of the last four seasons, which is even more impressive considering it was just the 13th in school history.
- » Rudolph is the responsible for the last two 200-yard games - today and his 201-yard effort against Houston in the 2015 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl. Rashard Greene (203 vs. Oklahoma State, 2014) and Kelvin Benjamin (212 at Florida, 2013) round out the list.

TATE CAPS LONGEST SCORING DRIVE OF SEASON

- » Sophomore wide receiver Auden Tate's 11-yard touchdown reception with 7:32 to play in the third quarter capped FSU's season-long scoring drive. The Seminoles marched 96 yards on six plays, spanning 2:38 to give the Noles a 17-6 lead.
- » FSU's previous long scoring drive was 95 yards on 10 plays at USF.
- » Tate's second reception of the game and eighth of the season produced his team-leading fourth touchdown catch of the year.

DEFENSIVE COMES UP BIG

- » Florida State matched a season-high with five sacks of Wake Forest quarterback John Wolford, led by two from DeMarcus Walker and 1.5 from Josh Sweat. The Noles finished with seven tackles for loss, totalling negative-40 yards.
- » The Noles yielded just 252 total yards to the Demon Deacons, the fewest yards allowed in seven games this season. FSU allowed 276 against Miami, accounting for the two best defensive efforts in consecutive games.
- » Wake Forest was successful on just 5-of-16 third-down attempts and failed on two fourth-down attempts.

QUICK HITTERS

- » After the Demon Deacons in time of possession at the half (16:30-13:40) the Noles dominated the ball in the second half to win that statistic 32:26-27:34. FSU came into the game ranked second nationally in average time of possession (36:11.83).
- » Senior wide receiver Bobo Wilson suffered a first half foot injury and will not return. Wilson was able to extend his streak of consecutive games with reception to 21 when he collected a shovel pass for two yards early in the game.
- » Ricky Aguayo converted both of his PAT attempts, pushing his season total to 28-of-28, which extended FSU's NCAA record to 276 consecutive successful kick conversions.
- » Quarterback Deondre Francois' 2-yard touchdown run with 3:16 remaining in the first half marked the third consecutive game the redshirt freshman has scored on the ground.
- » Trey Marshall led the Seminoles with eight tackles, while Ermon Lane - in his first career start - finished with seven along with Josh Sweat.

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COOK ECLIPSES 100 YARDS FOR 17th TIME

- » Dalvin Cook bounced back from a slow start to rush for 115 yards on 25 carries. It was his 17th career 100-yard rushing game, tying Greg Allen for No. 2 all-time among Seminoles.
- » Cook pushed his career rushing total to 3,599 yards, which pulls him within 170 yards of Allen for the No. 2 spot on FSU's all-time list.
- » He ranks sixth among Division I all-time leaders at Florida schools after passing Alfred Morris (FAU) and Duke Johnson (Miami) today.

200-100 COMBO A RARITY

- » For the first time since FSU's 1968 meeting against Wake Forest, the Seminoles produced a 200-yard receiver and a 100-yard rusher in the same game.
- » With Travis Rudolph's 238 receiving yards and Dalvin Cook's 115 rushing yards, the tandem joined FSU's Ron Sellers and Tom Bailey to pull off the feat. Sellers had a school-record 260 yards and Bailey ran for 105 that day.

McFADDEN NABS NATION-LEADING FIFTH INTERCEPTION OF SEASON

- » Sophomore defensive back Tarvarus McFadden picked off Wake Forest quarterback John Wolford with 14:36 remaining in the first half.
- » It was McFadden's fifth interception of the season, giving him the outright national lead. He has four interceptions in the past five games.
- » McFadden's five interceptions are the most by a Seminole in a single season since Patrick Robinson swiped six in 2007.
- » McFadden's theft was FSU's second of the game - Maquez White had one in the first quarter - pushing the season-total to nine, which eclipses the 2015 season total.
- » Amir Rasul was also credited with a fumble recovery on a first half botched punt attempt by the Demon Deacons.
- » Dating back to last season's Peach Bowl against Houston, FSU has forced a turnover in eight consecutive games and 15 total, seven games into the 2016 season, equalling last season's 13-game total of 15 takeaways (eight interceptions, seven fumble recoveries).
- » Entering Saturday's game FSU was tied for 10th nationally in turnover margin at +1.17.

DEFENSIVE SHORT TAKES

- » Junior defensive back Ermon Lane and freshman linebacker Dontavious Jackson made their first career starts and teamed up for a tackle for loss on the opening play of the game.
- » Marquez White collected his first interception of the season and third of his career with 3:01 remaining in first quarter. The eighth interception of the season, tying FSU's 2015 season total, set up Ricky Aguayo's 29-yard field goal on the final play of the first quarter to give the Noles a 3-0 lead.
- » White's theft came in front of former Seminole and current NFL standout Xavier Rhodes (Minnesota Vikings), who wore the same No. 27 jersey number and capped his three-year FSU (2010-12) career with eight interceptions.
- » With two sacks today, senior DeMarcus Walker has 8.5 sacks this season and 21 for his career, which ranks 11th all-time among Noles, just a half-sack shy of the top 10.
- » In his first start at linebacker, Jackson finished with four tackles, including a half-sack and a tackle for loss.
- » After serving a first half suspension for last week's ejections, linebacker Matthew Thomas came on two contribute a pair of quarterback hurries in the second half. Ro'Derrick Hoskins also had two hurries for the Noles.
- » Trey Marshal led the Noles with two pass breakups.

GAME CAPTAINS

- » Florida State's captains for today's game are senior defensive end DeMarcus Walker, junior offensive tackle Roderick Johnson, junior defensive back Trey Marshall and senior fullback Freddie Stevenson.
- » Florida State won the toss and deferred to the second half.