



# TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN FLORIDA STATE FOOTBALL

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## FINAL: FSU 42, ULM 10

### TEAM NOTES

- Today's win over ULM was FSU's sixth of the season, making FSU eligible for a bowl game for an NCAA-record 36th straight season. FSU entered 2017 tied with Nebraska (1969-2003) for the longest bowl streak of all-time.
- FSU was led today by interim head coach Odell Haggins. Haggins, a 1993 graduate of FSU after playing for the Noles from 1986-89, has been an assistant coach with FSU since the 1994 season.
- FSU was 5-for-5 in the red zone. On the season, FSU is 38-for-41 with 26 touchdowns in the red zone. The Seminoles have converted 20 consecutive tries (18 touchdowns) and entered today ranked 14th nationally in red zone conversions.
- FSU's 10-play, 61-yard drive on its first possession took up 4:59 and ended with a 2-yard touchdown run by **Jacques Patrick**. It was FSU's fifth game scoring on the first possession (Duke, Louisville, Syracuse, Delaware State, ULM) and the Noles' seventh 10-play touchdown drive of 2017.
- The Seminole defense stopped ULM on fourth-and-three in the second quarter. On the season, opponents are just 10-for-21 on fourth down against FSU.
- FSU had two players rush for over 100 yards (Patrick 155, Akers 117) for the first time since USF in 2016 (Dalvin Cook 267, Patrick 124).
- FSU has scored 157 points over the past three games; over the first nine, FSU scored 163 points. The last time the Seminoles scored 38-points or more in three straight games was in 2014 - NC State, Wake Forest and Syracuse.

### PLAYER NOTES

- Defensive back **Stanford Samuels III** made his first career start today. He is the fourth true freshman to start in 2017 (QB **James Blackman**, RB **Cam Akers** and DB **Hamsah Nasirildeen**).
- Defensive back **Nate Andrews** made his 22nd career start and first of 2017.
- Running back Jacques Patrick had 155 rushing yards today, his fourth career 100-yard game and second this season.
- Patrick's 35-yard catch-and-run in the second quarter was the longest reception of his career.
- Defensive back **Levonta Taylor** had four tackles (all in the first half), tying his career high (at NC State, 2016).
- Receiver **D.J. Matthews** caught his second career pass - and first career touchdown - to give FSU a 14-0 lead in the second quarter. Matthews finished with 23 yards on two catches and added 38 yards on three punt returns.
- Senior receiver **Ermon Lane** tied a career high with three catches for 45 yards. Lane also caught three passes as a freshman against The Citadel before playing as a defensive back in 2016 and early in 2017.
- **Derwin James** finished with 12 tackles, a season high and his second double-digit tackle game of the season. James had 13 at Boston College.
- **Amir Rasul**'s 39-yard kickoff return, after a ULM touchdown, was a career long. FSU scored in three plays - 25- and 2-yard runs from Patrick and a 24-yard Akers touchdown run. Akers finished with 117 yards and two touchdowns, tying a career high. He has 930 yards on the season, passing Greg Allen's 888 yards for second-most by a freshman RB in FSU history (Dalvin Cook, 1,008, 2014).
- Freshman Tre' McKitty's 23-yard catch in the fourth quarter was the first of his career.

## CAPTAINS & COIN TOSS

### CAPTAINS

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

### COIN TOSS

Florida State wins the toss and defers.

## FSU STARTERS

### OFFENSE

		2014	2015	2016	2017	Career	Consecutive
Josh Ball	LT	-	-	-	8	8	8
James Blackman	QB	-	-	-	11	11	11
Alec Eberle	C	-	6	13	12	31	31
Keith Gavin	WR	-	-	-	7	7	4
Ryan Izzo	TE	-	11	12	12	35	23
Derrick Kelly	LG	-	4	2	12	18	12
Ermon Lane*	WR	2	-	4	4	10	3
Rick Leonard	RT	-	-	6	12	18	15
Cole Minshew	RG	-	-	3	12	15	15
Nyquan Murray	WR	-	-	2	8	10	1
Jacques Patrick	RB	-	1	1	8	10	2

\*Lane's starts in 2016 were on defense

### DEFENSE

		2014	2015	2016	2017	Career	Consecutive
Nate Andrews*	SS	13	4	3	1	22	1
Brian Burns	DE	-	-	-	12	12	12
Demarcus Christmas	DT	-	1	13	12	26	25
Ro'Derrick Hoskins	LB	-	6	13	8	27	4
Derwin James	FS	-	8	2	12	22	12
Tarvarus McFadden	CB	-	-	13	12	25	25
Derrick Nnadi	DT	-	13	11	12	36	20
Stanford Samuels III	STAR	-	-	-	1	1	1
Josh Sweat	BUCK	-	10	10	12	32	21
Levonta Taylor	CB	-	-	-	12	12	12
Matthew Thomas	LB	3	-	12	12	27	18

\*Andrews also had 1 start in 2013