

2019  
FLORIDA STATE  
FOOTBALL

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

## FINAL: FSU 35, SYRACUSE 17

- » Florida State evened its record at 4-4 (3-3 ACC) with a 35-17 homecoming victory over Syracuse. It is the Seminoles' fourth consecutive home victory - their longest winning streak at Doak Campbell Stadium since ripping off 22 in a row from 2013-2016 - and their eighth consecutive homecoming victory.
- » Jumping out to a 13-0 lead at the end of the first quarter, the Noles have outscored their opponents 72-6 in the opening quarter through the first five home games this season, including four straight first quarter shutouts.
- » Setting the tone for the game, the FSU defense limited Syracuse to 24 yards on 20 first quarter plays. The Noles registered four sacks, did not allow the Orange a third down conversion (0-for-6), forced four punts and allowed only two first downs, both by penalty.
- » Junior tailback **Cam Akers** rushed for 144 yards and tied an FSU single-game record with four rushing touchdowns. He added a two-point conversion and finished the game with 26 points, second only in FSU history to **Ron Sellers'** 30 points vs. Wake Forest in 1968...the 26 points are the most in a game by an ACC player this season and third-most nationally this season, entering today's games.
- » Akers moved up two spots on FSU's all-time rushing list to No. 6 with 2,647 yards, passing **Greg Jones** and **Sammie Smith**...his 25 career rushing touchdowns rank No. 8 all-time...with 917 rushing yards on the season, he also owns the 20th-best single-season rushing total through eight games...with his fifth 100-yard rushing game of the season the Mississippi native pushed his career total to 10 games over the century mark, tying **Larry Key** for sixth in Noles history.
- » Tailback **Khalan Laborn** added 68 rushing yards on a career-high 17 carries...his 2-yard touchdown run with 2:24 remaining in the third quarter came on his second fourth-down conversion run of the Noles' 16-play, 85-yard scoring drive, which pushed FSU's lead to 35-3...the Noles rushed for 241 yards on 47 carries (5.1 ypr), the most yards for FSU in 20 games under head coach **Willie Taggart**.
- » FSU's five rushing touchdowns equaled the most since the 2017 game against Louisiana-Monroe and the most against an ACC opponent since registering five against North Carolina in 2016.
- » **Personnel Matters:** **OT Darius Washington** and **C Andrew Boselli** made their first career starts, pushing the season total to 10 who have made their first starts as Noles this season...Washington is the third true freshman to start this season, joining fellow **OL Dontae Lucas** and **S Akeem Dent**...redshirt sophomore **Deonte Sheffield** made his first career appearance on the kickoff team in the first half...true freshman **OL Maurice Smith** made his first career appearance on the first PAT of the second half and played some offensive snaps in the fourth quarter.
- » Also in the fourth quarter, **Alexander Strozier**, **Jay Williams** and **Ira Henry III**, all offensive linemen, made their first appearances with Florida State. For the season, 26 players have made their FSU debuts, including 13 true freshmen.

## CAPTAINS & COIN TOSS

### CAPTAINS

QB James Blackman  
DT Marvin Wilson

### COIN TOSS

Florida State won the toss and elected to defer.

## KICKOFF WEATHER

### TEMPERATURE

83°

### CONDITIONS

Mostly Cloudy

### WIND

SSE 19 mph

## FSU STARTERS

### OFFENSE

		'16	'17	'18	'19	Career	Consec.
Cam Akers	RB	-	4	10	8	22	13
Andrew Boselli	C	-	-	-	1	1	1
Keith Gavin	WR	-	8	8	1	17	1
Alex Hornibrook	QB	9*	14*	9*	2	34/2	1
Dontae Lucas	LG	-	-	-	6	6	3
D.J. Matthews	WR	-	1	6	4	11	2
Tre' McKitty	TE	-	-	10	8	18	14
Cole Minshew	RG	3	13	7	1	24	1
Ryan Roberts	RT	-	-	-	8	8	8
Tamorrior Terry	WR	-	-	11	8	19	19
Darius Washington	LT	-	-	-	1	1	1

\*at Wisconsin

### DEFENSE

		'16	'17	'18	'19	Career	Consec.
Robert Cooper	NT	-	-	-	8	8	8
Akeem Dent	S	-	-	-	2	2	2
Cory Durden	DT	-	-	1	8	9	8
Amari Gainer	EDGE	-	-	-	4	4	4
Hamsah Nasirildeen	S	-	2	5	6	13	3
Emmett Rice	LB	-	1	-	4	5	2
Janarius Robinson	EDGE	-	-	8	6	14	2
Asante Samuel	CB	-	-	3	8	11	10
Stanford Samuels III	CB	-	1	11	8	20	19
Leonard Warner III	LB	-	-	4	7	11	1
Marvin Wilson	DT	-	-	5	8	13	11

» Florida State was turnover-free for the third consecutive home game and the fourth time this season and in the process, snapped Syracuse's nation-leading, 21-game streak of forcing a turnover...all four of the Noles' turnover-free games have come against ACC opponents.

» **Hamsah Nasirildeen** had a career-high 17 tackles to pace the Noles. That is the most tackles for a Seminole since A.J. Nicholson had 19 against Boston College in 2005.

» The FSU defense recorded a season-high seven sacks for minus-24 yards; their highest single-game sack total since registering eight at Syracuse in 2016...

**Marvin Wilson** led the Noles with two sacks and three tackles for loss and fellow interior lineman **Robert Cooper** had two tackles for loss.

» **Janarius Robinson** had a career-high nine tackles and matched his high of 1.5 sacks...Cooper's eight tackles were also a single-game career best.

» FSU also had a season-high 12 tackles for loss.

» The Noles converted 4-of-5 red zone visits, all into touchdowns, with the game ending with FSU at the Syracuse 4-yard line...FSU is now 22-for-26 on red zone scoring opportunities (.846) with 19 touchdowns this season and has scored on 46 of 54 chances (.852) dating to week two of the 2018 season.