



TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN FLORIDA STATE FOOTBALL

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

FINAL NOTES: FSU 31, FLORIDA 13

COOK TALLIES 100 YARDS AGAIN VS. GATORS

- » Doak Walker Award finalist Dalvin Cook finished with 153 yards on 26 carries, including a 17-yard touchdown run in the first quarter.
- » Cook now has eight 100-yard rushing games in 2016 and 21 in his career, one behind Warrick Dunn's 22 for the most in school history. He is the second Seminole (Sammie Smith, 1986-88) to rush for over 100 yards against the Gators in three straight seasons.
- » Cook recorded his school-record setting 45th rushing touchdown at the 4:46 mark of the first quarter. The 17-yard rush was Cook's 18th of the season, two off the school record set by Greg Allen in 1982 and one short of his 19 from last season.
- » Cook moved into a tie for fourth in the ACC in career rushing TDs with Robert Lavette (Georgia Tech, 1981-84). Cook is now seven behind Pittsburgh's James Conner, who owns the all-time ACC rushing touchdown mark with 52, including his two in today's win over Syracuse.
- » Cook's 47 total touchdowns are two behind Warrick Dunn's FSU record.
- » Cook has 4,319 career yards, which ranks No. 69 on the FBS all-time rushing list and 15th among players in their first three seasons.
- » With 2,046 total yards in 2016 (1,620 rushing, 426 receiving), Cook broke his total yards mark from last season (1,935).

SWEAT, WALKER COMBINE FOR 1ST QUARTER FUMBLE

- » Senior DeMarcus Walker recorded the first fumble recovery of his career on Florida's second drive of the game when he fell on Florida quarterback Austin Appleby's fumble, forced by sophomore Josh Sweat's sack, which was the first of his career.
- » The Seminole offense turned the takeaway into a two-play touchdown drive. It was the 11th time this season the FSU offense turned a takeaway into a touchdown.
- » Walker added his second fumble recovery of his career in the fourth quarter when he emerged with the ball following Derrick Nnadi's sack of Appleby at the Gator 28-yard line. That recovery helped set up the final Seminole touchdown of the game.
- » It was FSU's 22nd takeaway of the season (8 fumble recoveries, 14 interceptions).

FRANCOIS SHINES VERSUS GATORS

- » Deondre Francois' 46-yard pass completion to Travis Rudolph was the freshman quarterback's second-longest touchdown toss of the season (59 yard completion to Cook, vs. Miami, Oct. 8). It also marked the second-longest allowed by the Gator defense this season (69 yards vs. Tennessee, Sept. 24).
- » Deondre Francois has had six games this season that he has had at least a 15-yard run and a 30-yard pass. They include Ole Miss (31, 31), USF (39, 35), North Carolina (41, 18), Miami (15, 59), Syracuse (39, 18), Florida (46, 17). (numbers in parentheses indicate longest pass, rush from scrimmage in those games)
- » Francois guided Florida State's final scoring drive of the third quarter, taking the Seminoles 75 yards in nine plays in 4:48. The Seminoles next drive, their first of the fourth quarter, was nine plays, 77 yards and erased 4:49 off the clock.

BURNS & WALKER ARE SACK MACHINES

- » True freshman defensive end Brian Burns recorded another 1.5 sacks against Florida, pushing his season total to 9.5. It ties for the 19th most in single-season history at Florida State.
- » Burns' 9.5 sacks are the most in the country for any freshman and the most for any Seminole freshman since Ron Simmons had 12 in 1977.
- » DeMarcus Walker came through with his 15th sack of the season when he wrapped up Appleby on a third down in the fourth quarter. It moves him into sole possession of third place behind Peter Boulware (19, 1996) and Andre Wadsworth (16, 1997). Walker remains in third place in program history in career sacks with 27.5.
- » With Walker's 15 sacks, it is the fifth time in FSU history (1995-97; 2012) that two players have recorded at least 9.0 sacks in the same season.

SEMINOLE DEFENSE RISES TO THE OCCASION ON THIRD DOWN

- » The Florida State defense held Florida without a third down conversion (0-12) in tonight's win. It marks the first time since 1998 when FSU defeated UF 23-12 at home that the Seminoles have held an opponent without a third down conversion. The Gators went 0-for-13 in that contest. It was the third time in school history FSU accomplished the feat.
- » Florida State has not surrendered an offensive touchdown to the Gators since the second quarter of a 24-19 victory by the Seminoles on Nov. 29, 2014.

DEFENSE STANDS STRONG ON OPENING DRIVE

- » The Florida State defense allowed 73 yards on nine plays on the opening drive, but held strong in the red zone, stopping the Gator offense on fourth-and-goal from the two-yard line to force the turnover.
- » The Seminoles have allowed opponents to convert just 7 of 16 fourth-down tries this season. FSU entered the game ranked 25th in the NCAA and third in the Atlantic Coast Conference in fourth-down defense.
- » Opposing teams are scoring on 32 of 41 (.780) red zone trips this season.

RUDOLPH TOUCHDOWN EXTENDS LEAD

- » After being held without a catch in the first half, junior receiver Travis Rudolph had four catches for 63 yards in the second half, including a 46-yard touchdown. It was the second-longest reception the Gators allowed this season (67 yards vs. Tennessee).
- » For Rudolph, it was his team-leading 7th receiving touchdown of the season, matching his total from last season. For his career, Rudolph's 18 receiving touchdowns are tied with Craphonso Thorpe for 13th in school history. Rudolph's 18 touchdowns have averaged over 31 yards per catch.
- » Rudolph has at least one reception in 30 straight games.

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.
- » Florida State won the toss and deferred to the second half.
- » Senior defensive back Marquez White's tackle-for-loss was his second of the season (first was against Boston College), and tied his mark from last season.
- » The last time the FSU defense allowed a touchdown to the Gator offense on a full field was in 2013. In 2014, the only Gator touchdown was a one-play, 15-yard drive, and the only Gator points last season were on a fourth-quarter safety.
- » Over the past three games, FSU has outscored opponents 35-0 in the opening quarter. In the five games prior to that, FSU was outscored 31-3 in the opening frame.
- » Freshman placekicker Ricky Aguayo remains perfect from inside the 40-yard line in his career (12-for-12) after driving home a 22-yard field goal to open second quarter scoring. As a team, FSU has made 69 field goal tries inside the 40 yard line. The last miss was a Dustin Hopkins' 37-yarder against Clemson in 2012.
- » Logan Tyler made the first extra point try of his career in the third quarter. As a team, FSU has made 299 consecutive PATs (dating back to 2012), the longest streak in NCAA history.
- » This is the 14th time in school history, and the sixth under Jimbo Fisher, that the Noles have beaten Florida and Miami in the same season. This year's fourth-year seniors have a combined record of 8-0 against FSU's two in-state rivals, and Jimbo Fisher is now 17-1 against in-state schools as Florida State's head coach.
- » Freddie Stevenson scored a 27-yard rushing touchdown at the 12:51 mark of the fourth quarter. That was Stevenson's longest career touchdown rush with his previous four coming from one-yard away.