

2019  
FLORIDA STATE  
FOOTBALL

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

## FINAL: FSU 49, ALABAMA STATE 12

- » With its 49-12 victory over Alabama State, Florida State improved to 6-5 on the year and will go to a bowl for the 38th time in the last 40 seasons. Over that span, the Seminoles lead the country in seasons with a postseason appearance, ranking ahead of Michigan who will appear in the postseason for the 37th time since 1980. Florida State's 26 bowl wins since the 1980 season are the most in the country. Alabama, which has two CFP championship game wins in addition to semifinal wins those years, is 2nd with 24 victories and Georgia ranks 3rd with 22.
- » The Seminoles are now 4-0 all-time under interim coach Odell Haggins, averaging 42.75 points per game.
- » WR **Tamorriion Terry's** 69-yard TD reception from QB **James Blackman** on the Seminoles' first offensive play of the game marked the first time the Noles scored on their first offensive snap since **Dalvin Cook** raced 75 yards at USF on Sept. 24, 2016 at Raymond James Stadium...it was FSU's second one-play TD drive of the season. Terry had a 75-yard TD reception against Boise State in the season-opener.
- » Terry's TD reception was his eighth of the season, which matches his season total from 2018 and is tied for 20th on the single-season TD reception list. He is averaging 53.75 yards per TD reception this season.
- » Terry has 16 career TD receptions, which ties him for 19th all-time for the Noles, boasting a average of 46.44 yards per TD.
- » RB **Khalan Laborn**, making his first career start, recorded a career-high two rushing touchdowns, scoring on runs of 4 yards and 1 yard. He entered the game with two career rushing touchdowns.
- » WR **Tre'Shaun Harrison** scored on a 39-yard pass reception from Blackman with 11:55 remaining in the first half for a 21-3 lead. It was Harrison's longest career reception at the time before he registered a 47-yard catch in the fourth quarter.
- » QBs **Blackman** and **Jordan Travis** were productive through the air and on the ground against the Hornets, combining for 317 passing yards and 122 rushing yards as the Noles produced a season-high 525 yards of total offense. Blackman was 13-of-22 through the air for 246 yards and 3 TDs and added 53 rushing yards on four carries, including a career-long run of 35 yards, while Travis completed 3-of-7 attempts for 71 yards - the first completions of his FSU career - and added a game-high 69 rushing yards on four carries, highlighted by a 61-yard run.
- » Blackman now has 4,685 career passing yards and moved past **Casey Weldon** into 13th place on FSU's all-time list.
- » Blackman's 12-yard TD pass to D.J. Matthews was his third of the game and the 40th of his career, positioning him alone at No. 11 on the all-time TD pass list, eclipsing **Jimmy Jordan** and **Bill Cappleman** (39).
- » TE **Gabe Nabers**, one of 18 seniors recognized prior to their final home game, collected a career-long 63-yard reception in the fourth quarter. It was the third offensive play of 60 yards or more in the game and FSU's sixth in the last two games.
- » RB **Deonte' Sheffield** ran for a career-high 31 yards on 7 carries, capped by his first career TD on a 2-yard run to close out the scoring.

## CAPTAINS & COIN TOSS

### CAPTAINS

QB James Blackman  
DT Cory Durden  
K Ricky Aguayo

### COIN TOSS

Florida State won the toss and elected to defer.

## KICKOFF WEATHER

### TEMPERATURE

50°

### CONDITIONS

Cloudy

### WIND

NNW 12 mph

## FSU STARTERS

### OFFENSE

		'16	'17	'18	'19	Career	Consec.
Abdul Bello	LT	-	-	2	6	8	1
James Blackman	QB	-	12	1	8	21	2
Keith Gavin	WR	-	8	8	4	20	4
Baveon Johnson	C	-	-	-	9	9	1
Khalan Laborn	RB	-	-	-	1	1	1
D.J. Matthews	WR	-	1	6	7	14	5
Cole Minshew	RG	3	13	7	4	27	4
Gabe Nabers	TE	-	-	1	2	3	2
Ryan Roberts	RT	-	-	-	11	11	11
Brady Scott	LG	-	-	6	8	14	1
Tamorriion Terry	WR	-	-	11	11	22	22

### DEFENSE

		'16	'17	'18	'19	Career	Consec.
Dennis Briggs, Jr.	DT	-	-	-	2	2	2
Robert Cooper	NT	-	-	-	11	11	11
Akeem Dent	S	-	-	-	5	5	5
Cory Durden	DT	-	-	1	11	12	11
Amari Gainer	EDGE	-	-	-	7	7	7
A.J. Lytton	CB	-	-	-	2	2	2
Hamsah Nasirildeen	S	-	2	5	9	16	6
Emmett Rice	LB	-	1	-	7	8	5
Janarius Robinson	EDGE	-	-	8	9	17	5
Stanford Samuels III	CB	-	1	11	11	23	22
Leonard Warner III	LB	-	-	4	10	14	4

» **S Hamsah Nasirildeen's** 80-yard interception return for a TD was the first defensive score for the Noles since **Levonta Taylor's** 63-yard interception return against Samford on Sept. 8, 2018 and the first non-offensive TD since **D.J. Matthews'** 74-yard punt return at Miami last season. Nasirildeen's return is the 14th-longest interception return for a touchdown in program history and the longest since **Terrance Smith's** 94-yarder against Florida in 2014. It was Nasirildeen's second interception of the season and third of his career.

» Nasirildeen also led the Noles with 11 tackles, pushing his season total to 96, and giving him 33 tackles over the past two games.

» The day began with a Navy Seahawk helicopter flyover by the Helicopter Maritime Strike Fighter Wing Atlantic from Naval Station Mayport, Florida. Among the pilots and ground support team were Commander Scott "Taz" Simpson, whose daughter Emily is a 2013 FSU graduate and Lieutenant Nick "Baloo" Ballard, who is a 2011 FSU graduate.

» Junior tight end **Tre' McKitty** carried the United States flag onto the field for Military Appreciation Day. McKitty's brother, Sergeant Trevor Lloyd, is a biomedical equipment technician in the 703rd Brigade Support Battalion stationed in Fort Stewart, Georgia;

» **Personnel Matters:** Sophomore CB **A.J. Lytton** made his first career start, as did redshirt sophomore RB **Khalan Laborn**. Freshman LB **Keon Glenn** and freshman DE **Quashon Fuller** made their first career appearance during Saturday's game. Among others who made their first appearance was redshirt freshman WR **Caleb Ward**, the son of Heisman Trophy-winning QB Charlie Ward. Additionally, LS **Tanner Adkison**, RB **Treshaun Ward**, WRs **Caleb Faris**, **Michael Barulich**, **Tre Young** and **Tyrell Moorner**, LB **Armani Kerr**, DB **Joseph Schergen** and DL **Peter Osimen** all saw their first action of the season.