

ACC CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES

Florida State

With this Win

*Florida State won its 13th ACC Championship this evening and is now just one behind Clemson, which won its 14th title last year. All of Florida State's championships have come since 1992, or the last 21 seasons. It is Florida State's first since 2005.

*Florida State has now won 11 games for the first time since 2000 when they won the ACC title and finished with an 11-2 record. That 2000 season was the last of five consecutive seasons with at least 11 wins under Bobby Bowden.

*Florida State is now 2-1 in ACC Championship games. The Seminoles won the first championship game in 2005.

*Florida State recorded its first win over Georgia Tech since 2003 when the Seminoles won 14-13 in Tallahassee. Tech had won the last two, 31-28 in 2008 and 49-44 in 2009.

Team Notes

Offense

*Florida State entered tonight's game averaging 7.09 yards per play, second best in the nation behind Oklahoma State. Tonight, the Seminoles averaged 5.7, including 5.2 per carry on the ground, much better than Georgia Tech's 3.5.

*Florida State won tonight's game 21-15, but did not score in the second half. This is the first time the champion did not score in the second half and the first time Florida State did not score in the second half since the NC State game.

*Florida State had three rushing touchdowns in the first half and now has 37 for the season, a school record. The previous high was 35 in 1995.

*Florida State went over the 6000-yard mark in terms of total offense for the season, the fourth Seminoles team to do that and the first since the 2000 team had a record 6588. They finished with 328 yards tonight and now have 6057 entering the Orange Bowl. Clemson still has more with 6220.

*Florida State did not score in the third and fourth periods, just the fifth and sixth quarters the Seminoles were held scoreless in 51 quarters this year

*Florida State went over the 2500-yard rushing mark for the season tonight and joined Florida State's 1993 team as the only Seminole teams in history with at least 2500 yards rushing and 3000 passing in the same season. That National Championship Florida State team finished its 13-game schedule with 2667 rushing and 3909 passing.

Defense

*Florida State's defense held Georgia Tech to 183 yards rushing this evening, the second lowest rushing total by the Yellow Jackets this year. They had just 117 in a loss to BYU this year. That defense allowed Florida State to out-rush Georgia Tech tonight, just the third team to out-rush Georgia Tech this year.

*Georgia Tech had punted just twice in each of the last four games and two or less punts seven times. Tonight, Tech had to punt on each of its first two possessions of the first period and had four punts for the game.

*Florida State entered the game allowing opponents to convert on third down 27.2 percent of the time. Tonight Georgia Tech converted 4-15 for 26.7 percent.

*Florida State held Georgia Tech scoreless for the first 20:34 of the game, the longest Tech has been held without a score at the beginning of the game all year.

Individual Notes

*James Wilder, Jr was named the most valuable player of tonight's game. He had his 10th and 11th rushing touchdown of the season in the second period tonight and had 10 rushes for 69 yards, a 6.9 average. He is the first Seminole to have at least 10 rushing touchdowns in a season since Antone Smith had 15 in 2008, but just the second Seminole to have double digits in rushing touchdowns since the days of Warrick Dunn (senior in 1996).

*The key defensive play of the night came with less than two minutes left when Florida State's Karlos Williams had a 41-yard interception return. It was Williams' first career interception. He had a career night in many ways as he recorded 11 tackles, including eight first hits. He had only 20 tackles all year coming into tonight's game.

*E.J. Manuel completed 16-21 passes this evening. That 76.1 percent completion percentage is the best in the history of the ACC Championship game for a quarterback. Manuel now has the top two completion percentage games in the history of the ACC Championship. He was 23-31 in the 2010 game, a 74.19 percentage. He is a combined 39-52 for 422 yards in his two appearances in the championship game.

*E. J. Manuel went over 3000 yards passing for the season in the first quarter of tonight's game with a nine-yard pass completion to Rashad Greene. He is the seventh different Florida State quarterback to have a 3000-yard season. Chris Weinke did it twice for eight total 3000-yard passing seasons by Florida State signal callers. Manuel finished the game with 134 yards passing and now has 3,101 for the season. He went ahead of Charlie



Ward (1993, 3032) on the single season FSU list. Ward won the Heisman Trophy that year.

*Manuel won his 24th game as a starting quarterback tonight and is now the third winningest quarterback in Florida State history. Chris Weinke is 32-3, Chris Rix is 28-11, then Manuel at 24-6.

*Rashad Greene had nine receptions this evening for 82 yards. His nine catches are second most in an ACC Championship game. Andre Callender had 13 for Boston College against Virginia Tech in 2007.

*Rodney Smith tied the Florida State record for consecutive games catching a pass when he had a 12-yard reception in the first half. It was his only catch of the game. He has now caught at least on pass in 38 consecutive games, tying the record of 38 originally set by E.G. Green from 1994-97.

*Florida State kicker Dustin Hopkins became the ACC's single season scoring leader when he made his third extra point of the first half. He now has 133 points this season, one more than running back Ryan Williams had for Virginia Tech in 2009.

*Devonta Freeman scored the first touchdown of the game this evening. It was his eighth rushing touchdown of the year, but seven of them have come in the last six games.

*Vince Williams had two tackles for loss in the first half. He entered the game with 3.5 for the season and this is his first game with more than one tackle for loss this year. Williams now has 5.5 tackles for loss for the year, four have come in the last four games.

Georgia Tech

ACC Record

Tevin Washington's third quarter 1-yard touchdown run was his 19th of the season, setting the ACC single season record for most rushing touchdowns by a quarterback ... Washington is also fourth among ACC quarterbacks with 2,159 career rushing yards.

QB Sacks

**Jeremiah Attaochu's two sacks give him 10 for the season and 19 for his career, tying him with Phillip Wheeler (2003-07) for ninth place on Tech's all-time QB sacks leaders ... Attaochu's two sacks tie the ACC title game record set by Florida State's Lawrence Timmons in 2005

20,000 yards

Over the last five seasons, Georgia Tech has rushed for over 20,000 yards, which is the equivalent of 11.3 miles or roughly the distance from Tech's Bobby Dodd Stadium to Atlanta's Hartsfield Airport.

4,000 Rushing Yards

With 183 yards rushing on 52 carries, Georgia Tech has rushed for over 4,000 in each of the past four seasons ... this season, the Jackets have rushed for 4,063 yards – the fourth most in ACC history.

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| Georgia Tech | 2010 | 4,203 |
| Georgia Tech | 2009 | 4,136 |
| Georgia Tech | 2011 | 4,114 |
| Georgia Tech | 2012 | 4,063 |

Special Teams

Sean Poole's 1st and 3rd quarter 55 yard punts ties for career long & ties for fourth-longest punts in ACC title game history ... David Scully's 2nd quarter 47-yard field goal is a career-long & is the fourth-longest in ACC title game history.

Fumble

**Jabari Hunt-Days' 3rd quarter forced fumble was the first of his career ... the fumble recovery was the first by Georgia Tech since the North Carolina game on Nov. 10.

Career-High

David Sims tied a career-high rushing for 91 yards on 19 carries ... Sims rushed for 91 yards in 2011 against Middle Tennessee State ... the 91 yards are the seventh-most in ACC title game play.

Interception

Jemea Thomas' fourth-quarter interception was his team-high fourth of the season ... Tech has at least one interception in 11 of its last 12 games.

Miscellaneous

Tech was 4-for-4 in fourth down conversions ... the Jackets have scored in 43 of 52 quarters this year ... Tech is 1-2 in ACC title game play ... Tech extended its streak of not being shutout to 197 consecutive games.