



# TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN FLORIDA STATE FOOTBALL

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## FINAL SCORE: FSU 77, DELAWARE STATE 6

### TEAM NOTES

- Florida State established a number of season-bests today, including:
  - » Total offensive yards, 481
  - » Rushing yards, 245
  - » Rushing TDs, 5
  - » Passing TDs, 4
  - » Sacks, 6
  - » Interceptions, 2
  - » No Turnovers
  - » Points in a quarter, 35 (2nd); points in a half (56) and a game (77)
  - » Fewest Points Allowed, 6
- FSU's 77-6 victory produced the second largest margin of victory (71 pts.) in program history. The record was set in 1949 when the Noles defeated Whiting Field, a military installation in West Florida, 74-0.
- The 77 points scored by the Noles equaled the second-largest output by an FSU team. The record is 80 points against Idaho (80-14) in 2013. The Noles also scored 77 against NC State (77-17) in 1995.
- The Seminoles moved to 24-0 all-time against FCS opponents. That dates to 1978 when the NCAA formed Division I-AA, the forerunner to the FCS designation.
- Florida State moved to 57-12-1 all-time in homecoming games, including six consecutive under Jimbo Fisher.
- FSU matched a single-game high with 56 first half points as it led Delaware State 56-6 at the midway point. The Noles last scored 56 points in a half vs. Tulane in 1992...by mutual agreement, FSU and Delaware State agreed to playing 10-minute third and fourth quarters. That last happened against fellow MEAC member Savannah State in 2012.
- Florida State continued its season-long block party when **Demarcus Christmas** blocked Wisdom Nzidee's 42-yard FG attempt in the first quarter and **Tarvarus McFadden** returned it 63 yards for a touchdown. It was the Noles' ACC-leading fifth blocked kick of the season and the first blocked FG returned for a TD since Tony Carter against Clemson in 2006. That was the last season an FSU team blocked six kicks.
- The Seminoles hit for the TD scoring trifecta - scoring on offense, defense and special teams - all in the opening quarter against Delaware State. **Tarvarus McFadden's** 63-yard return of the blocked FG and **Derwin James'** 41-yard interception return followed **Jacques Patrick's** 14-yard TD run. The last time FSU scored TDs in all three phases in a single game was Nov. 9, 2013 at Wake Forest when the Noles got defensive returns for scores TDs by Nate Andrews (56 yds., int.) and Jalen Ramsey (23, fumble), a 97-yard kickoff return by Kermit Whitfield and five offensive TDs in a 59-3 win.
- FSU did not allow a sack for the first time this season and limited Delaware State to just 2 tackles for loss.
- The Noles scored on 9 of their first 10 possessions.
- FSU was penalized just 5 times for 45 yards.

## FSU LEADERS

**PASSING:** James Blackman  
11-15, 179 yards, 3 TDs  
**RUSHING:** Ryan Green  
7 rushes, 96 yards, 2 TDs

**RECEIVING:** Keith Gavin  
4 catches, 78 yards  
**TACKLES:** Joshua Kaindoh  
6 tackles, 4 sacks

### PLAYER NOTES

- **Jacques Patrick** scored on first half TD runs of 14 and 2 yards, pushing his career total to 13 rushing TDs. The 14-yard TD run was Patrick's longest scoring rush of the season. He is 2 rushing TDs shy of moving into a share of No. 20 on FSU's all-time list.
- **Derwin James'** 41-yard interception return for a TD in the first quarter was the redshirt sophomore's first score of his career. James' interception was his team-leading second of the season...James' pick-six was the first since Terrance Smith did it against Florida in 2014...freshman **Stanford Samuels III** collected his second interception of the season with :07 remaining.
- Freshman **D.J. Matthews** amassed 138 yards on 5 punt returns. Matthews is the first Nole with more than 100 punt return yards in a game since Tyler Hunter (122) vs. Duke in 2012. Leon Washington set the single-game punt return yardage record (159) vs. Wake Forest in 2003.
- Sophomore FB **Gabe Nabers** recorded his first career TD on a 2-yard pass reception from James Blackman with 4:47 remaining in the second quarter. It was also the first career reception for the Hahira, Ga. native.
- Senior **Justin Motlow**, the first member of the Seminole Tribe of Florida to suit up for the Noles, recorded his first career pass reception; a 12-yard hookup with QB **J.J. Cosentino** in the third quarter. The day got even better for the Tampa Catholic product as he reeled in a diving TD pass of 12 yards in the fourth quarter.
- Senior TB **Ryan Green's** 5-yard TD run in the third quarter was his first score since a 1-yard plunge against Nevada in a 62-7 win at home in 2013. Green capped his day with a career-long 50-yard TD run and a team-leading and career-high 96 yards on 7 carries.
- Playing a little less than a half, QB **James Blackman** authored the first 3 TD pass game of his career. Blackman completed 11-of-15 for 179 yards, with TD connections to Nyqwan Murray (4 yds.), Gabe Nabers (2 yds.) and Auden Tate (3 yds.).
- Freshman DE **Joshua Kaindoh** recorded a career-high 4 sacks - the most by a Seminole this season - to lead the FSU defense. It's the most sacks by a Nole since DeMarcus Walker had 4.5 vs. Ole Miss last season. Kaindoh led the Noles in tackles with 6.
- Redshirt junior QB **J.J. Cosentino**, in the most extensive action of his career, completed 6-of-7 pass attempts for 51 yards, including a TD pass to Justin Motlow in the fourth quarter; his first of the season and second of his career.
- Sophomore TB **Amir Rasul** ran for 61 yards on 9 carries - both single-game career-bests.



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## FSU HALFTIME LEADERS

**PASSING:** James Blackman  
11-15, 179 yards, 3 TDs  
**RUSHING:** Cam Akers  
9 rushes, 44 yards

**RECEIVING:** Keith Gavin  
4 catches, 78 yards  
**TACKLES:** A.J. Westbrook, Derwin  
James, Arthur Williams - 3 each

— FSU celebrated Senior Day by recognizing 17 seniors in a pre-game ceremony. Those honored included Nate Andrews, Matthew Thomas, Ro'Derrick Hoskins, Ryan Green and Jared Jackson from the 2013 National Championship team, as well as: Stephen Gabbard, Richard Garzola, Malique Jackson, Ermon Lane, Rick Leonard, Bobby Lyons II, Trey Marshall, Jamario Mathis, Derrick Nnadi, Herbans Paul, Joshua Peters and Jacob Pugh.

## CAPTAINS & COIN TOSS

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C Alec Eberle, WR Jared Jackson, DB Derwin James and DE Derrick Nnadi.

### COIN TOSS

Delaware State chooses tails, wins and chooses to defer.

## FSU STARTERS

### OFFENSE

		2014	2015	2016	2017	Career	Consecutive
Cam Akers	RB	-	-	-	4	4	4
Josh Ball	LT	-	-	-	6	6	6
James Blackman	QB	-	-	-	9	9	9
Alec Eberle	C	-	6	13	10	29	29
Keith Gavin	WR	-	-	-	5	5	2
Ryan Izzo	TE	-	11	12	10	33	21
Derrick Kelly	LG	-	4	2	10	16	10
Ermon Lane	WR	2	-	4*	2	8	1
Rick Leonard	RT	-	-	6	10	16	13
Cole Minshew	RG	-	-	3	10	13	13
Johnathan Vickers	FB	-	-	-	2	2	1

\*Lane's starts in 2016 were on defense

### DEFENSE

		2014	2015	2016	2017	Career	Consecutive
Brian Burns	DE	-	-	-	10	10	10
Demarcus Christmas	DT	-	1	13	10	24	23
Ro'Derrick Hoskins	LB	-	6	13	6	25	2
Derwin James	FS	-	8	2	10	20	10
Tarvarus McFadden	CB	-	-	13	10	23	23
Derrick Nnadi	DT	-	13	11	10	34	18
Jacob Pugh	LB	-	4	8	5	17	1
Josh Sweat	BUCK	-	10	10	10	30	19
Levonta Taylor	CB	-	-	-	10	10	10
Matthew Thomas	LB	3	-	12	10	25	16
A.J. Westbrook	SS	-	-	8	4	12	1