

# 2015 FIU Game Notes

FIU 52, UTEP 12

Oct. 10, 2015

Ocean Bank Field at FIU Stadium – Miami, Fla.



- Today's captains – **Richard Leonard**, **Alex McGough**, **Jephete Matilus**, **Michael Montero**
- UTEP wins toss, defers to second half.
- First game of the season where FIU scored TDs on first five opening drives.
- With the win, FIU improves to 2-1 in C-USA home openers.
- The Panthers have evened the series with the Miners, 1-1.
- Saturday marked FIU's 31<sup>st</sup> home victory.
- **Alex Gardner** scored his fourth rushing touchdown of the season.
- **Jonnu Smith** has now caught a pass in 30-straight games
- Smith's 12<sup>th</sup> career TD, tied for 4<sup>th</sup> all-time at FIU with **Harold Leath** (2002-2004)
- The 21 points in first quarter were the most by the Panthers since Nov. 15, 2014 versus Middle Tennessee. Both games were played at Ocean Bank Field at FIU Stadium.
- **Jeremiah McKinnon** recorded his second interception of the season to start the second quarter. The 31-yard pick six was the second interception return for a touchdown of **McKinnon's** career (71-yard INT for TD at North Texas – Nov. 22, 2104), FIU 28-0 (Q2: 14.52).
- **Shawn Abrams** recorded his first-collegiate catch with a 24-yard reception midway through the second quarter.
- **Anthony Jones** rushed for a 26-yard touchdown late in the second quarter. That marked his second rushing touchdown of the season and second that was for 26 yards.
- FIU broke the school record for points in the first half (42). Previous record was 41 points against Jacksonville on Oct. 30, 2003.
- First time in school history eight different players score a TD for FIU in a single game.
- Seven different Panthers scored a touchdown on Saturday.
- The 52 points were three shy of tying the school record (55 vs. Jacksonville on Oct. 30, 2003).
- Trey Anderson connected with Shug Oyegunle for a 79-yard touchdown pass late in the game. The score was the fourth-longest in school history.
- The 518 yards of total offense were seventh-most in school history.
- Alex McGough finished the day with 270 yards passing completing 13-of-17 passes with two touchdowns. It marked the fifth 200-yard passing game of the season for the Tampa native.
- McGough has thrown 121 passes without an interception.