



2018  
**FLORIDA STATE**  
FOOTBALL

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## FINAL: FSU 37, NIU 19

### TEAM NOTES

- » Florida State won its 15th consecutive non-conference home game with its victory over Northern Illinois. The Noles own the ACC's third-longest such streak, trailing Clemson and Miami (18). Miami's streak does not include its 2017 Orange Bowl loss, which was played in its own stadium.
- » The Seminoles moved to 6-0 all-time against current members of the Mid-American Conference (MAC).
- » Florida State limited NIU to 6 rushing yards on 20 carries, the best run defense performance by the Noles since they limited Western Carolina to 8 yards on 33 carries on Sept. 6, 2008.
- » FSU is now 2-0 against NIU, as is head coach Willie Taggart. The No. 12 Noles defeated the No. 15 Huskies 31-10 in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 1, 2013. Taggart scored a 48-17 win over NIU as the USF head coach in 2016.
- » With 9:23 remaining in the game the FSU defense stopped NIU on fourth down in a 23-13 game. After the Noles added a late fourth-down stop opponents are 0-for-5 on fourth down this season.
- » The Noles stuffed a second two-point conversion attempt this season when DE Brian Burns corraled a Marcus Childers pass attempt in the end zone. FSU also stopped a two-point conversion run attempt by Samford.
- » FSU's offense was a perfect 4-of-4 on red zone conversions, converting those visits into 24 points.
- » The Noles registered 57 rushing attempts - the first time an FSU offense has rushed 50 times in a game since 2016 against USF.
- » FSU registered a season-high four sacks and five tackles for loss. Kyle Myers recorded the first two sacks of his career and Fredrick Jones had the first solo sack of his career. Josh Kaindoh was credited with the other sack.

### PLAYER NOTES

- » QB Deondre Francois eclipsed the 300-yard passing mark for the seventh time in his career, moving into a share of No. 7 on FSU's all-time list alongside Gary Huff and Peter Tom Willis. He joined the list when his 78-yard TD pass to freshman Tamorrion Terry in the fourth quarter pushed him beyond the 300-yard mark.
- » Francois finished 23-of-31 for 352 yards and 2 touchdowns with an interception. It is the third-highest passing yardage total of his career... his TD pass to Terry was also the second-longest completion of his career.
- » Terry's 78-yard TD reception was the longest by an FSU freshman since Warrick Dunn's 79-yard catch-and-dash of a Charlie Ward pass to win at Florida in 1993.
- » For fifth time in his career, K Ricky Aguayo converted at least 3 FGs in a game. He connected from 42, 50 and 42 yards and produced 13 points on the game, which moves him to No. 14 on FSU's all-time scoring list with 225. He passed Richie Andrews (221).
- » Freshman WR Tre'Shaun Harrison left quite mark against the Huskies, registering the first 3 receptions of his career for 34 yards, two of which went for first downs.
- » Tailbacks Cam Akers and Jacques Patrick combined for 120 rushing yards and a touchdown, leading a 57-carry running game for the Noles.
- » **More firsts:** Junior DB Kyle Myers recorded the first quarterback sack of his career in the third quarter, and the first of the game for the Noles (Myers added his second sack in the fourth quarter)...RB Amir Rasul's 7-yard TD run with 12 seconds remaining was the first of the junior's career...RB Anthony Grant recorded the first carry of his career in the third quarter.
- » Logan Tyler registered his ACC-leading 8th punt of 50 or more yards in the second half...Tyler kicked off seven times, but saw his season-long streak of consecutive touchbacks snapped late in the game. He is 15 of 16 on kickoffs for touchbacks this season.
- » WR Nyqwan Murray had 5 receptions for 85 yards and has at least one reception in 22 consecutive games played.
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## FIRST HALF: FSU 20, NIU 7

### TEAM NOTES

- » For the fourth time in as many games the Noles started a different offensive line. FSU came into the as one of only nine Power Five schools to start three different offensive lines through the first three games.
- » FSU built a 14-0 lead with TDs on its first two possessions of the game. That last happened in the Independence Bowl win over Southern Miss.
- » The Noles were 2-for-2 on third-down conversions on the opening drive of the game after going 1-of-14 last week.
- » Jacques Patrick's 8-yard TD reception from Deondre Francois on the first possession capped a 13-play, 75-yard scoring drive which took 5:07 off the clock. It was the longest scoring drive of the season for plays and time of possession.
- » The FSU defense limited Northern Illinois to 52 yards on 23 plays in the first half, the fewest allowed in the first half since limiting Savannah State to 36 yards on Sept. 8, 2012. The Noles stopped NIU on 5-of-7 third-down attempts as the Huskies managed just three first downs. The last time the Noles held an opponent under 60 yards in a half was vs. Miami (57) last season.
- » FSU's offense rolled up 278 total yards in the first half and were flirting with 300 until an errant snap on the final possession of the half cost the Noles 20 yards.
- » The Noles were penalized just once for 10 yards in the first half.

### PLAYER NOTES

- » Four Noles made their first career starts: LT Abdul Bello, RT Brady Scott, DT Marvin Wilson, LB Leonard Warner.
- » Logan Tyler is a perfect 12-for-12 on kickoffs for touchbacks this season with three in the opening half.
- » Ricky Aguayo's PAT conversions following the first two TDs were the 99th and 100th of his career. He is the 10th Seminole with 100 career PATs and first since his brother Roberto. Aguayo is perfect on PAT attempts in the regular season.
- » Aguayo kicked first half field goals of 42 and 50 yards, the latter coming on the final play of the half. They were is second and third FGs of the season. Aguayo is 2-for-2 from 50 yards or longer with his career-long of 51 coming at Wake Forest last season.
- » Cam Akers' 7-yard TD run with 5:13 remaining in the first quarter was his first rushing TD of the season and the Noles' third. Deondre Francois had the first two.
- » Among other firsts...freshman WR Tre'Shaun Harrison collected his first reception (12 yards)...senior TB Jacques Patrick's 8-yard TD reception off a deflection was the first of his career...freshman WR Adarius Dent made his first appearance in the opening quarter.
- » Francois was 19-of-24 for 233 yards in the first half with a touchdown.
- » Keith Gavin's 39-yard pass reception from Francois with 5:00 remaining in the first half equaled the longest pass completion of the season. Gavin and Francois also hooked up on a 39-yard pass play at Syracuse.
- » Following his completion to Gavin, Francois was 15-of-16 for 189 yards to start the game.
- » Gavin closed out the first half with a career-high 93 receiving yards on six receptions.

## CAPTAINS & COIN TOSS

At the end of fall camp, head coach Willie Taggart named senior center Alec Eberle, junior defensive end Brian Burns and junior kicker Ricky Aguayo FSU's 2018 captains.

### COIN TOSS

NIU won the toss and deferred to the second half.

## FSU STARTERS

### OFFENSE

		2015	2016	2017	2018	Career	Consecutive
Cam Akers	RB	-	-	4	4	8	4
Mike Arnold	RG	-	-	-	4	4	4
Abdul Bello	LT	-	-	-	1	1	1
Alec Eberle	C	6	13	13	4	36	36
Deondre Francois	QB	-	13	1	4	18	4
Keith Gavin	WR	-	-	8	4	12	9
Tre' McKitty	TE	-	-	-	3	3	2
Cole Minshew	LG	-	3	13	2	18	2
Nyqwan Murray	WR	-	2	8	3	13	1
Brady Scott	RT	-	-	-	1	1	1
Tamorriion Terry	WR	-	-	-	3	3	3

### DEFENSE

		2015	2016	2017	2018	Career	Consecutive
DeCalon Brooks	LB	-	-	-	2	2	2
Brian Burns	DE	-	-	13	4	17	17
Fredrick Jones	DT	-	2	-	4	6	4
Kyle Meyers	DB	-	-	2	4	6	4
Janarius Robinson	DE	-	-	-	3	3	3
Stanford Samuels III	FS	-	-	1	3	4	3
Levonta Taylor	CB	-	-	13	4	17	17
Leonard Warner	LB	-	-	-	1	1	1
A.J. Westbrook	FS	-	8	5	4	17	5
Marvin Wilson	NG	-	-	-	1	1	1
Jaiden Woodbey	STAR	-	-	-	4	4	4