

## **FIU Football Post Game Notes**

**Louisiana Tech 44 (5-3, 3-1 C-USA), FIU 24 (3-5, 3-1, C-USA),**

**Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016, 7 p.m. | ESPN3**

**Ocean Bank Field at FIU Stadium | Miami, Fla.**

### **Team Notes**

- Saturday's 44-24 loss to Louisiana Tech drops FIU's record to 3-5 on the year and 3-1 in Conference USA ... The setback is the third-straight at the hands of the Bulldogs in three meetings dating back to the 2013 season.
- FIU is now 25-37 all-time against teams from Conference USA.
- The Panthers drop to 6-9 all-time in Homecoming games and are 1-4 in their last five ... The lone win during that stretch was a 41-12 victory over Old Dominion last season (10/24/15) in what was the most-lopsided victory on Homecoming for FIU.
- Interim Head Coach Ron Cooper's record is now 47-57 with Saturday's loss to LA Tech, and is 3-1 at the helm of the Panthers ... Saturday was his 104<sup>th</sup> game as head coach.

### **Individual Notes**

- TE Jonnu Smith, OT Leonard Washington, C Mike Montero, and LB Davison Colimon, were FIU's captains for tonight's game against Louisiana Tech.
- TE Jonnu Smith's first reception in the second quarter marked the 40<sup>th</sup>-straight game with a reception ... His 40-game stretch dates back to his collegiate debut against Maryland on Aug. 31, 2013 in College Park ... Smith finished the night with five receptions for 81 yards ... The FIU's record for consecutive games with a reception is 44 by Cory McKinney (2002-05) ... Smith came into the game tied with the sixth longest streak in the nation.
- With his first touchdown pass of the night, a 17-yard connection to Smith with 52 seconds left in the second quarter, QB Alex McGough became FIU's all-time leader in career touchdown passes with 43 ... He surpassed former Panthers quarterback Josh Padrick (2003-06) who McGough came into tonight's game tied with, with 42 career touchdown passes.
- Smith passes Wayne Times (2009-12) for fourth all-time in career receptions with 169.
- McGough finished the game with 281 yards on 25-of-44 passing with two touchdowns and an interception ... It was McGough's 13<sup>th</sup> career 200-yard passing game, the fourth game of 200-plus yards this season, and his third-straight.
- Smith's touchdown reception was his second of the season and the 16<sup>th</sup> of his career.
- FIU RB Alex Gardner became the school's all-time leader in career rushing attempts finishing Saturday's game with 453 career rushes ... He came into the Louisiana Tech game with 440 attempts, one behind Kedrick Rhodes (2010-12) who finished his career with 441.
- For the night, Gardner rushed for 61 yards on 13 carries ...
- WR Thomas Owens caught his fourth touchdown pass of the season and the 12<sup>th</sup> of his career with a 30-yard reception with 9:16 left in the third quarter ... He followed that up with a six-yard touchdown reception with 6:14 left in the game for his fifth score of the season and 13<sup>th</sup> of his career ... It was his first multi-touchdown game of the season and the second of his career (2 TD's at Indiana, 9/12/15).
- Owens would finish the game with eight receptions for 96 yards.
- LB Anthony Wint now has 217 tackles for his career, seven shy of Antwan Barnes (2003-06) for tenth all-time ... Wint finished the game with a team-high nine tackles (all solo) against LA Tech.
- Darrius Scott had a career-high of five catches against the Bulldogs for 47 yards.