



2018
FLORIDA STATE
FOOTBALL

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3 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | 15 ACC CHAMPIONSHIPS | 44 FIRST-ROUND PICKS

FINAL: FSU 38, WAKE FOREST 17

TEAM NOTES

» Florida State sacked Wake Forest five times. The Noles have at least four sacks in four consecutive games for the first time since 2011.

2011 four-game stretch

@Wake Forest	4
@Duke	5
Maryland	6
NC State	4

2018 four-game stretch

Northern Illinois	4
@Louisville	4
@Miami	5
Wake Forest	5

» In the process of recording a 38-17 victory, the Seminoles held the opposition to 30 points or fewer for the 11th consecutive game. The Noles came into the game with the fourth-longest active streak among FBS teams, trailing Fresno State and LSU (17) and Clemson (11).

» Spreading the wealth, FSU QB Deondre Francois completed passes to 11 different receivers, which is not only a season-high but the most in a game for FSU since 2015 against Texas State, when 13 receivers caught passes...the last QB to complete passes to more receivers in a game was Jameis Winston, who found 12 different Noles against Wake Forest in 2014.

» FSU's 38 unanswered points against Wake Forest are the most consecutive points scored by the Noles since they reeled off 63 against Delaware State last season.

» Florida State registered a season-high 485 yards with 132 rushing and season-high 353 through the air...the 38 points are also a season-high.

» Over the course of wiping out an early 10-0 deficit the Seminole defense got the Deacs' offense off the field on 11 consecutive drives via punt, downs or by turnover. Wake Forest snapped that streak when it scored a touchdown with 4:36 remaining.

» The FSU rushing defense continued its season-long trend of stuffing the run, limiting the Demon Deacons to 96 yards on 50 carries for an average of 1.9 yards per carry. FSU entered the game tied for eighth nationally in rushing defense (101.2 ypg) while allowing just 2.76 ypc, which ranked seventh nationally.

» The Seminole pass defense put the clamps on Wake Forest WR Greg Dortch, limiting the RS-sophomore to 4 receptions and a career-low 24 yards.

» FSU's defense faced 104 plays - the most ever run by an opponent - and yielded 369 yards (3.5 ypp). The Demon Deacons' play count eclipsed the previous high of 99 which was shared by Houston in the 2015 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl and Tulane (1989).

» The Seminoles started their seventh different offensive line combination in seven games and the group did not yield a sack and the offense did not commit a turnover. It was the second time this season FSU did not yield a sack or commit a turnover.

» FSU improved to 58-12-1 all-time on Homecoming with their seventh consecutive victory. The Noles are now 21-4 against ACC opponents on Homecoming.

PLAYER NOTES

» TB Cam Akers' 58-yard TD run on the opening series of the second half was the second-longest of his career and his second rushing TD of the game. It is the third time the sophomore has had a pair of rushing TDs in a game and the first since last season against ULM.

» Akers flirted with his first 100-yard rushing game of the season, eclipsing the century mark late in the fourth quarter only to have it wiped out by penalty. He finished with 98 yards on 13 carries to go along with his 2 rushing touchdowns.

» Senior WR Nyqwan Murray enjoyed one of the most productive games of his career with 8 receptions for 131 yards and a TD, which was just shy of his 9 receptions for 153 yards at NC State in 2016.

» Quarterback Deondre Francois completed 29 of 40 attempts for 353 yards and 2 TDs. He was especially efficient over the final three quarters (22-28, 280 yards)...he moved into a tie for 14th on the career TD pass list with Chip Ferguson (34)...with a season-high passing yards he recorded his eighth career 300-yard game, which ties him for sixth all-time with Chris Rix.

» Junior TE Naseir Upshur collected the first two receptions (2-11) of his career on consecutive plays of the Noles' first possession of the fourth quarter...freshman WR Keyshawn Helton also collected the first two receptions (2-3) of his career on the same drive as Upshur.

» Freshman WR Tre'Shaun Harrison's 21-yard TD reception from Deondre Francois with 9:43 remaining was the first TD reception of his career.

» Panama City, Fla. native and RS-sophomore DE Janarius Robinson established a new career with 6 tackles, including a tackle for loss.

» DE Brian Burns' 2 sacks gives him 23 for his career, good for a share of No. 7 all-time on FSU's list of greats...with 2 tackles for loss he pushed his career total to 35.5 and took over the No. 10 spot on the all-time list.



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HALFTIME: FSU 21, WAKE FOREST 10

TEAM NOTES

- » The Noles defense came up with its 8th fourth-down stop in 12 attempts this season on Brian Burns' sack with 2:04 remaining in the first quarter. It sparked a 6-play, 60-yard touchdown drive to cut Wake Forest's lead to 10-7.
- » Burns' sack helped the Noles turn things around after a difficult first quarter. Prior to the sack Wake Forest had 183 yards on 38 plays, 12 first downs and a 10-0 lead. The Deacs punted just once. Following the sack the Deacs managed 64 yards on 28 plays, punted four times and were also intercepted.
- » The FSU offense found its footing behind QB Deondre Francois in the second quarter as he completed 8-of-9 attempts - including his final 6 - for 138 yards and a TD, while engineering a pair of touchdown drives as the Noles overcame a 10-7 deficit. He was a perfect 4-of-4 on FSU's final scoring drive, capped by his 33-yard strike to Nyqwan Murray for a 21-10 lead.

PLAYER NOTES

- » Freshman DE Xavier Peters made his first career appearance as a member of the kickoff team to start the game. In all, 24 Seminoles have made their first collegiate appearance this season.
- » DE Brian Burns' fourth-down sack of Wake Forest QB Sam Hartman was his 8th of the season and 22nd of his career, which ranks No. 11 on FSU's all-time list.
- » WR Tamorrion Terry's 23-yard pass reception to the Wake Forest 20 was the longest play on the Noles' first TD drive. Terry came into the game ranked sixth nationally in yards per catch (21.9).
- » Junior LB Emmett Rice recorded his first career sack early in the second quarter, dropping Hartman for a 6-yard loss.
- » WR Keith Gavin's career-long 49-yard pass reception from Deondre Francois came in the second quarter.
- » Freshman CB Asante Samuel and sophomore DB Stanford Samuels III collaborated on a second quarter pass break-up and interception, leading to Florida State's go-ahead score. Samuel batted the Hartman pass into the air and Samuels returned it 11 yards to the Wake Forest 9. It was Samuels' second interception of the season and team-leading fourth of his career.
- » TB Jacques Patrick's 3-yard TD run with 9:50 remaining in the first half put the Noles in front for the first time. It was Patrick's first rushing TD of the season and the 17th of his career, which moved him into a tie for 15th on FSU's all-time list.
- » Ricky Aguayo's PAT following the Patrick TD run was the 111th of his career, which ranks 9th all-time. It was his 240th career point, which ranks No. 9 on the Noles scoring list. He added another PAT before for his 241st point before halftime.
- » OL Baveon Johnson saw extensive action at RG for the first time this season...Logan Tyler's 52-yard punt in the second quarter was his 14th of the season and has at least one of 50 in all 7 games...Nyqwan Murray led the Noles with 5 receptions for 77 yards and a TD and has a reception in 25 consecutive games.

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

FSU won the toss and deferred to the second half.

FSU STARTERS

OFFENSE

		2015	2016	2017	2018	Career	Consecutive
Mike Arnold	RG	-	-	-	7	7	7
Derrick Kelly	LT	4	2	13	4	23	1
Alec Eberle	C	6	13	13	7	39	39
Deondre Francois	QB	-	13	1	7	21	7
Keith Gavin	WR	-	-	8	7	15	12
Tre McKitty	TE	-	-	-	5	5	1
Cole Minshew	LG	-	3	13	5	21	5
Nyqwan Murray	WR	-	2	8	5	15	2
Jacques Patrick	RB	1	1	9	2	13	2
Brady Scott	RT	-	-	-	4	4	4
Tamorrion Terry	WR	-	-	-	6	6	6

DEFENSE

		2015	2016	2017	2018	Career	Consecutive
Walvenski Aime	DE	-	-	-	3	3	2
DeCalon Brooks	LB	-	-	-	5	5	5
Brian Burns	DE	-	-	13	7	20	20
Demarcus Christmas	DT	1	13	13	6	33	3
Dontavious Jackson	LB	-	1	2	6	9	3
Kyle Meyers	DB	-	-	2	7	9	7
Stanford Samuels III	FS	-	-	1	6	7	6
Levonta Taylor	CB	-	-	13	7	20	20
A.J. Westbrook	FS	-	8	5	7	20	8
Marvin Wilson	NG	-	-	-	2	2	1
Jaiden Woodbey	STAR	-	-	-	7	7	7