

2019
FLORIDA STATE
FOOTBALL

3 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | 15 ACC CHAMPIONSHIPS | 45 FIRST-ROUND PICKS

FINAL: FSU 45, ULM 44 (OT)

» Florida State improved to 3-3 all-time in overtime games and 3-0 at home with its 45-44 victory over Louisiana Monroe...it was the Noles first overtime game since their 23-17 win over Clemson on Sept. 20, 2014...FSU's first overtime win came on Nov. 15, 2003 against NC State, a 50-44 double-overtime triumph.

» The 45 points are a single-game high under coach **Willie Taggart**...the Noles converted 6-of-6 red zone visits with 5 TDs and a FG...FSU's 1-point victory was just the 13th in program history and the second under Taggart, following last season's 22-21 home victory over No. 22 Boston College.

» **TB Cam Akers** set a school record with 36 carries; the last of which was a 4-yard touchdown run in overtime. The previous record for carries in a game was 34, shared by **Mike Sellers** (11/25/50) against Tampa and **Travis Minor** (8/31/98) vs. Texas A&M.

» **Akers** finished with 193 rushing yards and 55 receiving yards, accounting for 248 of the Seminoles' 501 total yards. The junior back also scored three touchdowns, including a 44-yard pass from **James Blackman** in the fourth quarter, which erased a 35-31 deficit. It was Akers' second consecutive and seventh career 100-yard rushing game, and his third in four games. Akers' seventh 100-yard game ties him for 11th on FSU's all-time list with **Devonta Freeman** and **Sean Jackson**. His two rushing TDs give him 16 for his career and move him into a tie for 19th on the all-time rushing TD list.

» Akers became the 16th Florida State back to eclipse 2,000 career rushing yards and with 2,039 he is closing in on Leon Washington (2,078) for No. 15 on the all-time rushing list.

» **QB James Blackman** completed 30-of-40 pass attempts for 282 yards and three touchdowns. The 30 completions are a single-game career-high for the redshirt sophomore. Blackman connected with **Tre'Shaun Harrison** (19 yards), **D.J. Matthews** (7) and **Akers** (44) and has six TD passes on the season to six different receivers.

» **Blackman** authored his second consecutive near-perfect first quarter of the season, completing 10-of-11 attempts for 100 yards and a TD against ULM, including his first eight attempts. That followed his 7-of-8 first quarter against Boise State, when he totaled 127 yards and 2 TDs.

» **Blackman** recorded the first rushing touchdown in 19 career games, scampering into the end zone from 6 yards out on the opening possession of the second quarter as the Noles pushed their lead to 21-0.

» **Keyshawn Helton's** 49-yard kickoff return on the Noles' final possession of the half was the longest of his career and the longest by a Nole since **Keith Gavin's** 81-yard return against Wake Forest in 2017. It sparked a 9-play, 31-yard drive as the Noles closed the half with Ricky Aguayo's 36-yard FG for a 24-7 lead.

» Leading 21-0 in the second quarter, FSU's defense came up with a goal line stand and its first fourth-down stop of the season. ULM ran four plays inside the Noles' 5-yard line and came away empty-handed. The Warhawks' final two snaps came from the 1-yard line. **Marvin Wilson** stuffed Josh Johnson for no gain on third down and QB Caleb Evans' fourth-down pass was incomplete.

» ULM did not complete its first pass of the game until the 13:11 mark of the second quarter as Evans was 0-for-7 to start the game.

» **Tommy Martin's** career debut as the Noles' punter included a 58-yarder, that was covered by **Asante Samuel Jr.** at the 1-yard line, where ULM began its first possession of the second half. He averaged 42.8 yards on five punts.

» **Jaiden Lars-Woodbey's** third quarter fumble recovery - the third of the season forced by **Hamsah Nasirildeen** - was the Noles' third fumble recovery of the season, equaling their 2018 season total...**Nasirildeen** led the Noles in tackles with 10.

» Junior **DB Cyrus Fagan** made his first career start...redshirt sophomore **K Parker Grothaus** and classmate **P Tommy Martin** made their first career appearances.

CAPTAINS & COIN TOSS

CAPTAINS

QB James Blackman | DT Marvin Wilson | PK Ricky Aguayo

COIN TOSS

ULM won the toss and elected to receive.

KICKOFF WEATHER

TEMPERATURE

98°

CONDITIONS

Sunny

WIND

NNW 5 mph

FSU STARTERS

OFFENSE

		'16	'17	'18	'19	Career	Consec.
Cam Akers	RB	-	4	10	2	16	7
James Blackman	QB	-	12	1	2	15	2
Baveon Johnson	C	-	-	-	2	2	2
Dontae Lucas	RG	-	-	-	2	2	2
D.J. Matthews	WR	-	1	6	2	9	3
Tre' McKitty	TE	-	-	10	2	12	8
Ryan Roberts	RT	-	-	-	2	2	2
Brady Scott	LG	-	-	6	2	8	2
Tamorrion Terry	WR	-	-	11	2	13	13
Jauan Williams	LT	-	-	6	2	8	5
Ontaria Wilson	WR	-	-	2	2	4	2

DEFENSE

		'16	'17	'18	'19	Career	Consec.
Robert Cooper	NT	-	-	-	2	2	2
Cory Durden	DT	-	-	1	2	3	2
Cyrus Fagan	S	-	-	-	1	1	1
Dontavious Jackson	LB	1	2	10	2	15	5
Jaiden Lars-Woodbey	LB	-	-	12	2	14	14
Hamsah Nasirildeen	S	-	2	5	2	9	6
Janarius Robinson	EDGE	-	-	8	2	10	3
Asante Samuel	CB	-	-	3	2	5	4
Stanford Samuels III	CB	-	1	11	2	14	13
Leonard Warner III	EDGE	-	-	4	2	6	4
Marvin Wilson	DT	-	-	5	2	7	5