

1950 Cigar Bowl

Florida State 19

Wofford 6

TAMPA, Fla. (Jan. 2, 1950) — Red Parrish scored twice and Buddy Strauss rushed for 132 yards to give underdog Florida State a 19-6 win over Wofford in the Cigar Bowl.

The victory was a come-from-behind effort by the Seminoles as the Terriers scored only moments into the contest to make the score 6-0. That touchdown came when Wofford defenders blocked a Bo Manuel punt and recovered it in the end zone. The extra point attempt was no good.

For the balance of the first quarter, Florida State mounted several drives that stalled around midfield, while Wofford netted virtually nothing offensively. Early in the second period, however, Wofford had its first real threat. It died on the Seminoles' 16-yard line when Bill Dawkins intercepted a pass and returned it to the Terrier 20. Shortly after, Parrish bolted to the Tribe's initial touchdown to tie the score at six.

Late in the half, the Seminoles got cranked up again. Strauss busted up the middle for a 15-yard gain, and an interference penalty pushed Florida State into Wofford territory. On the next play, Parrish lofted a left-handed halfback pass to Norman Eubanks, who made a spectacular catch; the extra point sent the Seminoles to the locker room with a 13-6 lead.

The third period was a dogged defensive battle with no serious scoring threats. But in the final period, FSU pinned Wofford deep in its own territory with a 63-yard Manuel punt. After the Terriers fumbled on their own eight, the Seminoles were unable to cash in when Parrish came up a foot short on fourth down.

Unable to move the ball out of the deep hole, Wofford was forced to punt, giving the Seminoles excellent field position with only minutes remaining. This time Don Veller's team wasted no time cashing in. With only seconds showing on the clock, Parrish sliced in from the five and Florida State had a 19-6 upset victory.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	0	13	0	7	19
WOF	0	0	0	0	6

SCORING SUMMARY

WOF — Quick recovered fumble for 1 yd. score (Barbere's kick failed)
 FSU — Parrish 4 yd. run (Morrical's kick failed)
 FSU — Strauss 3 yd. run (Morrical kick)
 FSU — Parrish 3 yd. run (Morrical's kick failed)

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	WOF
First Downs	22	6
Yards Gained Rushing	287	106
Forwards Attempted	11	7
Forwards Completed	8	3
Yards Forward Passing	92	33
Interceptions-Yards	1-55	1-14
Punting Average	28	40
Total Yds. all Kicks Ret.	59	57
Yards Lost Penalties	45	30
Opp. Fumbles Recovered	2	0

1955 Sun Bowl

Texas Western 47

Florida State 20

EL PASO, Texas (Jan. 1, 1955) — Florida State turnovers and defensive collapses in the second quarter allowed Texas Western to move well ahead and capture a 47-20 Sun Bowl victory.

With the score tied at seven at the end of the first period, the underdog Miners put together a magnificent 28-point quarter that buried the Seminoles on the steamy January afternoon. Texas Western quarterback John Griner ran the option to perfection, and the Seminoles, fighting a blinding sun and high altitude, couldn't keep pace.

After taking a 7-0 lead in the first four minutes of the game, the Seminoles allowed the Miners to tie the score late in the period. On the first play of the second quarter, Florida State fumbled on its own 24, and Texas Western needed only two plays to grab its first lead of the day. That touchdown came on a nifty run by Miner ace Jesse Whittenton.

Then, the flood gates opened. Tom Nugent's Seminoles made three more mistakes that led directly to Texas Western touchdowns, and the home-standing Miners eased into the locker room with a 34-7 advantage.

In the final half, the Miners ran the count to 41-7 before the Tribe scored again. Quarterback Len Swantic led a third quarter drive sparked by a 43-yard touchdown pass to Tom Feamster. But Western wasted no time in countering that Seminole score. On the next kickoff, Bob Forrest raced 95 yards for the final Miner touchdown of the day.

The Seminoles were able to tack on a final tally in the fourth period. Harry Massey hit Bill Odom on a 16-yard pass play for the score.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	7	0	6	7	20
TEP	7	27	13	0	47

SCORING SUMMARY

FSU — Massey 1-yard run (Graham kick)
 TEP — Rutledge 56-yard pass from Whittenton (Whittenton kick)
 TEP — Whittenton 7-yard run (kick failed)
 TEP — Bob Forrest 45-yard run (Whittenton kick)
 TEP — Dick Forrest 19-yard pass from Whittenton (Whittenton kick)
 TEP — Rutledge 16-yard pass from Whittenton (Whittenton kick)
 TEP — Bob Forrest 11-yard run (Whittenton kick)
 FSU — Feamster 57-yard pass from Swantic (blocked)
 TEP — Whittenton 2-yard run (kick failed)
 FSU — Odom 16-yard pass from Feamster (Graham kick)
 FSU — Parrish 4 yd. run (Morrical's kick failed)
 FSU — Strauss 3 yd. run (Morrical kick)
 FSU — Parrish 3 yd. run (Morrical's kick failed)

1958 Bluegrass Bowl

Oklahoma State 15

Florida State 6

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Dec. 13, 1958)
 — A frantic fourth quarter comeback was not to be as Florida State couldn't fight off the bitter

cold, and Oklahoma State went home with a 15-6 victory in the only Bluegrass Bowl ever played.

A crowd of just over 7,000 braved 10-degree weather for the first-ever meeting between the two schools. Players on both teams wore tennis shoes in an effort to combat the frozen turf. The Seminoles made their first national television appearance with a relatively obscure talent named Howard Cosell handling the broadcast.

Florida State got off to a good start, mounting two drives deep into OSU territory in the first quarter. Both times, the Seminoles came up empty-handed as field goal attempts from the 16 and 23 fell short.

Oklahoma State managed to dent the scoreboard early in the second quarter when halfback Duane Wood sprinted in from the Florida State 17.

Unable to get anything going in the second period, the Seminoles were forced to rely on defense. The last assault came in the final two minutes of the half. The Cowboys drove inside the Florida State five, but on a fourth down play with 1:15 left, FSU's Ron Hinson stopped Forrest Campbell one foot from paydirt. That sent the clubs to the locker room with the score 7-0, OSU.

Early in the third period, the Seminoles did themselves in with a pair of fumbles. The second set up the Cowboys at the Florida State 39. It took 10 plays, but Wood finally scored his second touchdown. His two-point conversion catch made it 15-0. Florida State added a late score, but it was not enough as OSU claimed a 15-6 win.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	0	0	0	6	6
OSU	0	7	8	0	15

SCORING SUMMARY

OSU — D. Wood 17 yd. run (J. Wood kick), 14:31
 OSU — D. Wood 1 yd. run (D. Wood pass from Soergel), :07
 FSU — Meyer 39 yd. pass from Majors (Prinzi run failed), 13:52

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	OSU
First Downs	12	23
Rushes - Yards	28-100	76-298
Passing Yards	185	77
Comp.-Att.-Int.	9-22-4	6-12-1
Plays-Total Offense	58-285	97-375
Punt Return Yards	2	0

Florida State Bowl Record

BOWL	W	L	T
All-American	1	0	0
Blockbuster	1	0	0
Bluegrass	0	1	0
Cigar	1	0	0
Citrus*	1	0	1
Cotton	1	0	0
Emerald	1	0	0
Fiesta	2	2	0
Gator	5	0	1
Orange	3	5	0
Peach	1	1	0
Sugar	4	2	0
Sun	0	2	0
TOTAL	20	13	2

*Formerly the Tangerine Bowl

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Punts - Average	2-30	5-30
Fumbles - Lost	2-2	1-1
Interceptions - Yards	1-4	4-38
Penalties - Yards	3-25	6-65
Third Down Cov.	10-15	11-20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Pickard 14-44, Prinzi 7-30, Renn 2-13, Majors 3-12, Whitehead 1-1, McCormack 1-0; OSU - Campbell 26-130, D. Wood 17-81, Wiggins 12-59, Banfield 7-34, Rundele 3-7, Sewell 4-3, Wagner 1-1, Cross 1-(-5), Soergel 1-(-12).

PASSING: FSU - Majors 5-9-116, Prinzi 3-8-3-44, McCormack 1-4-0-25, Renn 0-1-0-0; OSU - Soergel 6-12-1-77.

RECEIVING: FSU - Romeo 3-62, Espenship 2-22, Renn 2-48, Meyer 1-39, Pasqual 1-14; OSU - Wiggins 2-38, D. Wood 2-23, Harkey 1-7, J. Wood 1-9.

1965 Gator Bowl Florida State 36 Oklahoma 19

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Jan. 2, 1965)

— The brilliant passing combination of Steve Tensi and Fred Biletnikoff rewrote the Gator Bowl record book and gave the upstart Seminoles an impressive 36-19 victory over Oklahoma.

The Florida State victory will long be remembered as one of the greatest passing shows in college football history. Tensi completed 23-of-36 passes for 303 yards and five touchdowns while Biletnikoff hauled in 13 balls for 192 yards and four TDs. Both players signed professional contracts on the field at the completion of the game.

Oklahoma claimed the first break of the day as Tensi was intercepted in the first period. The Sooners marched to the Seminole 34, but on third down FSU defensive back Howard Ehler picked off an OU pass and sailed 63 yards for the game's initial touchdown. Later in the quarter, the Sooners came back to claim a 7-6 lead. That lead lasted only as long as it took the Tribe to move 90 yards.

Phil Spooner was instrumental in the drive and Tensi continued to pick apart the OU defense. From the 15, Tensi hit Biletnikoff for a 12-7 lead. Twice more before intermission, Tensi found Biletnikoff for touchdowns. The first score followed a George D'Ales-sandro fumble recovery, and the second came on a long drive against the clock. The halftime score was 24-7, FSU.

Early in the second half, Oklahoma recovered a Seminole fumble and cut the lead to 24-13, but as the third period drew to a close, the Seminoles executed an 82-yard drive. On the last play of the quarter, Tensi hit Don Floyd for the touchdown.

With 10 minutes left and the score 30-19, it was time for the Seminole defense to take over. The Sooners came up short on two late drives and FSU finally tacked on its final TD - a 14-yard Tensi-to-Biletnikoff connection that made the final 36-19.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	6	18	6	6	36
OK	7	0	6	6	19

SCORING SUMMARY

FSU - Ehler 69 yd. int. return (Spooner kick failed), 11:40

OK - Kennedy one yd. run (Metcalfe kick), 1:53
FSU - Biletnikoff 15 yd. pass from Tensi (Tensi pass intercepted), 12:16
FSU - Biletnikoff 14 yd. pass from Tensi (Tensi pass failed), 6:23
FSU - Biletnikoff 9 yd. pass from Tensi (Tensi pass failed), :37

OK - Pannell one yd. run (Brown pass failed), 4:26

FSU - Floyd 15 yd. pass from Tensi (Tensi pass failed), :00

OK - Hart 95 yd. pass from Fletcher (Pannell pass failed), 11:22

FSU - Biletnikoff 6yd. pass from Tensi (Spooner kick), 4:40

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	OK
First Downs	29	13
Rushes - Yards	39-217	27-209
Passing Yards	303	209
Comp.-Att.-Int.	23-36-4	10-22-1
Plays-Total Offense	73-520	70-280
Punt Return Yards	4	1
Punts - Average	1-26	6-38
Fumbles - Lost	2-2	2-1
Interceptions - Yards	4-35	1-69
Penalties - Yards	7-52	3-35
Third Down Cov.	9-13	9-17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Green 2-10, Giardino 7-82, Spooner 27-125; OK - Kennedy 13-32, Ringer 7-41, Page 10-(-22), L. Brown 7-17, Pannell 3-2, Mayhue 1-3, Fletcher 1-1.

PASSING: FSU - Tensi 23-36-303-4; OK - Page 7-15-92-1, Fletcher 3-7-117-0.

RECEIVING: FSU - Biletnikoff 13-192, Floyd 5-52, Giardino 2-14, Blankenship 1-12, Spooner 1-17, Dawson 1-16; OK - Hart 6-165, Ringer 1-17, Brown 2-15, Pannell 1-12.

1966 Sun Bowl Wyoming 28 Florida State 20

EL PASO, Texas (Dec. 24, 1966) —

Florida State's vaunted passing attack was not enough to overcome a stingy Wyoming defense, and the Seminoles lost 28-20 in their second try for a Sun Bowl title.

Though the Tribe got a couple of early breaks, it was the Cowboys who drew first blood. The initial score came on a Jim Kiick plunge, and the score stood 7-0 at the end of the first period. Florida State bounced back after Bill Moreman fell on a Vic Washington fumble to give FSU the ball at the Wyoming 49. From there, Kim Hammond found Ron Sellers for the tying touchdown.

The Seminoles managed to grab the lead shortly before halftime. This time Hammond hit T.K. Wetherell behind the Cowboy secondary for a 54-yard scoring strike. At the half, Florida State led 14-7.

It didn't take long for the Cowboys to tie the score. Early in the second half, Wyoming quarterback Rick Egloff found Jerry Marion for a 39-yard touchdown. Late in the third quarter, Wyoming went ahead to stay. Kiick, who gained 135 yards on 23 carries, rambled 43 yards to give the Cowboys a 21-14 lead.

Florida State made a last-ditch attempt to regain a part of the lead as time ticked away in the final quarter. Hammond hit Sellers in Wyoming territory. As the lanky receiver was

hit, he fumbled the ball and it was recovered by teammate Chip Glass at the Cowboy five.

But the tenacious Wyoming defense held in the final three minutes. Wyoming used a pair of 15-yard penalties and the running of Kiick to drive to the FSU 14 in the waning minutes. Egloff scampered into the end zone for the final Cowboy touchdown and the 28-14 win.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	0	14	0	6	20
WYO	7	0	14	7	28

SCORING SUMMARY

WYO - Kiick one yd. run (DePoyster kick), 4:43
FSU - Sellers 49 yd. pass from Pajcic (Loner kick), 5:21

FSU - Wetherell 58 yd. pass from Hammond (Loner kick), 1:39

WYO - Marion 39 yd. pass from Egloff (DePoyster kick), 12:48

WYO - Kiick 43 yd. run (DePoyster kick), 10:46
WYO - Egloff one yd. run (DePoyster kick), 2:42

FSU - Sellers 23 yd. pass from Hammond (Hammond pass failed), 1:09

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	WYO
First Downs	13	14
Rushes - Yards	31-21	42-229
Passing Yards	293	135
Comp.-Att.-Int.	17-35-2	9-27-0
Plays-Total Offense	67-272	69-364
Punt Return Yards	23	42
Punts - Average	9-40	8-37.3
Fumbles - Lost	4-2	3-2
Interceptions - Yards	2-28	0-0
Penalties - Yards	10-102	4-50
Third Down Cov.	3-16	4-16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Pajcic 4-23, Moreman 13-11, Mankins 6-10, Green 4-4, Wetherell 1-19, Hammond 3-4; WYO - Egloff 5-42, Kiick 25-135, Grant 1-4, Klacking 5-32, Hamton 6-16.

PASSING: FSU - Pajcic 8-19-78-1, Hammond 9-15-205-1, Moreman 1-0-0-0; WYO - Egloff 9-26-135-0, Tosacano 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: FSU - Sellers 6-160, Fenner 1-11, Wetherell 2-66, Glass 1-7, Cox 2-6, Fenwick 1-9, Taylor 2-33, Moreman 1-1, Mankins 1-3; WYO - Kiick 4-42, Washington 1-21, Davenport 1-9, Marion 3-63.

1967 Gator Bowl Florida State 17 Penn State 17

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Dec. 30, 1967) —

Penn State jumped out to a commanding 17-point halftime lead before Florida State battled back in the second half to gain an exciting 17-17 tie.

The Seminoles received the opening kickoff, but their opening drive stalled at the Penn State 25. The Lions fumbled after one play, but an interception gave them the ball back, and they scored first on a 27-yard field goal by Tom Sherman in the closing minutes of the first quarter.

Late in the second period, Sherman passed 10 yards to Jack Curry for a touchdown. He came back to hit All-America tight end Ted Kwalick with seconds remaining in the half. The Seminoles were completely stopped before

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intermission as Penn State's defense kept Kim Hammond and his mates at bay.

The momentum changed in the second half, however. Penn State received the kick but was forced to punt. The Tribe drove quickly to the Lion one, but couldn't score. On the next series, the Lions gambled on fourth down at their own 15, and the Seminole defense held. Three plays later, Hammond passed to Ron Sellers for Florida State's first score.

When Lion halfback Charlie Pittman fumbled the ball on the kickoff, the Seminoles were back in business at the Penn State 22. Passes to Sellers and Bill Moremen moved the ball to the one. From there, Hammond took it on himself to cut the lead to 17-14.

With just over a minute to play in the game, Hammond directed a picture-perfect drive from the FSU 31 to the Penn State 15. There, Florida State was faced with a fourth-and-five situation with 17 seconds remaining. Coach Bill Peterson decided to go for the sure three points and a tie rather than risk a 17-14 loss. Grant Guthrie booted the field goal and the 1967 Gator Bowl had co-champions.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	0	0	14	3	17
PSU	3	14	0	0	17

SCORING SUMMARY

PSU - Sherman 27 yd. field goal, 2:32
 PSU - Curry 9 yd. pass from Sherman (Sherman kick), 4:42
 PSU - Kwalick 12 yd. pass from Sherman (Sherman kick), :50
 FSU - Sellers 20 yd. pass from Hammond (Guthrie kick), 3:50
 FSU - Hammond one yd. run (Guthrie kick), 2:49
 FSU - Guthrie 26 yd. field goal, :15

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	PSU
First Downs	12	23
Rushes - Yards	26-55	36-175
Passing Yards	363	69
Comp.-Att.-Int.	38-55-4	6-19-3
Plays-Total Offense	81-418	55-244
Punt Return Yards	35	4
Punts - Average	4-30	7-40
Fumbles - Lost	1-0	3-2
Interceptions - Yards	3-23	4-55
Penalties - Yards	4-40	1-5
Third Down Cov.	8-18	3-14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Hammond 9(-9), Green 12-27, Gunter 2-15, Moreman 3-22; PSU - Sherman 6-24, Pittman 19-124, Lucyk 7-12, Kwalick 1-7, Grimes 3-8.
 PASSING: FSU - Hammond 37-53-362-4, Cheshire 1-1-0, Moreman 0-1-0-0; PSU - Sherman 6-19-69-3.
 RECEIVING: FSU - Sellers 14-145, Fenner 8-87, Moreman 12-106, Taylor 1-11, Glass 1-11, Green 2-3; PSU - Kwalick 2-25, Curry 2-22, Lucyk 2-22.

1968 Peach Bowl
Louisiana State 31
Florida State 27

ATLANTA, Ga. (Dec. 30, 1968) - Competing in its fourth consecutive bowl game, Florida State couldn't outscore Louisiana State and the Seminoles fell 31-27 in a soggy game that initiated Atlanta's Peach Bowl.

The Seminoles were considered a slight favorite going into the game. But as the teams took the field for pre-game warmups, rain began to fall and didn't let up until the final minutes of the contest played at Georgia Tech's Grant Field.

Despite the rain, the Seminoles wasted little time getting on the scoreboard. LSU won the toss, but the Tigers bobbled the ball on the kickoff and FSU's John Crowe pounced on it at the Tiger 36. Tom Bailey swept around right end on the game's first play from scrimmage and went all the way for the touchdown.

That was the only score of the first period, however, as heavy rain hampered both teams. In the first quarter, the Seminoles recovered two more LSU fumbles and intercepted a Tiger pass.

Early in the second quarter, Bill Cappleman capped a 75-yard drive with a 21-yard touchdown pass to Bill Gunter to give the Tribe a 13-0 lead. LSU's first score came midway through the second period on a 39-yard punt return. The Tigers added a 32-yard field goal in the waning minutes of the half to cut the Seminole lead to 13-10 at intermission.

The Tigers came roaring back in the third quarter, scoring a pair of touchdowns to take a 24-13 lead. But the Seminoles were not finished. A fourth quarter Cappleman-to-Sellers pass brought Florida State within five. With 6:15 left in the game, FSU went on top 27-24 on a Sellers catch and a two-point conversion pass from Cappleman to Chip Glass.

The Seminole lead was short-lived as LSU drove for the winning touchdown with 2:39 left in the game. The Tribe's last-ditch effort fell short when a fourth down pass intended for Sellers was tipped away in the final moments, leaving Florida State on the short end of a 31-27 score.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	7	6	0	14	27
LSU	0	10	14	7	31

SCORING SUMMARY

FSU - Bailey 36 yd. run (Guthrie kick)
 FSU - Gunter 75 yd. pass from Cappleman (Guthrie kick failed)
 LSU - Burns 39 yd. punt return (Lumpkin kick)
 LSU - Lumpkin 32 yd. field goal
 LSU - Hamlett 11 yd. pass from Hillman (Lumpkin kick)
 LSU - Stobler 11 yd. pass from Hillman (Lumpkin kick)
 FSU - Sellers 7 yd. pass from Cappleman (Cappleman pass failed)
 FSU - Sellers 4 yd. pass from Cappleman (Glass pass from Cappleman)
 LSU - LeBlanc 3 yd. run (Lumpkin kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	LSU
First Downs	19	22
Rushes - Yards	34-92	43-151
Passing Yards	221	233
Comp.-Att.-Int.	21-41-1	17-30-1
Plays-Total Offense	75-313	73-384
Punt Return Yards	2-8	6-37
Punts - Average	9-34.6	4-41.5
Fumbles - Lost	1-0	5-4
Interceptions - Yards	1-0	1-0
Penalties - Yards	8-90	7-70

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Bailey 11-75, Gunter 8-30, Gilman 5-9, Pederson 1-3, Cappleman 9(-17); LSU - LeBlanc 14-97, Matte 5-20, Allen 7-17, Nenfield 5-

14, Hillman 3-12, Haynes 7(-4), West 1(-5), Smith 1-0.

PASSING: FSU - Cappleman 21-41-221-1; LSU - Hillman 16-29-229-1, Haynes 1-1-4-0.

RECEIVING: FSU - Bailey 4-16, Gunter 1-21, Gilman 2-17, Pederson 2-25, Sellers 8-75, Abraira 2-25, Tyson 1-31, Glass 1-12; LSU - Matte 1-4, Nenfield 2-26, West 2-144, Morel 6-103, Stober 4-62, Hamlett 2-24.

1971 Fiesta Bowl
Arizona State 45
Florida State 38

TEMPE, Ariz. (Dec. 27, 1971) - In one of the most dazzling offensive shows in bowl history, Arizona State scored with 34 seconds left in the game to capture the first ever Fiesta Bowl, 45-38, before over 51,000 partisan fans in Sun Devil Stadium.

Florida State's initial drive stalled, and Arizona State wasted no time in grabbing a 7-0 lead. FSU's Barry Smith brought the kickoff back 49 yards, and like lightning, Gary Huff and his mates tied the score. Huff's passes put the Tribe at the one, and Paul Magalski got the touchdown.

Thirty-two points went on the board in the second quarter. The locals drew first blood, but a field goal by Frank Fontes moved the Seminoles within one at 14-13 as the momentum seemed to swing to Florida State. The Seminoles raced 63 yards on their next drive and added a two-point conversion to lead 21-14. With just over two minutes left in the half, ASU's Danny White hit Steve Holden on a 55-yard scoring pass to tie the game at 21.

At that point, the Seminoles proved they had come to play. Huff put on a brilliant passing display, hitting Kent Gaydos for 46 yards to the Sun Devil 10. With time running out in the half, Rhett Dawson snared his second touchdown pass of the day to give the Tribe a 28-21 halftime lead.

The third quarter was all Arizona State. Holding the ball almost the entire quarter, the Sun Devils put 10 points on the board and led 31-28 heading into the final stanza.

Early in that last quarter, Florida State culminated a 75-yard drive with a field goal to tie the game at 31. On an exchange of punts, Holden hurt the Seminoles again. This time, he returned a Duane Carrell punt 63 yards for a touchdown. Florida State came back to tie the game again when Dawson made a sensational touchdown grab between two defenders with 4:44 left in the contest.

ASU's final drive resulted in a Woody Green touchdown with 34 seconds left to break the tie and provide the final margin.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	10	18	0	10	38
ASU	7	14	10	14	45

SCORING SUMMARY

ASU - Demery 21 yd. pass from White (Ekstrand kick), 9:47
 FSU - Magalski one yd. run (Fontes kick), 8:13
 FSU - Fontes 30 yd. field goal, 3:23
 ASU - Green one yd. run (Elstrand kick), 13:34
 FSU - Fontes 25 yd. field goal, 7:35
 FSU - Dawson 14 yd. pass from Gaydos through Huff (Dawson pass from Huff), 5:07
 ASU - Holden 54 yd. pass from White (Ekstrand kick), :49

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FSU - Dawson 10 yd. pass from Huff (Fontes kick), :11
 ASU - Ekstrand 34 yd. field goal, 8:25
 ASU - Green two yd. run (Ekstrand kick), 1:32
 FSU - Fontes 42 yd. field goal, 13:16
 ASU - Holden returns Carrell's kick (Ekstrand kick), 6:07
 FSU - Dawson 25 yd. pass from Huff (Fontes kick), 4:44
 ASU - Green two yd. run (Ekstrand kick), :34

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	ASU
First Downs	20	22
Rushes - Yards	34-72	56-200
Passing Yards	361	250
Comp.-Att.-Int.	26-47-2	15-30-0
Plays-Total Offense	81-433	86-450
Punt Return Yards	16	107
Punts - Average	7-42	6-37
Fumbles - Lost	2-0	5-2
Interceptions - Yards	0-0	2-0
Penalties - Yards	8-91	4-37
Time of Possession	27:38	32:22
Third Down Cov.	6-17	11-19

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Jarrett 8-48, Magalski 17-42, Munroe 5-8, Smith 1-13, Huff 3-39; ASU - Green 24-101, White 11-18, Malone 17-60, Holden 3-21.
PASSING: FSU - Huff 25-46-347-2, Gaydos 1-14-0; ASU - White 15-30-250-0.
RECEIVING: FSU - Jarrett 2-6, Dawson 8-108, Smith 8-143, Gaydos 5-101, Munroe 1-13, Magalski 1-9, Parris 1-7; ASU - Demery 4-55, Holden 2-66, Beverly 3-33, Petty 4-50, Green 2-46.

1977 Tangerine Bowl
Florida State 40
Texas Tech 17

ORLANDO, Fla. (Dec. 23, 1977) — Florida State, making its first bowl appearance in seven years, demolished Texas Tech 40-17 in the 32nd Tangerine Bowl.

A record-breaking crowd of 44,502 witnessed almost total domination by the Seminoles, who became the first major college football team in Florida to win 10 games in a season.

FSU jumped ahead at 5:50 of the opening quarter on a 23-yard Dave Cappelen field goal. It stayed that way until Mike Mock of Texas Tech evened the count with a 24-yarder early in the second period. A 93-yard kickoff return by Larry Key following the Tech field goal gave the Seminoles the lead for good.

Later in the second quarter, Tribe quarterback Jimmy Jordan found tight end Grady King on a 37-yard scoring pass that boosted the FSU lead to 16-3 at intermission.

The Seminoles continued to add to their cushion in the third quarter. First, Jordan found Mike Shumann with a 40-yard scoring toss. Next, Cappelen booted a 22-yard field goal that made the Florida State lead 27-3.

Tech scored with 7:46 remaining in the quarter on a 44-yard pass, making the score 27-9. The count remained that way until Wally Woodham found Roger Overby on a 15-yard touchdown pass to increase the Seminole lead.

Neither team was through yet. Tech came back on a 21-yard touchdown run by Billy Taylor; with just 48 seconds remaining, FSU completed the scoring on a 44-yard pass from Woodham to Chip Sanders.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	3	13	11	13	40
TT	0	3	6	8	17

SCORING SUMMARY

FSU - Cappelen 23 yd. field goal, 5:50
 TT - Mock 24 yd. field goal, 10:24
 FSU - Key 93 yd. kickoff return (Cappelen kick), 9:37
 FSU - Overby 37 yd. pass from Jordan (Cappelen kick failed), 3:55
 FSU - Shumann 40 yd. pass from Jordan (King pass from Jordan), 12:30
 FSU - Cappelen 22 yd. field goal, 9:13
 TT - Nelson 44 yd. pass from Allison (Allison pass failed), 7:46
 FSU - Overby 15 yd. pass from Jordan (Cappelen kick), 3:39
 TT - Taylor 21 yd. run (Taylor pass from Allison), 2:01
 FSU - Sanders 44 yd. pass from Woodham (Cappelen kick), :48

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	TT
First Downs	22	21
Rushes - Yards	37-85	44-99
Passing Yards	455	279
Comp.-Att.-Int.	25-35-0	18-28-2
Plays-Total Offense	72-540	72-378

Punt Return Yards	5	11
Punts - Average	3-35.6	7-29.6
Fumbles - Lost	2-2	3-2
Interceptions - Yards	2-4	0-0
Penalties - Yards	10-130	3-50
Third Down Cov.	4-8	5-18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Key 21-83, Lyles 10-36, Stockstill 1-5, Jordan 3-(-19), Shumann 1-(-14), Kennedy 1-(-6); TT - Taylor 19-60, Allison 13-1, Julian 4-8, Adkins 2-7, Hadnot 3-15, Nelson 1-8, Orr 1-6, Bailey 1-(-6).
PASSING: FSU - Jordan 18-25-311-0, Woodham 7-10-144-0, Stockstill 0-0-0-0; TT - Allison 17-27-243-2, Taylor 1-1-36-0.
RECEIVING: FSU - Key 6-100, King 6-85, Overby 4-64, Shumann 4-99, Unglaub 2-39, Lyles 2-24, Sanders 1-44; TT - Taylor 5-34, Nelson 4-99, Hadnot 4-62, Williams 3-57, Adkins 1-20, Julian 1-13.

FSU in Bowls -- Year-by-Year

SEASON	BOWL	OPPONENT	SCORE
1949	Cigar	Wofford	19- 6
1954	Sun	Texas Western	20-47
1958	Bluegrass	Oklahoma State	6-15
1964	Gator	Oklahoma	36-19
1966	Sun	Wyoming	20-28
1967	Gator	Penn State	17-17
1968	Peach	Louisiana State	27-31
1971	Fiesta	Arizona State	38-45
1977*	Tangerine	Texas Tech	40-17
1979*	Orange	Oklahoma	7-24
1980*	Orange	Oklahoma	17-18
1982*	Gator	West Virginia	31-12
1983*	Peach	North Carolina	28- 3
1984*	Citrus	Georgia	17-17
1985*	Gator	Oklahoma State	34-23
1986*	All-American	Indiana	27-13
1987*	Fiesta	Nebraska	31-28
1988*	Sugar	Auburn	13- 7
1989*	Fiesta	Nebraska	41-17
1990*	Blockbuster	Penn State	24-17
1991*	Cotton	Texas A&M	10- 2
1992*	Orange	Nebraska	27-14
1993*	Orange	Nebraska	18-16
1994*	Sugar	Florida	23-17
1995*	Orange	Notre Dame	31-26
1996*	Sugar	Florida	20-52
1997*	Sugar	Ohio State	31-14
1998*	Fiesta	Tennessee	16-23
1999*	Sugar	Virginia Tech	46-29
2000*	Orange	Oklahoma	2-13
2001*	Gator	Virginia Tech	30-17
2002*	Sugar	Georgia	13-26
2003*	Orange	Miami	14-16
2004*	Gator	West Virginia	30-18
2005*	Orange	Penn State (3 OT)	23-26
2006*	Emerald	UCLA	44-27

*Under Bobby Bowden

1980 Orange Bowl Oklahoma 24 Florida State 7

MIAMI, Fla. (Jan. 1, 1980) — Julius Caesar Watts and Heisman Trophy winner Billy Sims each rushed for more than 100 yards, and the Sooner defense held Florida State to 182 total yards as Oklahoma defeated Florida State 24-7 in the 46th Annual Orange Bowl Classic.

For 17 minutes, it appeared Florida State would see its dream of a 12-0 season and possible national championship come true as it took a 7-0 lead on Mike Whiting's one-yard touchdown run in the first quarter.

FSU had a chance to double its lead moments later. OU punter Fred Keeling's kick was blocked by Seminole corner-back Bobby Butler and recovered on the Oklahoma 17 by Keith Jones.

After a first down, FSU failed to gain more than two yards on three tries. Rick Stockstill fumbled a snap from center on an attempted field goal try as Oklahoma stopped the FSU drive and gained possession at its 19.

Following a 25-yard pickup by Sims and a sack by James Gilbert, Watts kept the ball on a sweep to the right and ran 61 yards for a score.

Watts' run was a sample of things to come for the Seminoles. Following the kickoff, Jimmy Jordan's first pass was picked off by Bud Herbert, who would intercept three passes on the night, and returned to the Seminole 10. Two plays later, Stanley Wilson got the call from the five and rambled in for the score and a 14-7 Sooner lead.

Fred Keeling made it 17-7 at the half with a 24-yard field goal, and the Sooners were on their way to victory.

The remainder of the game was a defensive standoff until Sims took a lateral from Watts and raced 22 yards into the Seminole end zone at 7:13 of the fourth quarter.

For the game, Sims gained 164 yards on 24 carries and Watts tallied 127 yards on 15 attempts. FSU was outgained in the game by a 447-182 margin.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	7	0	0	0	7
Oklahoma	0	17	0	7	24

SCORING SUMMARY

FSU - Whiting one yd. run (Cappelan kick), 3:24
 OK - Watts 61 yd. run (Keeling kick), 11:35
 OK - Wilson 5 yd. run (Keeling kick), 10:59
 OK - Keeling 24 yd. field goal, 3:08
 OK - Sims 22 yd. run on a lateral from Watts (Keeling kick), 1:58

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	OK
First Downs	12	23
Rushes - Yards	35-82	59-411
Passing Yards	100	36
Comp.-Att.-Int.	8-27-3	2-4-0
Plays-Total Offense	62-182	63-447
Punt Return Yards	19	75
Punts - Average	9-42.2	4-25
Fumbles - Lost	1-0	5-4
Interceptions - Yards	0-0	3-25
Penalties - Yards	4-20	3-27.5
Time of Possession	27:22	32:38
Third Down Cov.	6-17	9-14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Woodham 2-7, Jordan 3-(-6), Platt 3-8, Lyles 13-40, Whiting 13-40, Stockstill 1-(-7); OK- Watts 15-127, Phelps 2-3, Sims 24-164, Winters 1-25, Overstreet 9-29, Wilson 9-48, Ledbetter 1-10, McKim 1-5.

PASSING: FSU - Jordan 6-16-76-1, Woodham 2-11-24-2; OK - Watts 2-4-36-0.

RECEIVING: FSU - Platt 1-22, Lyles 1-9, Whiting 1-4, Johnson 1-17, King 2-24, Childers 2-24; OK - Nixon 2-36.

1981 Orange Bowl Oklahoma 18 Florida State 17

MIAMI, Fla. (Jan. 1, 1981) — Oklahoma was not supposed to be able to pass. But that's what it took for the Sooners to beat Florida State in the 1981 Orange Bowl. With time running out and the Seminoles leading 17-10, J.C. Watts — a swift quarterback who led a notorious Oklahoma running game — drilled an 11-yard touchdown pass to split end Steve Rhodes with 1:27 remaining.

Going for the win on the conversion, Watts rolled to his right and hit tight end Steve Valora to give the Sooners an 18-17 win over upset-minded Florida State in the 47th Annual Orange Bowl Classic.

A Florida State fumble recovery and a missed field goal kept Oklahoma off the board in the first quarter, and FSU took the lead when Ricky Williams capped a 70-yard touchdown drive with a one-yard plunge. Bill Capece converted and the Seminoles led by seven.

The score remained the same until OU's Fred Keeling hit a 53-yard field goal with two seconds remaining in the half.

Oklahoma took the second half kickoff and marched 78 yards for a touchdown and a 10-7 lead. On second and goal from the FSU four, halfback David Overstreet took a pitchout to the right and scored easily.

On the following series, FSU drove from its own 20 to the Oklahoma 27, only to watch Capece's 44-yard field goal attempt sail right. The Seminoles recovered a Watts fumble three plays later. This time Capece's field goal from 19 yards was good, and the score was tied at 10.

With 13 minutes left in the game, Keeling dropped back to his own 18 to punt. The snap sailed through his hands and into the end zone, where Bobby Butler recovered for a touchdown and a 17-10 Seminole lead.

The teams traded punts and Oklahoma took over on its own 22-yard line, trailing by seven with 3:30 on the clock. Then, Watts abandoned the forte of the Sooner offense — running — and went to the air.

On third-and-nine from the OU 23, Watts hit Rhodes with a 42-yard pass to the FSU 35. Then Chet Winters hauled in a 14-yard pass to the Florida State 21 for another first down.

After a 10-yard scramble by Watts, the senior quarterback found Rhodes in the end zone for the touchdown.

Two completed passes gave Florida State the ball on the Oklahoma 45 with just five seconds remaining. Capece attempted to give Florida State the win with a 62-yard field goal, but the attempt fell six yards short and the Seminoles had lost to the Sooners in the Orange Bowl for the second straight year.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	0	7	3	7	17
OK	0	3	7	8	18

SCORING SUMMARY

FSU - R. Williams 10 yd. run (Capece kick), :49
 OK - Keeling 53 yd. field goal, :00
 OK - Overstreet 4 yd. run (Keeling kick), 8:59
 FSU - Capece 19 yd. field goal, :13
 FSU - Butler recovers fumble in endzone (Capece kick), 11:07
 OK - Rhodes 11 yd. pass from Watts (Valora pass from Watts), 1:27

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	OK
First Downs	23	18
Rushes - Yards	60-212	55-156
Passing Yards	51	128
Comp.-Att.-Int.	11-15-0	7-12-0
Plays-Total Offense	75-263	67-284
Punt Return Yards	34	84
Punts - Average	4-42.5	2-37
Fumbles - Lost	1-0	7-5
Interceptions - Yards	0-0	0-0
Penalties - Yards	5-58	4-32
Time of Possession	33:28	26:32
Third Down Cov.	8-17	8-16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Stockstill 14-9, Whiting 9-55, Platt 17-45, Unglaub 1-4, R. Williams 19-99; OK- Watts 25-48, Winters 1-4, Rhymes 12-29, W. Ledbetter 3-9, Overstreet 4-42, J. Ledbetter. 3-31, Wilson 5-25, Shepard 1-1.

PASSING: FSU - Stockstill 11-51-51-0; OK - Watts 7-12-128-0.

RECEIVING: FSU - Childers 2-12, H. Johnson 2-1, Whiting 3-6, McKinnon 1-8, Platt 1-3, R. Williams 2-27; OK - Valora 2-47, Rockford 1-11, Overstreet 1-7, Rhodes 2-53, Winters 1-14.

1982 Gator Bowl Florida State 31 West Virginia 12

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Dec. 30, 1982) — Greg Allen rambled for 138 yards and two scores, while surprise starter Blair Williams threw for 202 yards and another touchdown as Florida State upset West Virginia 31-12 in the 38th Annual Gator Bowl.

Allen, who was named MVP, scored twice in the third quarter to break open a tight game and give the Seminoles a 31-6 lead entering the final period.

The victory lifted the Seminoles' record to 9-3 on the year, and gave FSU Head Coach Bobby Bowden a win in his first encounter against the Mountaineers — the team he coached from 1970-75.

Florida State drew first blood in the game — taking a 3-0 lead on a 20-yard field goal by Philip Hall with 3:30 remaining in the first quarter. Frustrated by a blocked field goal attempt on the first drive of the game, the Mountaineers came back to tie the game early in the second stanza when All-American Paul Woodside hit a 48-yard field goal.

The Seminoles took the lead for good on the next play. Picking up Woodside's kickoff on the five, Billy Allen started up the middle and then broke to his left — eventually going 95 yards for a touchdown, a Gator Bowl record, and a 10-3 FSU lead.

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West Virginia added a field goal to cut the lead to 10-6, but Williams led FSU on a 63-yard touchdown drive with under one minute to play in the half.

With just 15 seconds remaining and the ball on the 27, Williams lofted a pass into the right corner of the end zone, where Dennis McKinnon went high over two WVU defenders to make a spectacular catch and give the Seminoles a 17-6 intermission lead.

The third quarter belonged to Greg Allen. Carrying the ball just five times, the sophomore tailback logged 52 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Florida State's defense, which was in the face of WVU quarterback Jeff Hostetler all night, controlled the final period.

FSU held Hostetler to 10 completions in 28 attempts for 118 yards and two interceptions, while the Seminole offense was busy piling up 451 yards of total offense against a WVU defense ranked in the top 10 nationally.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	3	14	14	0	31
WVU	0	6	0	6	12

SCORING SUMMARY

FSU - Hall 20 yd. field goal, 3:30
 WVU - Woodside 48 yd. field goal, 14:14
 FSU - B. Allen 95 yd. kick off return, :20
 WVU -Woodside 34 yd. field goal, 1:13
 FSU - McKinnon 27 yd. pass from Williams (Hall kick), :15
 FSU - G. Allen 29 yd. run (Hall kick), :15
 FSU - G. Allen 1 yd. run (Hall kick), 3:36
 WVU - Miller 26 yd. pass from White (White pass failed), :51

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	WVU
First Downs	23	22
Rushes - Yards	34-259	41-155
Passing Yards	202	208
Comp.-Att.-Int.	16-32-1	14-34-2
Plays-Total Offense	68-461	75-363
Punt Return Yards	9	82
Punts - Average	4-36.8	4-30.5
Fumbles - Lost	1-0	2-0
Interceptions - Yards	2-23	1-0
Penalties - Yards	11-100	5-57
Time of Possession	27:10	32:50
Third Down Cov.	3-12	7-17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Lowery 1(-9), B. Williams 2-7, G. Allen 15-138, R. Williams 10-35, C. Jones 1-1, Burnett 1-1, McKinnon 1-65, B. Allen 3-21; WVU - Hostetler 9-24, 2-(17), Gray 10-27, Wolfley 7-32, Walczak 7-30, Beck 4-7, Mullen 2-42.
PASSING: FSU - Lowery 0-1-0-0, B. Williams 16-30-202-1, H. Jones 0-1-0-0; WVU - Hostetler 10-28-118-2, White 4-6-90-0.
RECEIVING: FSU - G. Allen 1-15, Burnett 1-13, Bowden 1-8, McKinnon 2-36, Mobley 4-34, H. Jones 3-29, R. Williams 2-26, Thompson 2-41; WVU - Gray 2-12, Miller 5-100, Mullen 1-5, Raugh 4-60, Brown 1-18, Hollins 1-13.

1983 Peach Bowl
Florida State 28
North Carolina 3

ATLANTA, Ga. (Dec. 28, 1983) — Making his first career start, Eric Thomas fired a pair of first-quarter touchdown passes to lead

the Seminoles to a stunning 28-3 win over North Carolina in the 16th Annual Peach Bowl.

Thomas, a third-year sophomore who played sparingly during the year, led FSU on two long scoring drives on the Seminoles' first two possessions. On the first drive, Thomas directed a nine-play, 62-yard march from the Florida State 38. The drive ended when he found Weegie Thompson in the right corner of the end zone from 15 yards out for the touchdown.

Following a strong defensive effort that forced a Tar Heel punt after three downs, Thomas took over again. Displaying veteran composure in eluding a UNC blitz, he found Thompson again with an 18-yard scoring pass to give FSU a 14-0 lead.

The Seminoles stretched their lead to 21-0 before the intermission. Midway through the second quarter, Pete Pantone fell on a fumbled punt return at the UNC 16. Rosie Snipes scored on a one-yard run for a three touchdown lead at the half.

Defensive MVP Alphonso Carreker led the Seminoles, who held the Tar Heel running attack to only 32 net yards. In the game, UNC managed only 198 yards of total offense.

In the second half, the Seminoles used a ball control offense to account for 265 yards on the ground, stopping any hopes of a Carolina comeback. Greg Allen and Cletis Jones led FSU's assault, piling up a combined 176 yards on 37 carries.

Florida State scored its last touchdown on a one-yard run by Thomas, after the Seminoles used an 11-play, 88-yard drive to eat up all but 31 seconds of the fourth quarter clock. Thomas' two touchdown passes and running off the option earned him offensive MVP honors.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	14	7	0	7	28
UNC	0	0	0	3	3

SCORING SUMMARY

FSU - Thompson 15 yd. pass from Thomas (Hall kick), 11:01
 FSU - Thompson 18 yd. pass from Thomas (Hall kick), 7:06
 FSU - Snipes 1 yd. run (Hall kick), 6:25
 UNC - Barwick 36 yd. field goal, 10:22
 FSU - Thomas 1 yd. run (Hall kick), :31

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	UNC
First Downs	23	16
Rushes - Yards	59-265	26-32
Passing Yards	99	166
Comp.-Att.-Int.	7-13-1	18-40-0
Plays-Total Offense	72-364	66-198
Punt Return Yards	9	0
Punts - Average	6-38.8	6-45.2
Fumbles - Lost	3-0	4-1
Interceptions - Yards	0-0	1-0
Penalties - Yards	6-34	7-60
Time of Possession	33:48	26:12
Third Down Cov.	7-13	2-14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Allen 17-97, Jones 20-79, Thomas 13-41, Snipes 8-37, Hester 1-11; UNC- Horton 9-30, Anthony 9-27, Littlejohn 2-5, Jones 1(-2), Griffin 1(-9), Stankavage 4-(-19).

PASSING: FSU - Thomas 7-13-99-1; UNC - Stankavage 17-39-150-0, Anthony 1-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: FSU - Pantone 3-48, Thompson 2-33, Allen 2-18; UNC - Winfield 4-55, Franklin 3-34, Anthony 3-17, Horton 3-11, Smith 2-21, Stankavage 1-16, Griffin 1-11, Littlejohn 1-1.

1984 Citrus Bowl
Florida State 17
Georgia 17

ORLANDO, Fla. (Dec. 21, 1984) —Florida State's ninth blocked punt of the season led to a late score and enabled FSU to escape with a 17-17 tie with Georgia in front of 51,821 fans in the Florida Citrus Bowl.

Leading 17-9 with 3:58 left, Georgia punter Chip Andrews dropped back to receive the snap when FSU's Lenny Chavers burst through the middle of the Bulldog line to block the punt. Special teams phenom Joe Wessel scooped up the loose ball and returned it 14 yards for his fourth touchdown of the season off a blocked kick.

Florida State fell behind 14-0 at the half, and needed the blocked punt to earn the tie. The Bulldogs had taken control in the second quarter, scoring on runs of two and four yards by running back Lars Tate, who gained 75 yards and was named Offensive Player of the Game.

Tate's second touchdown was set up by cornerback Kevin Harris, who picked off an Eric Thomas pass and returned it 18 yards to the FSU 13 with 1:22 remaining in the first half.

Florida State got on track early in the third quarter, marching 67 yards with the second half kickoff to set up a 32-yard field goal by Derek Schmidt.

The Seminoles' next score came with 14:12 left in the game when Tony Smith, who finished the day with 68 yards on 10 carries, scored from the one.

Held to 134 yards of total offense, Georgia scored its only points of the second half on a 36-yard field goal by Kevin Butler in the fourth quarter. The FSU defense was led by linebacker Henry Taylor and safety Billy Allen, both of whom registered 11 tackles.

While the defense had success stopping the Georgia offensive attack, Florida State's offense sputtered throughout the game.

Georgia did mount a late scoring threat when it took possession of the ball on the Florida State 46-yard line with 21 seconds left. After two incomplete passes, the Bulldogs lined up to attempt a 70-yard field goal by All-American Butler, whose attempt fell just short as time expired.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	0	0	3	14	17
Georgia	0	14	0	3	17

SCORING SUMMARY

UGA - Tate 4 yd. run (Butler kick), 5:26
 UGA - Tate 2 yd. run (Butler kick), 1:08
 FSU - Schmidt 32 yd. field goal, 10:26
 FSU - Smith 1 yd. run (Thomas run failed), 14:21
 UGA - Butler 36 yd. field goal, 12:10
 FSU - Wessel 14 yd. punt return (Holloman run), 3:58

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	UGA
First Downs	18	15
Rushes - Yards	42-161	49-189
Passing Yards	85	178
Comp.-Att.-Int.	10-27-2	9-18-1
Plays-Total Offense	69-246	67-367
Punt Return Yards	62	4
Punts - Average	8-38.6	8-37.1
Fumbles - Lost	3-1	5-1
Interceptions - Yards	1-0	2-18
Penalties - Yards	8-65	6-42
Time of Possession	30:51	29:09
Third Down Cov.	2-12	2-14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Thomas 11(-21), Snipes 8-60, Cl. Jones 10-40, Smith 10-65, Ce. Jones 1-5, Hester 2-12; UGA- T. Williams 3(-14), J. Jackson 7-36, Gary 6-19, Tate 11-75, Smith 8-22, T. Jackson 12-46, S. Williams 2-5.
PASSING: FSU - Thomas 10-26-85-2, H. Jones 1-0-0-0; UGA - T. Williams 2-2-19-0, J. Jackson 7-16-159-1.
RECEIVING: FSU - Hester 3-26, Carter 2-15, Smith 1-10, Ce. Jones 1-10, H. Jones 2-11, Panton 1-13; UGA - Archie 2-41, Hockaday 1-8, Lane 2-64, S. Williams 2-45, Clincy 1-19, T. Jackson 1-1.

1985 Gator Bowl Florida State 34 Oklahoma State 23

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Dec. 30, 1985) — Freshman quarterback Chip Ferguson threw for 338 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and Tony Smith added 201 yards rushing as Florida State rolled over Oklahoma State, 34-23, in the 41st Annual Gator Bowl.

FSU, which entered the game minus its top three receivers, fooled Oklahoma State by throwing on 15 of its first 20 plays. Derek Schmidt field goals of 23 and 39 yards, and a 39-yard touchdown catch by Herb Gainer sandwiched in between, gave FSU a 13-0 halftime lead.

Oklahoma State got on the scoreboard immediately following the intermission when a 63-yard drive ended in a 33-yard field goal by Brad Dennis.

Ferguson, who was named the game's MVP, went back to the air, taking the Seminoles 73 yards on the next series before handing off to senior fullback Cletis Jones for a three-yard touchdown run. An interception by Deion Sanders gave the ball back to FSU, and Ferguson used just five plays before hitting Gainer with a 19-yard touchdown pass. That made the score 27-3, Florida State.

Oklahoma State didn't give up with Cowboy quarterback Ronnie Williams passing 29 yards to All-America tailback Thurman Thomas for an OSU TD. Following a Ferguson fumble, Williams handed off to Thomas, who threw back to the quarterback for a 12-yard touchdown that closed the score to 27-17.

Early in the fourth quarter, Ferguson scored from one yard out to give the Seminoles a 17-point cushion. The Cowboys added a late touchdown on a 31-yard pass from Williams to Hart Lee Dykes.

Sophomore wide receiver Randy White, who had never caught a pass at FSU, grabbed four first half passes for 87 yards while Gainer, who had caught just five during the regular season, hauled in seven for 148 yards and two

TDs. Smith's 201 rushing yards came on 24 carries.

The Seminole defense held the heralded Thomas in check the entire game, limiting him to 97 yards on 26 attempts.

Florida State finished the season with a 9-3 record.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	3	10	14	7	34
OSU	0	0	17	6	23

SCORING SUMMARY

FSU - Schmidt 23 yd. field goal, 2:28
 FSU - Gainer 39 yd. pass from Ferguson (Schmidt kick), 2:31
 FSU - Schmidt 39 yd. field goal, :02
 OSU - Dennis 33 field goal, 9:46
 FSU - C. Jones 3 yd. run (Schmidt kick), 6:02
 FSU - Gainer 19 yd. pass from Ferguson (Schmidt kick), 4:57
 OSU - Thomas 29 yd. pass from Williams (Dennis kick), 2:52
 OSU - Williams 12 yd. pass from Thomas (Dennis kick), 1:19
 FSU - Ferguson 1 yd. run (Schmidt kick), 10:43
 OSU - Dykes 31 yd. pass from Williams (Williams pass failed), :10

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	OSU
First Downs	31	23
Rushes - Yards	41-231	35-106
Passing Yards	338	263
Comp.-Att.-Int.	20-43-2	22-44-2
Plays-Total Offense	84-569	79-369
Punt Return Yards	25	20
Punts - Average	4-47.5	7-35.9
Fumbles - Lost	3-2	1-0
Interceptions - Yards	2-45	1-0
Penalties - Yards	9-110	3-27
Time of Possession	28:11	31:49
Third Down Cov.	6-16	6-18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Ferguson 6(-4), T. Smith 24-201, Floyd 2-8, Ross 2-7, C. Jones 6-18, R. White 1-1; OSU- Williams 6(-3), Thomas 26-97, Timmons 2-11, Dykes 1-1.
PASSING: FSU - Ferguson 20-43-338-1; OSU - Williams 21-43-251-2, Thomas 1-1-12-0.
RECEIVING: FSU - R. White 4-87, Gainer 7-148, T. Smith 2-8, P. Carter 5-81, Panton 1-10, Brown 1-4; OSU - Riley 3-49, Wemer 4-30, Dillard 2-13, Luper 1-11, Thomas 3-44, Williams 1-12, Dykes 8-104.

1986 All-American Bowl Florida State 27 Indiana 13

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (Dec. 31, 1986) — Tailback Sammie Smith rushed for 205 yards and two touchdowns as Florida State claimed a 27-13 win over Indiana in the 10th Annual All-American Bowl.

Indiana was its own worst enemy, missing four scoring opportunities inside the FSU 31-yard line. The Hoosiers gained 383 yards to the Seminoles' 342 and held onto the ball almost 15 minutes longer than FSU.

Indiana scored first in the game. After driving 60 yards in 13 plays, Pete Stoyanovich kicked a 35-yard field goal to give his team a 3-0 lead.

FSU turned to Smith, a redshirt freshman. He ran for 28 yards on four carries and caught a pass for seven more as the Seminoles moved down the field. His four-yard touchdown run capped the drive. Derek Schmidt's PAT was blocked and FSU took a 6-3 lead.

Florida State picked up another touchdown before the half when Smith scored on a nine-yard romp. The Seminoles carried that 13-3 lead into intermission.

FSU made it 20-3 on the first possession of the second half. Smith ran three times for 20 yards and the Holloman brothers did the rest. The drive was sparked by a 36-yard reverse by Darrin, while senior Tanner collected 15 yards, including eight on a touchdown run.

IU came right back, but Stoyanovich missed a third FG, this time from 49 yards out. The Hoosier defense continued to hold the Seminoles, and late in the third period, Indiana made an attempt to get back into the game. Fullback Andre Powell closed the gap to 20-10 with a two-yard plunge at the 1:19 mark.

Following an interception in the opening minutes of the fourth period, Indiana drove 56 yards on seven plays and Stoyanovich's 30-yard field goal closed the score to 20-13.

FSU marched right back behind a handful of carries by Smith that netted 44 yards, with Tanner Holloman scoring on a 10-yard run.

For his performance, Smith was awarded the MVP trophy and the Seminoles finished the season with a 7-4-1 record.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	6	7	7	7	27
Indiana	3	0	7	3	13

SCORING SUMMARY

IND - Stoyanovich 35 yd. field goal, 7:38
 FSU - Smith 4 yd. rush (Schmidt kick failed), 4:12
 FSU - Smith 9 yd. rush (Schmidt kick), 11:57
 FSU - Holloman 8 yd. run (Schmidt kick), 12:04
 IND - Powell 2 yd. rush (Stoyanovich kick), 1:27
 IND - Stoyanovich 30 yd. field goal, 7:09
 FSU - Holloman 10 yd. run (Schmidt kick), 2:56

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	IND
First Downs	20	23
Rushes - Yards	39-288	53-215
Passing Yards	54	168
Comp.-Att.-Int.	6-14-1	11-25-1
Plays-Total Offense	53-342	78-383
Punt Return Yards	12	7
Punts - Average	2-35	2-35
Fumbles - Lost	2-1	1-0
Interceptions - Yards	1-6	1-0
Penalties - Yards	6-50	10-88
Time of Possession	22:41	37:19
Third Down Cov.	1-3	6-14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Smith 25-205, Williams 3-6, Fells 2-0, Floyd 1-7, D. Holloman 2-34, T. Holloman 6-36; IND- Thompson 28-127, Powell 6-38, Kramme 13-21, Sweazy 1-3, Polce 5-26.
PASSING: FSU - McManus 6-14-54-1; IND - Kramme 11-25-168-1.
RECEIVING: FSU - Smith 1-6, Gainer 1-19, O'Malley 2-20, P. Carter 2-9; IND - Jones 1-11, Lilja 2-44, Jordan 1-7, Dawsey 5-74, Buford 2-32.

Bowl Recaps

1988 Fiesta Bowl Florida State 31 Nebraska 28

TEMPE, Ariz. (Jan. 1, 1988)—

Florida State quarterback Danny McManus hit wide receiver Ronald Lewis for a touchdown on fourth-and-15 late in the fourth quarter as FSU bounced back to win the Fiesta Bowl over Nebraska, 31-28.

Nebraska struck quickly on a three-yard run by tailback Keith Jones and a 52-yard punt return by Dana Brinson to open the game. At the end of one, Florida State trailed 14-0.

FSU scored 21 points in the second quarter after abandoning the run and turning to the hot hand of McManus, who was named the game's offensive MVP. When it was over, McManus had broken Fiesta Bowl records for passes attempted (51) and yards passing (375).

The second quarter was all Garnet and Gold. Deion Sanders' interception of a Steve Taylor pass gave the Seminoles the football at the Husker 40. Six plays later, Herb Gainer snagged the first of his two TDs, this one a 10-yarder.

The Florida State defense continued to tighten. Paul McGowan's fumble recovery gave the ball back to the offense. Seventy-five yards later, McManus handed off to Dayne Williams for a one-yard touchdown run.

Florida State scored on its third consecutive possession with 44 seconds left in the half. McManus connected with Gainer from 25 yards out, and the Seminoles enjoyed a 21-14 lead.

The Huskers evened the score at 21 when they took the second half kickoff and marched 77 yards, Taylor scoring from the two. The Seminoles then took a 24-21 lead on Derek Schmidt's 32-yard field goal. With 40 seconds left in the third period, fullback Tyreese Knox put Nebraska back on top with a four-yard run.

The fourth period proved to be the culmination of an exciting afternoon for the crowd of 72,112 in Sun Devil Stadium. Nebraska's offense drove the field, using six minutes of clock time as the game wound down. Camped at the Tribe two on second-and-goal, the Huskers were set to deal the final blow. But as Knox got the handoff, the ball popped loose and FSU's Eric Hayes recovered.

With 6:58 left, McManus needed a touchdown for a Florida State win. Starting from the FSU three, the senior led his team down to the Nebraska two — the big play coming on a 43-yard pass to tailback Dexter Carter. A dead ball foul pushed the Seminoles back to the 18. Two plays later, McManus faced fourth-and-goal from the 15. He hit Lewis on the square-in pattern for the winning touchdown.

Florida State finished the season 11-1 and was voted runnerup in both the Associated Press and United Press International polls.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	0	21	3	7	31
Nebraska	14	0	14	0	28

SCORING SUMMARY

NEB - Jones 3 yd. run (Brennan kick), :19
 NEB - Brinson 52 yd. punt return (Brennan kick), :00
 FSU - Gainer 10 yd. pass from McManus (Schmidt kick), 1:45
 FSU - D. Williams 4 yd. run (Schmidt kick), 2:38

FSU - Gainer 25 yd. pass from McManus (Schmidt kick), 1:58
 NEB - Taylor 2 yd. run (Brennan kick), 3:19
 FSU - Schmidt 32 yd. field goal, 3:52
 NEB - Knox 4 yd. run (Brennan kick), 3:42
 FSU - Lewis 15 yd. pass from McManus (Schmidt kick), 3:51

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	NEB
First Downs	26	20
Rushes - Yards	29-82	54-242
Passing Yards	375	142
Comp.-Att.-Int.	28-51-1	7-14-1
Plays-Total Offense	80-457	68-384
Punt Return Yards	12	89
Punts - Average	4-29.5	4-35.5
Fumbles - Lost	2-1	4-2
Interceptions - Yards	1-3	1-35
Penalties - Yards	2-20	9-78
Time of Possession	31:07	28:53
Third Down Cov.	9-17	4-11

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - S. Smith 9-28, McManus 5-26, D. Williams 3-5, D. Carter 4-4, Bennett 7-16, Butts 1-3; NEB- Jones 15-80, Heibel 3-7, Taylor 20-75, Carpenter 1-2, Brinson 2-16, Knox 13-62.
PASSING: FSU - McManus 28-51-375-1; NEB - Taylor 7-14-142-1.
RECEIVING: FSU - D. Williams 1-7, P. Carter 5-54, Bennett 4-47, Butts 1-7, Gainer 5-89, R. Lewis 4-59, D. Carter 4-89, S. Smith 1-5, Dawsey 1-17, Anthony 2-29; NEB - Banderas 1-48, Gregory 3-49, Millikan 2-32, Heibel 1-13.

1989 Sugar Bowl Florida State 13 Auburn 7

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Jan. 2, 1989)—Sammie Smith rushed for 115 yards on 24 carries and All-American Deion Sanders intercepted a pass in the end zone on the game's final play to give Florida State a 13-7 victory over SEC champion Auburn in the 55th Annual Sugar Bowl.

The victory, before an ABC national television audience, gave FSU an 11-game win streak and a No. 3 final ranking. It also marked the seventh consecutive bowl championship for FSU.

Florida State scored 10 points in the first quarter, and it would be enough for the Seminole defense. FSU limited the Tigers to 108 yards on the ground and 270 total yards. The Tribe recovered a pair of fumbles and grabbed three interceptions, including Sanders' game-saver.

Smith powered the Florida State offense early with 73 yards in the first half. He earned the Miller-Digby Award as the game's Most Valuable Player and became the first back to gain over 100 yards on Auburn's defense in 25 games.

Florida State opened the game with an impressive 84-yard drive. Smith gained 50 yards as the Tribe surprised Auburn by running the ball up the middle. Dayne Williams got the touchdown on a two-yard run at 9:48 of the first quarter.

After a Stan Shiver interception, FSU's Bill Mason added a 35-yard field goal to give the Seminoles a 10-0 lead. Following a fumble recovery, Florida State drove to the Auburn two, where a fake field goal attempt failed.

The next time the Seminoles got the ball, after a Dedrick Dodge interception, FSU capitalized by driving 24 yards in eight plays for a 31-yard Mason field goal.

The teams exchanged punts on their next possessions before Auburn drove for its lone score of the game. The Tigers took the ball on their own 49 and Reggie Slack threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Walter Reeves to bring Auburn within six at 13-7.

It was as close as Auburn would get. In fact, neither team would score again as defense dominated the second half.

As the fourth period began, FSU was on the Auburn one following a 68-yard drive. On third-and-goal, Chip Ferguson's lateral to Sammie Smith got away and Auburn recovered. The Tigers turned around and drove to the FSU 15-yard line.

On fourth-and-nine from FSU's 15, Howard Dinkins pressured Slack and he was called for intentional grounding. After a Seminole punt pinned Auburn at its own four with 3:28 to go, the Tigers put together a last-ditch drive to win the game.

With Slack completing passes to receivers Reeves, Lawyer Tillman and Freddy Weygand, the Tigers converted on fourth down three times. But on third-and-10 from the FSU 22 and five seconds remaining, Auburn went at FSU's All-American once too often. Sanders picked off Slack's pass in the end zone, and Florida State had its first Sugar Bowl victory.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	10	3	0	0	13
Auburn	0	7	0	0	7

SCORING SUMMARY

FSU - D. Williams 2 yd. run (Andrews kick), 9:48
 FSU - Mason 35 yd. field goal, 5:57
 FSU - Mason 31 yd. field goal, 11:00
 AUB - Reeves 20 yd. pass from Slack (Lyle kick), 4:09

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	AUB
First Downs	21	18
Rushes - Yards	47-148	36-108
Passing Yards	157	162
Comp.-Att.-Int.	14-27-1	19-33-3
Plays-Total Offense	74-305	69-270
Punt Return Yards	0	25
Punts - Average	4-35	4-35.8
Fumbles - Lost	2-1	3-2
Interceptions - Yards	3-11	1-13
Penalties - Yards	6-45	5-65
Time of Possession	33:35	26:25
Third Down Cov.	6-16	1-12

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - S. Smith 24-115, Ferguson 6-(19), D. Williams 7-16, Carter 7-25, Floyd 1-5, Dawsey 1-0, Butts 1-6; AUB- Danley 19-68, Harris 4-6, Joseph 8-47, Slack 4-(9), Weygand 1-(4).
PASSING: FSU - Ferguson 14-26-157-1, Johnson 0-1-0-0; AUB - Slack 19-33-162-3.
RECEIVING: FSU - Anthony 3-47, O'Malley 2-31, Dawsey 2-10, D. Carter 3-25, D. Williams 2-20, Johnson 1-16, Butts 1-8; AUB - Taylor 5-35, Reeves 2-37, Weygand 3-40, Danley 5-2, Tillman 4-48.

1990 Fiesta Bowl

Florida State 41

Nebraska 17

TEMPE, Ariz. (Jan. 1, 1990) — Peter Tom Willis, the game's Offensive Most Valuable Player, threw for five touchdowns and 422 yards to lead Florida State to its second Fiesta Bowl win over the Nebraska Cornhuskers, 41-17.

Nebraska came on strong in the first quarter with a 69-yard touchdown drive. Capped by a Gerry Gdowski-to-Brian Gregory pass, the drive took only 3:41.

Florida State followed with a march that ended in a missed 37-yard field goal by Bill Mason. Three plays later, Nebraska fumbled, but the Seminoles could not capitalize on Errol McCorvey's recovery.

Kevin Grant's interception at the Nebraska 37-yard line provided another scoring chance for FSU, but at the top of the second quarter, Richie Andrews' 39-yard field goal attempt missed to the left.

In the second quarter, Willis completed 12-of-14 passes for 210 yards and three touchdowns as the Seminoles built a 21-10 halftime lead. The first drive began with Odell Haggins' fumble recovery. Two plays later, Willis' pass to Terry Anthony tied the score at seven.

Nebraska followed with a 62-yard kick return and a 39-yard field goal to take a 10-7 lead.

After a Florida State fourth down conversion try failed and Nebraska missed a field goal, the Seminoles took the lead for good on a five-yard touchdown pass from Willis to Reggie Johnson.

With 24 seconds left in the first half, Willis struck again with a 10-yard pass to Dexter Carter to put FSU up 21-10.

Florida State continued the flood in the third quarter. Willis' passing and spectacular catching by the FSU receivers — Anthony caught six passes for 88 yards, Ronald Lewis five for 106 yards and Lawrence Dawsey four for 66 — helped the Seminoles to three third quarter touchdowns and a 41-10 lead.

After Paul Moore scored on a one-yard run, Willis connected with Johnson for the second time. Next came a 24-yard pass to Anthony to give the Seminoles their sixth touchdown of the game.

The win was Florida State's 10th straight after an 0-2 start to the 1990 season. FSU finished with its third straight Top Three ranking.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	0	21	20	0	41
NEB	7	3	0	7	17

SCORING SUMMARY

NEB - Gregory 9 yd. pass from Gdowski (Barrios kick), 11:19
 FSU - Anthony 14 yd. pass from Willis (Andrews kick), 13:42
 NEB - Drennan 39 yd. field goal, 12:15
 FSU - R. Johnson 5 yd. pass from Willis (Andrews kick), :57
 FSU - Carter 10 yd. pass from Willis (Andrews kick), :24
 FSU - Moore 1 yd. run (Andrews kick), 5:59
 FSU - R. Johnson 8 yd. pass from Willis (Andrews kick), 3:37
 FSU - Anthony 24 yd. pass from Willis (Andrews kick), :02
 NEB - Joseph 2 yd. run (Drennan kick), 1:16

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	NEB
First Downs	18	18
Rushes - Yards	24-72	46-115
Passing Yards	422	207
Comp.-Att.-Int.	25-41-0	15-26-2
Plays-Total Offense	65-494	72-322
Punt Return Yards	0	5
Punts - Average	3-35.7	3-34.3
Fumbles - Lost	0-0	5-3
Interceptions - Yards	2-42	0-0
Penalties - Yards	13-135	6-48
Time of Possession	27:30	32:30
Third Down Cov.	7-16	7-18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - D. Carter 13-72, Bennett 3-3, Moore 4-3, Willis 1(-8), Dawsey 1(-4), Lee 2-6; NEB - Clark 16-86, Gdowski 12-1, Bell 1-2, Carpenter 3-6, Flowers 4-25, Washington 1(-4), Hughes 1(-2), Joseph 4(-2), Rogers 4-3.
 PASSING: FSU - Willis 25-40-422-0, Weldon 0-1-0-0; NEB - Joseph 1-2-12-0, Gdowski 13-23-154-2, Stigre 1-1-41-0.
 RECEIVING: FSU - Lewis 5-106, R. Johnson 3-27, Dawsey 4-66, Anthony 6-88, D. Carter 3-47, Baker 2-49, Bennett 1-30, Lee 1-9; NEB - Dowse 1-41, Gregory 4-67, Bell 3-46, Carpenter 2-6, Bostick 3-27, Garrett 1-15, Hughes 1-5.

1990 Blockbuster Bowl

Florida State 24

Penn State 17

MIAMI, Fla. (Dec. 28, 1990) — In a game that pitted college football's winningest active coaches, FSU quarterback Casey Weldon completed 22-of-36 passes for 248 yards to lead the Seminoles to a 24-17 victory over Penn State in the inaugural Blockbuster Bowl. The victory pushed Florida State to a number four final ranking.

After scoring on a 41-yard Richie Andrews field goal on the game's first drive, Terrell Buckley's thrilling 39-yard punt return put the Seminoles on the Penn State 17-yard line minutes later. Four plays later, Florida State scored the first touchdown of the game on a one-yard run by Amp Lee. Lee was named the game's Most Valuable Player with 86 yards on 21 carries and a pair of scores.

Following unsuccessful drives by both Penn State and FSU, PSU quarterback Tony Sacca launched a 56-yard touchdown pass to David Daniels for the Nittany Lions' first score.

Florida State's lead increased 1:32 into the second quarter when Lee ran for his second touchdown of the game, this one from seven yards out. The score remained 17-7 until the third quarter.

Florida State started the third period with a drive that ended in a Nittany Lion interception at the Penn State 18-yard line. Twelve plays later, PSU kicker Craig Fayak gave the Nittany Lions their sole score of the third quarter with a 32-yard field goal. The Seminoles came back quickly. Weldon ran five yards for FSU's final score after a 58-yard drive.

The Nittany Lions and Seminoles exchanged punts before Penn State came back. Following a 62-yard drive, Terry Smith scored on a 37-yard pass from reserve QB Tom Bill as PSU closed to within seven with six minutes left in the game.

The final six minutes would provide some anxious moments for Seminole fans as

the Nittany Lions gained momentum with Bill at the helm.

But both defenses held in the final minutes. After an exchange of punts, FSU's John Davis cemented the victory with a leaping interception at the Florida State one. The Seminoles were able to run out the clock after that to hand the Nittany Lions their first loss in nine games.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	10	7	7	0	24
PSU	7	0	3	7	17

SCORING SUMMARY

FSU - Andrews 41 yd. field goal, 10:47
 FSU - Lee 1 yd. run (Andrews kick), 8:20
 FSU - Lee 7 yd. run (Andrews kick), 13:36
 PSU - Daniels 56 yd. pass from Sacca (Fayak kick), 11:13
 PSU - Fayak 32 yd. field goal, 7:32
 FSU - Weldon 5 yd. run (Andrews kick), 3:51
 PSU - T. Smith 37 yd. pass from Bill (Fayak kick), 6:27

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	PSU
First Downs	19	17
Rushes - Yards	39-152	31-122
Passing Yards	248	278
Comp.-Att.-Int.	22-36-2	15-32-3
Plays-Total Offense	75-400	62-403
Punt Return Yards	43	72
Punts - Average	7-37.6	6-36.3
Fumbles - Lost	0-0	2-0
Interceptions - Yards	3-2	2-19
Penalties - Yards	4-35	6-46
Time of Possession	33:47	26:13
Third Down Cov.	6-16	2-11

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Lee 21-86, Weldon 6-22, Dawsey 1-0, Bennett 7-30, Moore 1-12, Jackson 1-2; PSU - Brown 14-46, Thompson 8-33, Smith 1-13, Sacca 6-28, Fayak 1-0, Bill 1-2.
 PASSING: FSU - Weldon 22-36-248-2; PSU - Sacca 12-25-194-2, Bill 3-7-84-1.
 RECEIVING: FSU - R. Johnson 2-34, Lee 5-32, Dawsey 8-107, Bennett 4-49, Moore 1-3, Roberts 1-6, Baker 1-17; PSU - Daniels 7-154, Smith 5-100, Thompson 2-10, T. Thomas 1-14.

1992 Cotton Bowl

Florida State 10

Texas A&M 2

DALLAS, Texas (Jan. 1, 1992) — The Seminoles won the Cotton Bowl with a mix of feisty defense and ball control offense which highlighted the rushing of sophomore Sean Jackson. After consecutive losses to Miami and Florida to end the regular season, the Seminoles rebounded to defeat ninth-ranked Texas A&M, 10-2.

Jackson ably took over the starting tailback job, running for 119 yards on 27 carries and was named the game's offensive MVP.

Rainy and cold weather conditions caused a turnover-filled game that turned into a defensive struggle. There were a Cotton Bowl record 13 turnovers in all, eight by the Aggies and five by Florida State. Texas A&M was especially plagued by ball-handling woes, fumbling six times and throwing two interceptions.

Ironically, Texas A&M's first fumble resulted in its only points of the game. When

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Aggie running back Greg Hill fumbled out of bounds deep in Seminole territory, the FSU offense was forced to take over on its own two-yard line. One play later, Quentin Coryatt caught FSU quarterback Casey Weldon in the end zone for a safety.

The Aggies' two-point lead held for most of the half until Dallas native Clifton Abraham recovered an Aggie fumble at midfield. Seven plays later, Weldon faked a handoff and rolled around the right end for a five-yard touchdown run.

The second half was a carbon copy of the first with both teams trying to hang onto the ball in the wet conditions. The FSU defense continued to harass the Aggie offense, caused five fumbles in the second half. Florida State held A&M to 180 yards of total offense for the game.

The Aggie defense was also dominating, allowing the Seminoles just one more score in the game, a 27-yard field goal by Gerry Thomas with 2:40 left in the fourth quarter. Florida State won its 11th game of the year and finished the season ranked fourth in the nation.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	7	0	0	3	10
TAM	2	0	0	0	2

SCORING SUMMARY

TAM - Weldon tackled in endzone for Safety, 10:09
 FSU - Weldon 4 yd. run (Thomas kick), 2:08
 FSU - Thomas 27 yd. field goal, 2:40

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	TAM
First Downs	17	12
Rushes - Yards	48-188	42-123
Passing Yards	92	57
Comp.-Att.-Int.	14-32-4	6-24-2
Plays-Total Offense	80-280	66-180
Punt Return Yards	16	8
Punts - Average	8-43.3	9-39.7
Fumbles - Lost	3-1	7-6
Interceptions - Yards	2-0	4-47
Penalties - Yards	11-77	6-50
Time of Possession	33:59	26:01
Third Down Cov.	3-17	0-12

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Jackson 27-119, Bennett 11-47, McMillan 2-16, Baker 1-14, Weldon 7-8; TAM- Hill 14-71, Richardson 9-5, Carter 7-22, McAfee 5-19, Simmons 4-19, Thomas 2-4, Biggens 1-9.
PASSING: FSU - Weldon 14-32-92-4; TAM - Richardson 6-24-57-2.
RECEIVING: FSU - Baker 4-44, Jackson 3-20, McCorvey 2-20, Johnson 2-19, Frier 1-5, Bennett 2-16; TAM - Hill 2-17, Harrison 2-27, Mathews 1-10, Mitchell 1-3.

**1993 Orange Bowl
 Florida State 27
 Nebraska 14**

MIAMI, Fla. (Jan. 1, 1993)— The Orange Bowl provided the perfect setting for a reunion. After all, the bowl itself was one Florida State had not visited since 1981, and FSU had never won the game. In addition, the matchup between Big Eight champ Nebraska and Florida State provided a chance for the two teams to get reacquainted.

Before the coin toss, the outcome seemed a foregone conclusion. Nobody, including the Nebraska school newspaper, believed the

Cornhuskers stood a chance against Charlie Ward and Florida State's high-powered offense, while the FSU defense appeared up to the challenge of stopping Nebraska's "We-Backs".

By the second quarter, the four-dation of a rout had been built. The Tribe scored 20 unanswered points and the Cornhuskers were flailing in monsoon conditions that had hit the Orange Bowl. However, the torrential downpour affected FSU's style of play more, forcing the offense to replace the shotgun with a safer and slower I-formation rushing attack.

Florida State tallied its first points of the contest midway through the first quarter. After Nebraska hit a brick wall on a fourth-and-one attempt on an early drive, the Seminole offense got the ball on its own 24-yard line. Charlie Ward quickly directed a drive to the Cornhusker 25. From there, the FSU signal-caller calmly hooked up with Tamarick Vanover for the first score of the game.

After an exchange of punts, an interception, and a missed field goal by Nebraska, FSU got going again. Vanover's 29-yard pickup on a reverse and Sean Jackson's 28-yard pass completion to Ward highlighted an FSU drive that resulted in a 40-yard field goal by Dan Mowrey. With 10:54 left in the half, the Tribe held a 10-point advantage.

A Nebraska mistake proved costly on the following series. Cornhusker quarterback Tommy Frazier attempted a late pitch. The ball sailed and FSU's Dan Footman recovered it on the two-yard line. Three plays later, Ward hit Kez McCorvey with a four-yard strike for a 17-0 FSU lead.

Mowrey added another field goal in the period, this one from 24 yards out. With a first half shutout looming, Nebraska went to the air. Frazier soon connected with Corey Dixon, who made a circus grab in the end zone for a 41-yard touchdown.

As the rain poured down, Florida State and Nebraska played a quiet final half, offensively. The two teams traded touchdowns, with the Seminoles putting the game away in the third quarter. At the end of an 85-yard, 16-play drive that took nearly eight minutes off the clock, Jackson rattled and rolled 11 yards into the end zone, giving the Tribe a 20-point lead once again.

The Cornhuskers put the last points on the board with 10 minutes left in the game. Tight end Gerald Armstrong snared a one-yard pass from Frazier.

Ward was named Florida State's Orange Bowl MVP with 210 yards of total offense and two touchdown passes. Jackson also had an excellent outing, gaining 101 yards on 17 carries and catching four passes for 61 yards. Jackson gained 73 of his 101 yards in the second half as he passed the 100-yard mark for the second consecutive bowl game.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	7	13	7	0	27
Nebraska	0	7	0	7	14

SCORING SUMMARY

FSU - Vanover 25 yd. pass from Ward (Mowrey kick), 7:41
 FSU - Mowrey 40 yd. field goal, 10:54
 FSU - McCorvey 4 yd. pass from Ward (Mowrey kick), 9:22
 FSU - Mowrey 24 yd. field goal, 2:34
 NEB - Dixon 41 yd. pass from Frazier (Bennett kick), 1:03
 FSU - S. Jackson 11 yd. run (Mowrey kick), 4:52
 NEB - Armstrong 1 yd. pass from Frazier (Bennett kick), 10:24

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	NEB
First Downs	23	13
Rushes - Yards	48-221	34-144
Passing Yards	215	146
Comp.-Att.-Int.	16-31-1	10-22-2
Plays-Total Offense	79-436	56-290
Punt Return Yards	10	18
Punts - Average	6-35.8	4-44.8
Fumbles - Lost	3-0	5-1
Interceptions - Yards	2-0	1-12
Penalties - Yards	6-71	6-50
Time of Possession	36:53	23:07
Third Down Cov.	8-16	3-12

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Jackson 17-101, McMillon 9-23, Floyd 4-5, Ward 14-23, Wimberly 1-19, Vanover 3-50; NEB- Jones 19-76, Lewis 3-19, Brown 4-13, Frazier 7-1, Dixon 1-35.
PASSING: FSU - Ward 15-30-187-1, Jackson 1-1-28-0; NEB- Frazier 10-21-146-2, Bell 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING: FSU - Jackson 4-61, Baker 3-32, Vanover 3-40, McMillon 1-7, McCorvey 3-23, Ward 1-28, Ellison 1-24; NEB - Dixon 5-123, Hawkins 2-18, Jones 1-0, Armstrong 1-1, Muhammad 1-4.

**1994 Orange Bowl
 Florida State 18
 Nebraska 16**

MIAMI, Fla. (Jan. 1, 1994) — The 60th Annual Orange Bowl game proved indeed to be a "Classic" as the nation's top two teams battled to the last second for the 1993 National Championship. When Florida State kicker Scott Bentley's field goal with 21 seconds left in the game split the uprights and Cornhusker Byron Bennett's last second kick sailed wide left, the Seminoles stood as 18-16 victors over number one Nebraska.

Both teams started slow offensively, failing to score in the first quarter. In all, the teams combined for five punts and a missed field goal in the period. And while defense continued to dominate in the second stanza, FSU took a 3-0 lead on Bentley's 34-yard field goal after marching 63 yards. The big play in the FSU drive was a 31-yard pass from Charlie Ward to Kevin Knox, while a pass interference penalty on Nebraska gave Florida State a first down on third-and-six.

It took less than two minutes for the Corn-huskers to counter. When FSU's Devin Bush tipped a pass from Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier into the hands of receiver Reggie Baul, NU had a 34-yard touchdown completion and a 7-3 lead.

Florida State and Nebraska traded possessions before FSU was able to add another three. Seminole quarterback Ward showed the skills that won him the Heisman Trophy, scrambling for 23 and passing for 39 of the 71 yards on the drive. Bentley nailed a 25-yard field goal with 22 seconds left and as the half ended, the heavily favored Tribe trailed, 7-6.

FSU regained the lead after taking the second half kickoff and driving 67 yards. Ward, the game's Most Valuable Player, set up William Floyd's 1-yard TD plunge with a 41-yard pass to Knox before his two-point conversion attempt fell incomplete. Nonetheless, the Seminoles took a 12-7 lead.

One possession later, FSU increased its lead. After taking over at its own 12, Florida State looked to junior fullback Floyd for a spark. He obliged with a career-long 34-yard run to the

FSU 46-yard line. Six plays later, Bentley's third field goal of the night, this one from 39 yards out, put the Seminoles up 15-7 with 3:06 remaining in the third.

Nebraska held the ball for the rest of the quarter, and on the first play of the final period, Lawrence Phillips ran to the right for a 12-yard touchdown. A two-point conversion attempt to tie the game at 15 failed when Frazier was knocked out of bounds at the one.

Florida State was unable to advance past the Nebraska 45 on its next drive, so the Cornhuskers once again took over. Their march deep into Seminole territory came to a sudden end when Richard Coes intercepted a pass at the FSU nine. But the Seminoles went three and out, turning the ball over to the Cornhuskers with 4:39 left in the game.

Nebraska drove from its own 20 to the FSU 4 after Liss' 42-yard punt. Phillips ran for 17 yards on the first play of the drive, while Frazier gained 32 yards on another rush. But the Seminole defense stiffened from there. Three runs netted minus five yards and Bennett kicked a 27-yard three-pointer from the five, giving the Huskers a 16-15 lead with 1:16 to play.

Starting at the 35-yard line after Bennett's kickoff went out of bounds, Ward took over. Aided by a pair of penalties against Nebraska — a 15-yard late hit after a 21-yard Warrick Dunn pickup, and a 15-yard pass interference call — Ward led FSU to the Nebraska five with 21 seconds left. Bentley's 22-yard kick on second down sailed through the uprights and gave Florida State an 18-16 edge with 21 seconds left.

But Nebraska was not ready to call it a day. On second down from the Nebraska 43, Frazier completed a 29-yard pass to Trumane Bell. The Seminoles celebrated as time apparently expired on the play, but the Cornhuskers had called a time out with one second remaining. As Bennett's last second attempt sailed wide left, the Seminoles wrapped up their first 12-win season and earned Florida State's first football national championship.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	0	6	9	3	18
Nebraska	0	7	0	9	16

SCORING SUMMARY

- FSU - Bentley 34 yd. field goal, 7:54
- NEB - Baul 34 yd. pass from Frazier (Bennett kick), 5:59
- FSU - Bentley 25 yd. field goal, :29
- FSU - Floyd 1 yd. run (Ward pass incomplete), 12:50
- FSU - Bentley 39 yd. field goal, 3:06
- NEB - Phillips 12 yd. run (Frazier run failed), 14:55
- NEB - Bennett 27 yd. field goal, 1:16
- FSU - Bentley 22 yd. field goal, :21

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	NEB
First Downs	22	20
Rushes - Yards	24-47	44-183
Passing Yards	286	206
Comp.-Att.-Int.	24-43-0	13-25-2
Plays-Total Offense	67-333	69-389
Punt Return Yards	0	18
Punts - Average	6-45.2	7-38.4
Fumbles - Lost	0-0	2-0
Interceptions - Yards	2-21	0-0
Penalties - Yards	10-69	11-115
Time of Possession	27:03	32:57
Third Down Cov.	1-12	7-16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Jackson 8-(-6), Floyd 7-53, Dunn 1-3, Ward 8-(-3); NEB - Jones 9-28, Makovicka 2-7, Benning 5-5, Phillips 13-64, Frazier 14-77, Dixon 1-2.
 PASSING: FSU - Ward 24-43-286-0; NEB - Frazier 13-24-206-2, Jones 0-1-0-0.
 RECEIVING: FSU - Frier 5-46, McCorvey 5-70, Floyd 1-(-7), Knox 5-99, Vanover 6-48, Dunn 2-30; NEB - Jones 1-(-7), Muhammad 1-14, Johnson 3-40, Baul 1-34, Bell 4-75, Dixon 3-50.

1995 Sugar Bowl Florida State 23 Florida 17

NEW Orleans, La. (Jan. 2, 1995) — For the second consecutive game, Florida's secondary was dissected by FSU quarterback Danny Kanell while the Seminole defense sacked Danny Wuerffel five times as Florida State settled a regular season tie, winning "The Fifth Quarter in the French Quarter" 23-17 over the Florida Gators.

FSU tailback Warrick Dunn, playing in his home state, continued to riddle the Gator defense in earning Sugar Bowl MVP honors. The sophomore rushed 14 times for 58 yards, caught nine passes for 51 yards and threw a 73 yard touchdown pass.

On the game's second possession, Florida State began deep in their own territory at the 7-yard line. The Seminoles started this rematch where they left off the last game against the Gators, driving almost at will down the field. The Seminoles used a pair of Warrick Dunn 16-yard runs and a 41-yard pass from Danny Kanell to E.G. Green to the Gator 10-yard line to set up the game's first score. Unable to get the ball in the endzone, FSU settled for a Dan Mowrey 21-yard field goal giving the Seminoles a 3-0 lead with 7:20 remaining in the first quarter.

UF drove to the Florida State 4-yard line on their next possession before Derrick Brooks collared Wuerffel on a third down naked bootleg forcing Judd Davis to kick a 22-yard field goal tying the score 3-3 with 3:57 remaining in the opening quarter.

After Todd Rebol stripped the ball from UF's Fred Taylor and Sean Hamlet recovered at Florida State's 27-yard line, the Seminoles used a bit of trickery resulting in a touchdown which gave them the lead for good.

Dunn, a high school quarterback, completed his first collegiate pass to Omar Ellison for a 73-yard touchdown strike in which Ellison outraced the UF secondary giving Florida State a 10-3 advantage with 14:25 remaining in the second quarter. Dunn's pass also set a short-lived record for the longest pass in Sugar Bowl history.

Florida State's defense then made another big play, this time stopping a Wuerffel 4th and 1 quarterback sneak giving the Seminoles possession on their own 28-yard line.

One play after Kanell completed a key 13-yard completion to Ellison on 3rd and 12, he hit an open Kez McCorvey for a 16-yard touchdown strike giving FSU a 17-3 lead with 7:47 left in the first half.

UF responded with an 82-yard touchdown strike from Wuerffel to Ike Hilliard on 3rd and 12 putting the Gators within seven with 6:07 left in the first half. Wuerffel's strike marked the third time in the game that the record for longest pass in Sugar Bowl history had been broken.

After another fumble recovery by Sean Hamlet at midfield, Kanell drove the Seminole

offense to the 7-yard line resulting in a Mowrey 24-yard field goal giving FSU a 20-10 halftime lead.

Rock Preston continued Florida State's momentum by returning the second half kickoff 62 yards to the UF 30-yard line. Mowrey then kicked a career high 45-yard field goal giving Florida State a 23-10 lead one minute into the second half. Mowrey's third field goal of the night, also a career high, was the most by an FSU kicker since Scott Bentley kicked four field goals in last year's Orange Bowl.

Florida got back in the game in the fourth quarter after Wuerffel directed a 17-play, 80-yard drive culminating in a one yard quarterback sneak from Wuerffel bringing UF within six with 3:47 remaining.

UF's attempt of an onside kick rolled out of bounds, but the Gator defense held giving them one more chance from their own 19 with 2:27 remaining.

Derrick Brooks sealed the victory over the Gators by intercepting a Wuerffel pass and returning it to the UF 19 in the game's final minute.

Florida State's victory over Florida marked an NCAA record tenth straight bowl victory and thirteenth without a loss. Florida State also finished in the Top Five nationally an unprecedented eighth consecutive year.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	3	17	3	0	23
Florida	3	7	0	7	17

SCORING SUMMARY

- FSU - Mowrey 21 yd. field goal, 7:20
- UF - Davis 22 yd. field goal, 3:57
- FSU - Ellison 73 yd. pass from Dunn (Mowrey kick), 14:25
- FSU - McCorvey 16 yd. pass from Kanell (Mowrey kick), 7:47
- UF - Hilliard 82 yd. pass from Wuerffel (Davis kick), 6:07
- FSU - Mowrey 24 yd. field goal, :36
- FSU - Mowrey 45 yd. field goal, 13:57
- UF - Wuerffel 1 yd. run (Davis kick), 3:47

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	UF
First Downs	21	23
Rushes - Yards	30-76	29-5
Passing Yards	325	449
Comp.-Att.-Int.	24-41-0	30-43-1
Plays-Total Offense	71-401	72-454
Punt Return Yards	10	9
Punts - Average	4-39	3-45.7
Fumbles - Lost	0-0	2-2
Interceptions - Yards	1-5	0-0
Penalties - Yards	7-62	8-57
Time of Possession	27:56	32:04
Third Down Cov.	4-16	11-17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Dunn 14-58, Crockett 5-19, Preston 4-4, McMillon 1-1, Kanell 6-(-6); UF - Williams 10-27, Taylor 8-18, Kresser 1-(-7), Anthony 1-(-10), Wuerffel 9-(-23).
 PASSING: FSU - Kanell 23-40-252-0, Dunn 1-1-73-0; UF - Wuerffel 28-39-394-1, Kresser 1-2-3-0, Williams 0-1-0-0, Anthony 1-1-52-0.
 RECEIVING: FSU - Dunn 9-51, McCorvey 4-84, Ellison 4-102, E. Green 4-74, Crockett 1-(-2), Messam 1-12, Preston 1-4; UF - Anthony 8-57, J. Jackson 6-128, Taylor 3-33, Williams 3-14, Doering 3-47, Hill 3-34, Hilliard 3-119, Bilkie 1-17.

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1996 Orange Bowl

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Miami, Fla. (Jan. 1, 1996) — Danny Kanell threw two fourth quarter touchdown passes to lead Florida State to a 31-26 come-from-behind win over Notre Dame in the final Orange Bowl game played in the historic stadium.

Kanell hit E.G. Green with an 11-yard scoring strike, then flipped a 3-yard touchdown pass to Andre Cooper with 6:09 left in the game to give the Seminoles an NCAA record 11th straight bowl win and a top four finish in the AP poll for a record ninth straight season.

Florida State's offense tested the Fighting Irish through the air and on the ground. Kanell completed 20 of 32 passes for 290 yards and four touchdowns, while Warrick Dunn rushed for 151 yards on 22 carries. However, it would take a dramatic fourth quarter comeback to give the Seminoles the win.

Notre Dame opened the scoring in the first quarter with a perfect 39-yard scoring strike from Tom Krug to Derrick Mayes. FSU tied the score when Cooper collected a 15-yard scoring pass from Kanell with 6:08 left in the quarter.

Trailing 10-7 after a Notre Dame field goal, Kanell found Cooper in the endzone from 10 yards out to give the Seminoles a 14-10 lead at halftime.

Mayes regained the lead for the Irish in the third quarter on an acrobatic tip and catch in the endzone over FSU defender Samari Rolle with 8:04 left.

Notre Dame grabbed the momentum over the third quarter and threatened to run away with the game when Kanell stepped on the back line of the endzone while trying to throw for a safety. Notre Dame scored again just two minutes later on a five yard pass to give them a 10 point lead with just under 11 minutes left in the third quarter. FSU did not score in the third quarter and would not score until under 10 minutes left in the game, but they came on strong with 17 points over the final few minutes of the game.

Kanell used just five plays to cover 73 yards and his touchdown pass to Green with 9:47 left revived the FSU offense. The Tribe defense held Notre Dame without a first down on their next possession and a 30-yard punt return by Dee Feaster set the Seminoles up at the Notre Dame 30. Six plays later Kanell hit Cooper with a TD and then found him for a two-point conversion to give the Seminoles the lead.

FSU's defense forced the Irish into a fumble and a safety on their last two possessions to preserve the win and push Florida State's all-time record against Notre Dame to 3-1.

FSU's Cooper was named MVP after setting an Orange Bowl record with three touchdown catches. Wayne Messam led all FSU receivers with 103 yards on six catches, while Green had 99 yards on five receptions.

The Seminole defense held Notre Dame to just 169 yards passing, but the Irish ground attach churned out 256 yards.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	7	7	0	17	31
ND	10	0	7	9	26

SCORING SUMMARY

ND - Mayes 39 yd. pass from Krug (Cengia kick), 8:27
 FSU - Cooper 15 yd. pass from Kanell (Bentley kick), 6:08

ND - Cengia 20 yd. field goal, :02
 FSU - Cooper 10 yd. pass from Kanell (Bentley kick), 2:30
 ND - Mayes 33 yd. pass from Krug (Cengia kick), 8:04
 ND - Kanell steps out of bounds in endzone for safety, 13:44
 ND - Chryplewicz 5 yd. pass from Krug (Cengia kick), 11:43
 FSU - E. Green 11 yd. pass from Kanell (Bentley kick), 9:47
 FSU - Cooper 3 yd. pass from Kanell (Cooper pass from Kanell), 6:09
 FSU - Krug intentionally grounds in endzone for safety, 2:02

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	ND
First Downs	26	17
Rushes - Yards	37-188	45-256
Passing Yards	290	169
Comp.-Att.-Int.	20-33-2	15-26-1
Plays-Total Offense	70-478	71-425
Punt Return Yards	52	21
Punts - Average	3-44	5-42.4
Fumbles - Lost	1-0	2-1
Interceptions - Yards	1-8	2-14
Penalties - Yards	7-59	7-55
Time of Possession	28:13	31:47
Third Down Cov.	6-13	7-16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Dunn 22-151, Williams 2-7, Preston 6-55, Abdullah 2-2, Kanell 5-(-27); ND - Denson 11-67, Edwards 14-55, Thorne 1-4, Farmer 7-93, Krug 11-45, Sollman 1-(-8).
 PASSING: FSU - Kanell 20-32-2, Dunn 0-1-0; ND - Krug 14-24-1, Smith 1-1-0, Edwards 0-1-0.
 RECEIVING: FSU - Messam 6-103, Williams 2-17, E. Green 5-99, Cooper 4-38, Abdullah 1-14, Dunn 2-19; ND - Mayes 6-96, Stafford 2-14, Mosley 1-13, Chryplewicz 3-18, Farmer 1-3, Edwards 2-25.

1997 Sugar Bowl

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Florida 52

NEW ORLEANS, La. (Jan. 2, 1997)
 — A month after defeating Florida 24-21 in the regular season finale in Tallahassee, Danny Wuerffel lead the Gators to a 52-20 victory in what turned out to be a Sugar Bowl rematch for the national title. FSU, which entered the game ranked No. 1 in the nation, ended the season ranked No. 3 in both polls extending their NCAA record to 10 straight years of finishing in the Top Four of the AP poll.

Florida scored first on a 77-yard drive in the first quarter that took less than three minutes and resulted in a 7-0 score with 9:48.

Scott Bentley brought the Seminoles to within four with a 43-yard field goal with 7:49 left in the initial quarter. The 'Noles narrowly missed blocking a Florida punt on the next possession, but UF downed the kick on the FSU one-yard-line leaving the Tribe with terrible field position. A 27-yard punt return set Florida up for a 32-yard field goal that pushed the Gator lead back to seven with 2:44 remaining and giving them a 10-3 lead after the first quarter.

Midway through the second quarter, Florida busted a four-play, 73-yard drive that took just 44 seconds and gave them a 17-3 lead with 11:28 left in the first half.

Trailing 17-3, FSU converted a crucial 3rd-and-10 from their own 48 when Thad Busby connected with Wayne Messam for a 23-yard

gain. On the next play, Busby hit E.G. Green with a 29-yard touchdown strike, to pull the Tribe to within a touchdown at 17-10 with 7:28 left in the first half.

Florida came right back, converting a 3rd-and-16 from their own 29 and capping a four play, 65-yard drive with a 31-yard TD pass to Ike Hilliard. The score gave UF a 24-10 lead with 5:18 remaining in the half.

FSU's Warrick Dunn brought the Seminoles back again just before the end of the first half when he raced around end for a 12-yard touchdown run that trimmed the Gator's lead to 24-17 at halftime.

The Seminoles cut the UF lead to 24-20 at 10:24 in the third quarter with Bentley's 45-yard field goal. The score capped a 6-play, 30-yard drive for FSU.

In the shadow of their own goal posts, the Seminoles were dealt their harshest blow of the night on their next possession when tailback Warrick Dunn, suffering from flu symptoms, was forced to leave the game.

A Wuerffel to Hilliard TD pass put the Gators ahead 31-20 with 5:43 left in the third quarter.

FSU's offense could generate little after Dunn left the game and Florida took advantage of a gambling Seminole defense with a rare 16-yard Wuerffel TD run that gave UF a 38-20 lead at the close of the third quarter.

A 42-yard touchdown run by Terry Jackson and another from 1-yard out gave Florida its final margin of 52-20. Wuerffel completed 18-of-31 passes for 306 yards, three touchdowns and an interception.

Busby completed just 17 of 41 passes for 271 yards and one touchdown, while Dunn gained 28 yards on the ground before leaving after nine carries.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	3	14	3	0	20
Florida	10	14	14	14	52

SCORING SUMMARY

UF - Hilliard 9 yd pass from Wuerffel (Edmiston kick), 6:43
 FSU - Bentley 43-yd field goal, 7:49
 UF - Edmiston 32-yd field goal, 2:44
 UF - Taylor 2 yd run (Edmiston kick), 11:28
 FSU - Green 29 yd pass from Busby (Bentley kick), 7:28
 UF - Hilliard 31 yd pass from Wuerffel (Edmiston kick), 5:18
 FSU - Dunn 12 yd run (Bentley kick), 0:40
 FSU - Bentley 45-yd field goal, 10:24
 UF - Hilliard 8 yd pass from Wuerffel (Edmiston kick), 5:43
 UF - Wuerffel 16 yd run (Edmiston kick), 0:13
 UF - Jackson 42 yd run (Edmiston kick), 8:52
 UF - Jackson 1 yd run (Edmiston kick), 2:12

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	UF
First Downs	13	26
Rushes-Yards	21-70	43-203
Passing Yards	271	306
Comp.-Att.-Int.	17-42-2	18-34-1
Plays-Total Offense	63-313	77-474
Punt Ret. Yards	74	69
Punts-Average	8-46.4	7-48.1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Interceptions-Yards	1-24	2-7
Penalties Yards	14-115	15-102
Time of Possession	23:33	36:27
Third Down Conv.	5-18	5-16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: FSU - Dunn 9-28, Warrick 1-12, Williams 2-7, Feaster 2-1, Busby 7 - (-6); UF - Jackson 12-118, Taylor 18-60, Williams 4-2, Schottenheimer 1-0, McCaslin 2-(-2), Wuerffel 6-(-10).
 Passing: FSU - Busby 41-17-1-271-1, Kendra 1-0-1-0-0; UF - Wuerffel 34-18-1-306-3.
 Receiving: FSU - Messam 5-48, Cooper 4-82, Green 3-86, Pearsall 1-25, Dunn 1-12, Abdullah 1-10, Warrick 1-7, Williams 1-1; UF - Hilliard 7-150, Green 5-79, Anthony 4-50, Mobley 1-16, Taylor 1-12.

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New Orleans, La. (Jan. 1, 1998) — Florida State's pass-catch combination of Thad Busby to E.G. Green proved too much for Ohio State as the Seminoles defeated the Buckeyes 31-14 in the Nokia Sugar Bowl.

Green, who was named the MVP of the Sugar Bowl following the game, gained 176 yards on seven catches with one touchdown. Busby completed 22-of-33 passes for 334 yards and one TD.

The Seminole defense also starred in the game holding Ohio State to just one touchdown which came late in the fourth quarter.

OSU actually led early in the game capitalizing on an interception of Busby in its own endzone. The Buckeyes drove to the FSU 23, but the Tribe defense held and forced them to kick a 40-yard field goal.

FSU then took the lead for good with 21 unanswered points which gave them 21-3 lead at halftime. E.G. Green's 27-yard touchdown reception capped a six play, 79-yard scoring drive that followed OSU's field goal. The Seminoles made it 14-3 when Busby kept the ball and ran nine yards up the middle with 3:25 left in the second quarter. Freshman fullback William McCray dove in from a yard out with just 10 seconds left for the 21-3 halftime margin.

Ohio State came out in the second half determined to establish a running game and gained five points in the third quarter with a 34-yard field goal and a safety when Busby stepped out of the endzone while dropping back to pass.

FSU extended its lead to 24-8 just four seconds into the fourth quarter on a 35-yard field goal by Sebastian Janikowski. OSU managed a 50-yard bomb for a TD with 8:57 left in the game, but the Seminoles pushed the final margin to 31-14 when McCray took his second touchdown in from the one.

The Tribe defense held Ohio State to 118 rushing yards on 44 carries and pressured OSU's two-quarterback system into a 16-of-36 passing day that included three interceptions and just 207 yards.

The win was FSU's 11th in its last 12 bowl games and vaulted the Tribe to a third place ranking in both polls. The ranking kept alive the Seminoles' record of 11 straight seasons with a finish of 4th or better in the Associated Press poll.

Score By Quarters

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	7	14	0	10	31
OSU	3	0	5	6	14

Scoring Summary

OSU - Dan Stultz 40 yd field goal, 1:56
 FSU - E.G. Green 27 yd pass from Busby (Janikowski kick), 0:00
 FSU - Thad Busby 9 yd run (Janikowski kick), 3:25
 FSU - William McCray 1 yd run (Janikowski kick), :10
 OSU - Dan Stultz 34 yd field goal, 7:29
 OSU - Team Safety, 1:13
 FSU - Janikowski 35 yd field goal, 14:56
 OSU - John Lumpkin 50 yd pass from Joe Germaine, 8:57
 FSU - William McCray 1 yd run (Janikowski kick), :47

TEAM STATISTICS

	OSU	FSU
First Downs	21	18
Rushes-Yards	44-118	27-60
Passing Yards	207	334
Comp-Att-Int	16-36-3	22-32-2
Total Yards	325	394
Punts-Avg.	7-45.4	6-42.7
Punt Returns	3-25	5-44
KO Returns	2-29	3-77
Int Returns	2-24	3-55
Penalties-Yards	10-70	9-74
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Sacks	4-26	6-40
Third Down Conversions	4-18	3-13
Time of Possession	35:04	24:56

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Minor 12-53, Feaster 2-10, Glenn 2-5, McCray 2-2, Coles 2-1, Busby 7 - (-11); OSU - Pearson 22-60, Rudzinski 1-24, Jackson 9-19, Keller 6-20, Wylie 3-9, Germaine 3-(-14).
 PASSING: FSU - Busby 33-22-2-334-1; OSU - Germaine 26-10-2-173-1, Jackson 10-6-1-34-0.
 RECEIVING: FSU - Minor 9-55, Green 7-176, Warrick 3-82, Coles 3-21; OSU - Miller 6-79, Boston 3-40, Lumpkin 2-61, Pearson 2-27, Keller 2 - (-3), Rambo 1-3.

1999 Fiesta Bowl Florida State 16 Tennessee 23

Tempe, Ariz. (Jan. 4, 1999) — Tennessee had one more big play in them than Florida State and the Seminoles could not convert on two comeback opportunities in the last four minutes as the Volunteers defeated FSU 23-16 to win the 1998 national championship.

Both teams were sloppy at times in a game that saw the teams flagged for a combined 21 penalties, but FSU had its chances at the end.

Tennessee quarterback Tee Martin hit wide receiver Peerless Price with a majestic 79-yard bomb that put the Volunteers ahead 20-9 with just over nine minutes remaining in the game.

With 3:42, FSU quarterback Marcus Outzen, who was making just his third career start for an injured Chris Weinke, scored from seven yards out to cut the UT lead to 23-16. On the ensuing kickoff, the Seminoles recovered an onside kick and appeared to have set-up their offense in great shape for a short drive. To the dismay of FSU fans, officials ruled the ball touched an FSU player within the 10-yard zone and Tennessee was awarded possession. Tennessee then drove to the FSU 10 but fumbled to give the Seminole faithful one more hope of a comeback. However, a UT interception on the ensuing play gave the Volunteers the time they needed to preserve the win.

Tennessee's Martin was 11-of-18 for 278 yards and two TD's, but the 16 points generated by the Vols offense would have only tied the Tribe.

The difference came on a defensive play in the second quarter when UT cornerback Dwayne Goodrich stepped in front of an Outzen pass and raced 54 yards for a touchdown. The interception return came just 25 seconds after the Vols first touchdown of the night and gave them a 14-0 lead which they would never relinquish.

Outzen completed 9-of-22 pass for 145 yards, but suffered two interceptions. His favorite target was Ron Dugans, who finished with 135 yards on six catches. Dugans benefitted from Tennessee's double coverage of FSU All-America wide out Peter Warrick -who had just one catch for seven yards.

FSU closed the gap to 14-9 at halftime after William McCray scored from three yards out on a short drive set up by Derrick Gibson's interception and 43-yard return. Sebastian Janikowski drew the 'Noles to within five with a 34-yard field goal with 1:17 left in the half.

FSU's final score came on a five-play, 29-yard drive that culminated with Outzen's run at the 3:42 mark of the fourth quarter.

Score By Quarters

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	0	9	0	7	16
Tenn	0	14	0	9	23

Scoring Summary

UT - Bryson 4 pass from T. Martin (J. Hall kick). Time Left: 14:05. Drive: 6 plays, 88 yards.
 UT - Goodrich 54 interception return (J. Hall kick). Time Left: 13:40.
 FSU - McCray 1 run. Time Left: 8:59. Drive: 3 plays, 3 yards.
 FSU - Janikowski 34 FG. Time Left: 1:17. Drive: 10 plays, 10 yards.
 UT - Price 79 pass from T. Martin. Time Left: 9:17. Drive: 3 plays, 80 yards.
 UT - Hall 23 FG. Time Left: 6:01. Drive: 6 plays, 22 yards.
 FSU - Outzen 7 run (Janikowski kick). Time Left: 3:42. Drive: 5 plays, 49 yards.

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	UT
First Downs	13	16
Rushes-Yards	41-108	54-114
Passing Yards	145	278
Comp-Att-Int.	9-22-2	11-19-2
Total Yards	253	392
Punts-Avg.	9-39.8	5-38
Punt Returns	2-51	4-34
Kickoff Returns	4-52	3-43
Interception Returns	2-69	2-74
Penalties-Yards	12-110	9-55
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	3-2
Sacks By	1	4
Third Down Conversions	4-15	1-12
Time of Possession	28:50	31:10
Attendance	80,470	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING: FSU - Minor 15-83, Warrick 1-11, McCray 4-9, Coles 2-4, Glenn 1-2, Outzen 18-(-1); UT - Stephens 13-60, Henry 19-28, Martin 10-19, Bryson 3-7.
 PASSING: FSU - Outzen 22-9-0-145-2; UT - Martin 18-11-2-278-2; Henry 1-0-0-0-0.
 RECEIVING: FSU - Dugans 6-135, McCray 1-11, Warrick 1-7, Minor 1-(-8); UT - Price 4-199, Bryson 3-34, Copeland 1-15, Finlayson 1-14, Henry 1-9, Wilson 1-7.

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2000 Sugar Bowl

Florida State 46

Virginia Tech 29

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — No. 1 at the start, No. 1 at the finish. Florida State is the perfect national champion.

Led by the sizzling Peter Warrick and the steady Chris Weinke, the Seminoles held off Virginia Tech for a 46-29 victory in the national championship game Tuesday night.

The Hokies' thrilling freshman quarterback, Michael Vick, did all he could to run his team to victory in the Sugar Bowl, but it wasn't enough.

Warrick electrified a Superdome crowd with a record 20-point game — he caught touchdown passes of 64 and 43 yards, returned a punt 59 yards for a score and snagged a 2-point conversion pass from Weinke.

The 27-year-old Weinke completed 20 of 34 passes for 329 yards and four TDs — two to Warrick and two to Ron Dugans. Warrick finished with six catches for 163 yards in the highest-scoring Sugar Bowl in history.

Vick threw for 225 yards and one TD and ran for 97 yards and a score.

Florida State (12-0) was certain to become the first team to go wire to wire in The Associated Press' poll since the preseason ratings began in 1950. The final AP poll will be released early Wednesday to confirm the obvious.

The Seminoles were automatically crowned national champs in the USA Today-ESPN coaches' poll under the Bowl Championship Series format.

All week, Warrick and his senior pals promised each other they would do everything possible to avoid losing three title games. They did — in a big way — and Bobby Bowden completed a remarkable year. He won his 300th game in the first father vs. son coaching matchup, celebrated his 70th birthday and 50th wedding anniversary and finally attained his first perfect season in 40 years as a coach.

Warrick came up with his best performance in the final game of his college career. In the first half, he caught three passes for 100 yards and his punt return helped the Seminoles build a 28-14 lead after 30 minutes of big plays. Last season, he was held to one catch for seven yards in a Fiesta Bowl loss to Tennessee in the national title game. In fact, in three previous bowl games, Warrick totaled five catches and no TDs.

He opened the scoring with his 64-yard grab, then took a punt and blazed past Tech defenders for a 59-yard score and a 28-7 lead.

Late in the game, with half the crowd of 79,280 chanting "Peter Warrick, Peter Warrick," Weinke reared back and threw a 43-yard TD pass to the wide receiver, who caught the ball while diving into the end zone with a Virginia Tech defender draped over him. The chants rang out again and Warrick ran to the sideline to celebrate with his teammates.

The win over the upstart Hokies (11-1) stamped the Seminoles as the Team of the Decade and ended a run of national title misses under Bowden. Since winning its first national crown in 1993, Florida State had lost two of the past three title games — 23-16 to Tennessee last season, and 52-20 to Florida in '97 in what until Tuesday night was the highest-scoring Sugar Bowl.

The loss ended Virginia Tech's dream season and a bid for its first national title in 107

years of playing football. Vick was valiant in defeat. The 19-year-old left-hander overcame a lost fumble near the Seminoles goal line on the game's opening drive and led the Hokies back from a 21-point deficit to a 29-28 lead with 2:13 left in the third quarter.

Florida State somehow regrouped and regained the lead as Weinke hit Dugans on a 15-yard score with 12:59 left in the game. Warrick caught a 2-point conversion pass from Weinke and the 'Noles were back in the lead, 36-29.

Florida State got the ball back when linebacker Bobby Rhodes' helmet knocked the ball from Vick's grasp and safety Sean Key recovered at the Hokies 34. The turnover set up Sebastian Janikowski's 32-yard field goal with 10:26 that put the Seminoles ahead 39-29.

And then came Warrick's best catch of all to seal the title. After stopping Tech on fourth down, Florida State took over at the Tech 43 and Weinke found Warrick, who held onto the ball with cornerback Roynell Whitaker hanging over him.

Down 28-14 at the half, Virginia Tech seized the momentum. Vick threw a 26-yard completion to set up Shayne Graham's 23-yard field goal to make it 28-17.

The Hokies defense came alive and forced a punt, which was returned 46 yards to the Seminoles 36 by Ike Carlton, the cornerback subbing for injured Ricky Hall. Three plays later, Andre Kendrick raced 29 yards for a touchdown to pull the Hokies within 28-23. Kendrick stepped in for Shyrone Stith, Tech's 1,000-yard rusher who missed the second half with a sprained left ankle. Vick's 2-point conversion pass attempt was incomplete.

Cornerback Anthony Midget then intercepted a long pass intended for Warrick, and Vick went to work again. He threw a 23-yard pass to Cullen Hawkins, was sacked for a 7-yard loss and then went on a catch-me-if-you-can 22-yard dash to the 6. Kendrick scored from 6 yards out and the Hokies were ahead for the first and only time.

While Virginia Tech may be the undisputed champion on special teams — 63 in the 1990s — it was Florida State that excelled in that department, too. Sixty-eight seconds after Warrick's first score. It was 14-0 after linebacker Tommy Polley blocked a punt by Tech's John Kibble, and Jeff Chaney scooped it up and went 6 yards for a touchdown with 2:14 left in the first quarter. It was the first time in Kibble's career he had a punt blocked.

In the second season under the BCS format, everything went Florida State's way. The Seminoles, ranked No. 1 in both major preseason polls, also had a schedule that was sixth-toughest among 114 I-A teams. As long as Florida State kept winning, there was little chance the computer-heavy BCS standings would leave the 'Noles out of the title game.

Florida State had a healthy Weinke, Warrick for nine games and a solid but unspectacular defense led by noseguard Corey Simon. When the defense was burned for 387 yards and four TD passes by Georgia Tech's Joe Hamilton, the Seminoles' offense took charge for a 41-35 victory on Sept. 11.

Bowden got career victory No. 300 against Clemson, coached by Bobby's son, Tommy, in college football's first father vs. son coaching matchup.

Finally, there was the annual showdown with Florida, this time at The Swamp. After the Gators went ahead 16-13 midway through the third quarter, Weinke led the Seminoles to a tying field goal and two more TDs to seal a 30-23 victory.

Forty-five days later, the relieved Bowden has himself a second national championship. What a decade!

Score By Quarters

	1	2	3	4	F
Virginia Tech	7	7	15	0	29
Florida State	14	14	0	18	46

Scoring Summary

FSU — Warrick 64 pass from Weinke (Janikowski kick), 3:22.

FSU — Chaney 6 blocked punt return (Janikowski kick), 2:14.

VT — Davis 49 pass from Vick (Graham kick), :30.

FSU — Dugans 63 pass from Weinke (Janikowski kick), 13:45.

FSU — Warrick 59 punt return (Janikowski kick), 11:40.

VT — Vick 3 run (Graham kick), :37.

VT — FG Graham 23, 7:54.

VT — Kendrick 29 run (pass failed), 5:57.

VT — Kendrick 6 run (pass failed), 2:13.

FSU — Dugans 14 pass from Weinke (Warrick pass from Weinke), 12:59.

FSU — FG Janikowski 32, 10:26.

FSU — Warrick 43 pass from Weinke (Janikowski kick), 7:42.

Team Statistics

	VaT	FSU
First Downs	24	15
Rushing	11	4
Passing	10	10
Return Yards	222	155
Comp-Att-Int	15-29-0	20-34-1
Punts	4-88	4-80
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-65	7-59
Time of Possession	36:25	23:35
Attendance	79,280	

Individual Statistics

RUSHING—VaT: Vick 23-97, Kendrick 12-69, Stith 11-68, Davis 1-16, E. Johnson 1-12, Sorensen 1-7, Ferguson 1-5, Hawkins 1-4, Graham 1-0. FSU: Chaney 4-43, Minor 9-35, team 3-(minus 7), Weinke 7-(minus 41).

PASSING—VaT: Vick 15-29-0-225. FSU: Weinke 20-34-1-329.

RECEIVING—VaT: Davis 7-108, Hawkins 2-49, Kendrick 2-27, E. Johnson 1-23, Wynn 1-7, Ferguson 1-6, Carter 1-5. FSU: Warrick 6-163, Dugans 5-99, Minnis 2-25, Minor 2-23, Morgan 2-10, Chaney 2-5, Boldin 1-4.

2001 Orange Bowl

Florida State 2

Oklahoma 13

MIAMI — Case closed. The Oklahoma Sooners are more than OK, they're national champions.

A smothering defense shut down Florida State and Josh Heupel generated enough offense to give No. 1 Oklahoma a startling 13-2 victory in the Orange Bowl on Wednesday night and its first national title in 15 years.

Oklahoma (13-0) completed a perfect season and made the issue of a split title a moot point.

Finishing as the nation's only unbeaten team, the Sooners were automatically crowned national champs in the coaches' poll under the Bowl Championship Series format.

Oklahoma awaited The Associated Press media poll's release early Thursday, confirming the Sooners as undisputed champs.

No. 3 Florida State (11-2) came into the game as 10 1/2-point favorites and were hoping to become the first team to repeat as national champions since Nebraska in 1994-95. Had the Seminoles won, No. 2 Miami (11-1) would have staked a claim to a share of the title.

Heupel completed 25 of 39 passes for 214 yards and kept the Seminoles' defense off balance all night.

Tim Duncan kicked two field goals and Quentin Griffin scored the clinching touchdown on a 10-yard run up the middle with 8:30 left in the game. Florida State avoided its first shutout in 12 seasons when Stanford Samuels tackled Oklahoma punter Jeff Ferguson in the end zone for a safety with 55 seconds remaining.

Florida State got the ball back on the ensuing free kick, but Weinke's 29-yard pass into the end zone was intercepted by Ontei Jones with 16 seconds left and the celebration began.

After Heupel took a knee and the clock ran down, The Pride of Oklahoma Band broke out in yet another rendition of "Boomer Sooner" and the players and fans converged on the field to celebrate.

The Seminoles offense was a mess. Without All-American receiver Snoop Minnis, suspended for failing grades, and offensive coordinator Mark Richt perhaps preoccupied with his new job as Georgia's new coach, Florida State generated just 301 total yards — 248 under its average.

Weinke was 25-of-51 for 274 yards and two interceptions and a fumble. He did not throw a touchdown pass for the first time this season.

Oklahoma's ferocious defense was the reason. Led by Orange Bowl MVP Torrance Marshall, the Sooners time and again forced Weinke into bad decisions. At least a half dozen passes were in the hands of Sooner defenders but dropped.

Marshall finished with 11 tackles, one interception and one batted ball. With Oklahoma ahead by only 6-0 in the fourth quarter, All-American linebacker Rocky Calmus made his presence felt. He knocked the ball out of Weinke's hands, safety Roy Williams recovered and two plays later, Griffin ran for his touchdown.

After the game, second-year coach Bob Stoops thrust his fist in the air and hugged players and assistants after

It was obvious both teams were coming off long layoffs, the Seminoles last played 45 days ago, the Sooners 32 days ago.

Surprisingly for two high-scoring offenses, the mistake-filled first half ended with the Oklahoma ahead 3-0 on Duncan's 27-yard field goal 7:44 into the game.

The opening 30 minutes featured three turnovers, a missed 30-yard field goal by Florida State's Brett Cimorelli — wide right, naturally — and eight penalties, five for 33 yards against the Seminoles.

Weinke and Heupel each threw an interception, and Sooners receiver Andre Woolfolk fumbled after a 22-yard reception, with Clevan Thomas recovering at the OU 47.

On the next play, Weinke's pass was intercepted by Marshall. Oklahoma drove 44 yards in seven plays before the left-footed Duncan kicked his field goal.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	F
FSU	0	0	0	2	2
OU	3	0	3	7	13

Scoring Summary

OU-FG Duncan 27, 7:16.
 OU-FG Duncan 42, 4:24.
 OU-Griffin 10 run (Duncan kick), 7:46.
 FSU-Safety, Ferguson tackled in end zone, :55

Team Statistics

	FSU	OU
First downs	14	12
Rushes-yards	17-27	36-56
Passing	274	214
Comp-Att-Int	25-52-2	25-39-1
Return Yards	21	48
Punts-Avg.	10-45	8-41
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-38	7-45
Time of Possession	23:27	36:33
Attendance	76,835	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—FSU: Minor 13-20, Weinke 4-7. OU: Griffin 11-40, Heupel 13-23, Works 6-16, Littrell 2-8, Mackey 2-5, team 2-(minus 36).
 PASSING—FSU: Weinke 25-52-2-274. OU: Heupel 25-39-1-214.
 RECEIVING—FSU: Bell 7-137, Minor 5-9, Boldin 3-31, Morgan 3-21, Golightly 3-15, Walker 1-25, Gardner 1-16, Sprague 1-14, Franklin 1-6. OU: Griffin 6-23, Mackey 4-23, Works 4-3, Norman 3-49, Woolfolk 3-41, Savage 2-23, T.Smith 2-13, Fagan 1-39.

2002 Gator Bowl Florida State 30 Virginia Tech 17

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Chris Rix raced onto the field as the players filed off at the end of the Gator Bowl, looking for the man whose faith had helped him weather a difficult season at quarterback.

When he got to coach Bobby Bowden, the two embraced.

"I gave him a hug and said, 'That was for you,'" the freshman said Tuesday after leading the No. 24 Seminoles to a 30-17 victory against No. 15 Virginia Tech in the Gator Bowl. "We told each other we loved each other. It was very important to get that win for him. He deserves it."

The victory moved Bowden into a tie with Bear Bryant for second on the Division I-A wins list with 323, four behind Penn State's Joe Paterno.

Bowden, though, didn't want the focus on himself, not after Rix and his team put a solid finish on what had become a year for learning.

"It's a funny thing. It's something you nearly need to get out of the way. It can become a distraction," the 72-year-old Bowden said. "And it sure doesn't mean Bobby Bowden is in the same class with Bear Bryant."

The victory extended to 16 Bowden's unbeaten string in non-championship bowl games, and gave him 18 bowl wins, two behind Paterno.

And Rix, nearly benched by Bowden during the season, helped make it happen with a wrist-flicked pass under intense pressure that Javon Walker turned into a 77-yard touchdown to give the Seminoles the lead for good.

The pass sparked a 17-point fourth quarter that allowed the Seminoles (8-4) to put the Hokies (8-4) away, much as they did with an 18-point explosion in the final quarter of the 1999 Sugar Bowl championship game.

"The corner came down, wanted to intercept the ball and Javon just stuttered and

blew by him," Rix said. "I pumped it because I didn't want to throw it into the corner and then just put it up as I got drilled."

Rix was still on the ground when Walker scored, but when Rix came back out for the next series, he did it again, finding Walker behind corner Ronyell Whitaker again — this time for 50 yards — to set up a field goal.

Whitaker accepted the blame for the Hokies' loss.

"I was kind of the reason we lost that game," the all-Big East first-team cornerback said. "In fact, I know I was the reason we lost the game."

But in truth, it was Rix, Walker and a defense that limited the Hokies to 95 yards in the fourth quarter that deserved the bulk of the credit.

Facing a third-and-5 from his own 23, Rix dropped back as the Hokies blitzed, saw Whitaker looking for an interception opportunity and Walker blazing by him, and waited before lofting the ball down the sideline.

"The coaches came in at the half and said, 'We're going to start throwing it up for you to make plays,'" Walker said. "That's all I could ask and that's what I came out and did in the second half today."

After the Florida State defense stuffed Kevin Jones on a fourth-and-1 run from the Seminoles 32, Rix went right back to Walker, who again beat Whitaker for a 50-yard play to get it to the Hokies 18.

Xavier Beitia, who already kicked field goals of 50 and 47 yards, added a 35-yarder that banked through off the left upright to make it 23-17.

Rix also hit Walker with a 23-yard scoring pass with 2:14 left, giving the wideout four catches for 195 yards, a bowl record for Florida State.

Rix was 12-for-25 for 326 yards, two touchdowns and one interception.

"The receivers did their job and made me look good," Rix said.

Virginia Tech was held to 98 yards of offense in the first half, but used the long ball to score on its first two third-quarter possessions.

Grant Noel had completions of 30 yards to Andre Davis and 22 to Terrell Parham on the first drive, capped by Kevin Jones' 5-yard run.

After Beitia's 47-yard field goal, Richard Johnson returned the ensuing kickoff 38 yards to the Hokies 45 and Noel hit Davis with a short crossing pass two plays later, the sprinter racing 55 yards for a TD.

"It's been two great games, I know that much," Davis said of the meetings with the Seminoles. Davis had five catches for 158 yards.

Noel was 15-for-27 for 269 yards, but was sacked five times.

The second-half offense was a welcome site for a crowd of 72,202 after the first half showed why both teams came up short in their title hopes.

The Hokies had a 22-yard touchdown pass from Noel to Ernest Wilford brought back by a holding call, and Noel fumbled on the following play.

Eric Green intercepted Rix on the Seminoles' second play, but Richard Johnson's double-reverse pass to a wide-open Wilford was short, and the receiver dropped the ball inside the 10 after a hit by Malcolm Tatum.

As they did in the Sugar Bowl two years ago, the Seminoles took a page from the Hokies' book and used a blocked punt to set up the only first-half touchdown drive. Marcello Church made

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the block, Ryan Reynolds recovered at the Hokies 1 and Rix dove it in on the next play.

Score By Quarters

	1	2	3	4	F
VT	3	0	14	0	17
FSU	0	10	3	17	30

Scoring Summary

VaT-FG Warley 36, 10:56.
 FSU-Rix 1 run (Beitia kick), 6:32.
 FSU-FG Beitia 50, 1:26.
 VaT-Jones 5 run (Warley kick), 10:02.
 FSU-FG Beitia 47, 1:42.
 VaT-A.Davis 55 pass from Noel (Warley kick), :40.
 FSU-Walker 77 pass from Rix (Beitia kick), 14:48.
 FSU-FG Beitia 35, 10:13.
 FSU-Walker 23 pass from Rix (Beitia kick), 2:14.

Team Statistics

	VaT	FSU
First downs	16	19
Rushes-yards	40-43	39-104
Passing	269	326
Comp-Att-Int	15-29-1	12-25-1
Return Yards	23	19
Punts-Avg.	7-30	4-40
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-32	4-25
Time of Possession	31:09	28:51
Attendance	72,202	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-VaT: K.Jones 23-55, Ferguson 3-13, Burnell 2-1, Noel 12-(minus 26). FSU: G.Jones 23-120, Maddox 3-6, Gardner 1-(minus 3), Rix 12-(minus 19).
PASSING-VaT: Noel 15-27-0-269, R.Johnson 0-1-0-0, Randall 0-1-1-0. FSU: Rix 12-25-1-326.
RECEIVING-VaT: A.Davis 5-158, Ferguson 5-32, Slowikowski 2-36, E. Johnson 2-21, Parham 1-22. FSU: Walker 4-195, Bell 3-43, Thorpe 2-48, Gardner 2-21, Maddox 1-19.

**2003 Sugar Bowl
 Florida State 13
 Georgia 26**

NEW ORLEANS (AP) – Georgia wasn't satisfied just making it to the Sugar Bowl. The Bulldogs wanted to finish their memorable season in style.

Consider it done.

Bruce Thornton returned an interception for a touchdown, backup quarterback D.J. Shockley tossed a scoring pass and No. 4 Georgia stymied a shorthanded Florida State team for a 26-13 victory Wednesday night.

Billy Bennett kicked four field goals and MVP Musa Smith rushed for 145 yards as the Bulldogs went conservative, throwing a season-low 15 passes. All they had to do was let Fabian Walker, making his first start at quarterback for the 16th-ranked Seminoles, beat himself.

Walker obliged, throwing two interceptions and also losing a fumble. The Seminoles had only one turnover in their last four regular-season games.

The Bulldogs (13-1) became the first team in school history to win 13 games, capping a breakthrough season in which sophomore coach Mark Richt steered the program back to national prominence.

Richt even got the satisfaction of beating his former boss. He served 14 years on Bobby Bowden's staff at Florida State before moving to Georgia in 2001.

"I'm thankful for the victory," Richt said. "I'm just thankful to Bobby Bowden still. He's still the teacher. I love him dearly, but I love Georgia and I'm real proud of these guys."

Plenty of Georgia fans were on hand to savor the moment. Red and black dominated the Superdome as the Bulldogs made their first Sugar Bowl appearance since the 1982 season – also the year of their last Southeastern Conference championship.

Florida State (9-5), playing in the Sugar Bowl for the sixth time in 15 years, was viewed as the most unworthy team in the Bowl Championship Series. Their performance did little to change that perception, handing Bowden his first five-loss season since 1981.

"Our offense was not very structured," Bowden said. "The split-second timing definitely wasn't there. We were just kind of hoping someone could make some plays."

In all fairness, the Seminoles might have given a better showing at full strength. But they lost their top two quarterbacks and had to go with third choice Walker, who had thrown only eight passes in his career.

Why was Walker playing?

Adrian McPherson was kicked off the team in late November for allegedly stealing a check, while Chris Rix was suspended from the bowl after he overslept and missed a final exam.

Walker, a Georgia native, threw both interceptions when trying to force passes to well-covered receivers. Thornton took his interception 71 yards for a touchdown, putting the Bulldogs ahead for good with 6 minutes left in the first half.

On Florida State's first offensive play of the second half, Walker was stripped of the ball by Will Thompson and Ken Veal recovered for the Bulldogs, setting up Bennett's third field goal of the night and a comfortable 23-7 lead.

The Seminoles gave star receiver Anquan Boldin a shot at quarterback, hoping he could spark the offense. It might have worked, too, if Talman Gardner had not dropped a perfectly thrown deep pass near the goal line.

Boldin hopped up and down in dismay after the ball slipped through Gardner's hands. On the next play, Boldin bruised his left hand when dragged down behind the line, knocking him out for the rest of the first half.

After getting his hand checked out, Boldin came back to throw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Craphonso Thorpe on the final play of the third quarter. It wasn't enough.

Boldin also caught a touchdown pass, hauling down a 5-yarder from Walker early in the second quarter to give the Seminoles a short-lived 7-3 lead.

Georgia's offense didn't do much, managing just one touchdown on its own – and even that score was set up by Damian Gary's 26-yard punt return.

Shockley, who played four series in relief of starter David Greene, took advantage of Gary's long return right away, lofting a 37-yard touchdown pass to Terrence Edwards on his only throw of the night.

On his way down the field to celebrate, Shockley jawed with a couple of Florida State players, undoubtedly a holdover from a fumble on his first possession.

That was Georgia's only turnover. The Bulldogs went conservative, relying on one of the nation's top-ranked defenses to shut down the Seminoles.

Smith had 18 of his 23 carries in the second half, rushing for 108 yards over the final two quarters.

"We started to pound the ball down their throat," he said. "At halftime, coach Richt said he was going to run it in the third and fourth quarters."

With Richt at the helm, the Bulldogs are certainly a program on the rise.

"The greatest thing he did, he brought us the blueprint of working hard," Smith said. "All of us came together as a team. I'm looking forward to great things next year."

Bennett connected on field goals of 23, 42, 25 and 35 yards to give him 130 points for the season, breaking Garrison Heart's school record of 126 in 1992.

Score By Quarters

	1	2	3	4	F
Georgia	3	14	6	3	26
FSU	0	7	6	0	13

Scoring Summary

Ga-FG Bennett 23, 4:19
 FSU-Boldin 5 pass from Walker (Beitia kick), 13:41
 Ga-Thornton 71 interception return (Bennett kick), 6:24
 Ga-Edwards 37 pass from Shockley (Bennett kick), 3:43
 Ga-FG Bennett 42, 11:06
 Ga-FG Bennett 25, 8:49
 FSU-Thorpe 40 pass from Boldin (run failed), 0:00
 Ga-FG Bennett 35, 10:17

Team Statistics

	Ga	FSU
First Downs	11	18
Rushes-yards	36-151	41-115
Passing	125	147
Comp-Att-Int	10-15-0	13-26-2
Return Yards	113	125
Punts-Avg	4-48.2	5-40.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yds	6-59	5-37
Time of Possession	26:09	33:51
Attendance	74,269	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-GA: Smith 23-145, Milton 5-13, Shockley 3-2, Wall 1-0, team 2-(minus 2), Greene 2-(minus 7). FSU: Washington 10-48, Boldin 13-34, Maddox 9-32, Dean 1-5, Reid 1-2, Walker 7-(minus 6).
PASSING-GA: Greene 9-14-0-88, Shockley 1-1-0-37. FSU: Boldin 6-14-0-78, Walker 7-12-2-69.
RECEIVING-GA: Edwards 3-60, Gibson 2-12, Johnson 1-34, Brown 1-11, Watson 1-5, Wall 1-3, Smith 1-0. FSU: Maddox 4-24, Boldin 3-34, Sam 2-11, Thorpe 1-40, Morgan 1-18, Hughes 1-14, Gardner 1-6.

**2004 Orange Bowl
 Florida State 14
 Miami 16**

MIAMI (AP) — Jarrett Payton ran for 131 yards, Jon Peattie kicked three field goals and Miami shut out the Seminoles in the second half to give the Hurricanes a 16-14 win in the Orange Bowl on Thursday night.

It was No. 10 Miami's fifth consecutive victory in the heated series — its longest winning streak since 1957. No. 9 Florida State lost consecutive bowl games for the first time since the 1979 and 1980 seasons.

Like several other memorable games in this storied rivalry, the outcome was decided by a kicker.

Not only did Peattie hit a career-long 51-yarder to give the Hurricanes the lead in the third quarter, but Florida State's Xavier Beitia missed a 39-yarder with 5:30 to play.

And yes, it was wide right.

"I missed it," Beitia said. "There's nothing else to say. I didn't make the kick. What is there to say? I didn't make the kick. Nothing else to say. There were seven minutes left. I didn't make the kick."

It was the fifth time a Florida State kicker has missed a decisive kick in this rivalry. Beitia also missed a 43-yarder wide left against Miami as time expired in 2002, and the Hurricanes won 28-27.

"We've got something on their kicker," Miami linebacker Jonathan Vilma said. "I don't know what it is, but I'm glad we got it."

Added linebacker D.J. Williams: "It feels great to beat anyone, but it's especially sweet to beat your biggest rival. Maybe it's a mystique, some kind of a curse. I know it's always in the back of their kicker's mind."

Miami (11-2) sealed the latest victory with a defensive stand with less than two minutes to play. Chris Rix's final pass fell incomplete. Rix was 2-of-12 for 18 yards in the second half — another poor performance against Miami.

He threw two interceptions in the first meeting.

"What you had was two great defenses there, and it really came down to who made the fewest mistakes is going to win," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "If we'd kicked that ball through the goal post, we'd have been all right."

This game wasn't as close as the final score indicated. The Hurricanes outgained Florida State 375 yards to 206 yards and scored the final 13 points. They also finished with 218 yards rushing.

Payton provided many of the big plays on offense, and Sean Taylor, Vince Wilfork and others did the damage on defense.

But Peattie was equally effective.

His 51-yarder came a play after Miami punted. Florida State (10-3) was penalized 5 yards for illegal substitution, moving the Hurricanes into field-goal range.

Peattie also connected from 32 and 44 yards. He had one blocked from 45 yards with 2:18 remaining, but it didn't matter. Miami set up the attempt when D.J. Williams ran 31 yards on a fake punt on fourth-and-1 from Miami's own 32.

"That was really a great call," Bowden said. "It was a gutsy call."

It was the second of three meetings in less than 11 months between the in-state rivals. Miami beat Florida State 22-14 in October, and they are scheduled to open the 2004 season in Miami — the Hurricanes' first game as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

No one wanted this rematch in the Orange Bowl. And when the Bowl Championship Series announced the pairings early last month, coaches, players and fans were disappointed.

But once the initial shock wore off, everyone realized what they were getting — an intense rivalry game between two of college football's top programs.

The game certainly proved that.

Trailing 14-10, the Hurricanes were in position to take the lead before halftime with the ball at the 13. But the Seminoles sacked Brock Berlin on consecutive plays — the first sacks against Miami in the last five meetings.

Miami settled for Peattie's second field goal and a 14-13 deficit at the break.

Peattie opened the scoring with a 32-yarder on the first possession.

Florida State scored touchdowns on consecutive possessions in the second quarter to take a 14-3 lead. Lorenzo Booker took a direct snap and ran around the right end for a 10-yard score on the first play of the second quarter.

Four plays after an 8-yard punt by Brian Monroe, Greg Jones ran up the middle for 24 yards and set up Chris Rix's 7-yard touchdown pass to Matt Henshaw. Jones broke through the line, eluded two linebackers and then ran over All-America safety Sean Taylor at the 15.

The Hurricanes scored on the ensuing possession — behind more strong runs by Payton — to make it 14-10. Payton turned the corner on the left side and gained 46 yards, then had runs of 6 and 2 yards to set up Tyrone Moss' 3-yard touchdown.

Payton ran for 97 yards in the first meeting, which was played on a sloppy field in Tallahassee. He did most of damage then between the tackles. He was more effective Thursday night outside, showing a rare burst of speed.

"It's not like they beat the heck out of us or we beat the heck out of them," Bowden said. "One play. They made one more than we did. That doesn't have to necessarily be a kick. ...Those two teams tonight are about as evenly matched as two teams can be."

Score By Quarters

Miami	3	10	3	0	16
FSU	0	14	0	0	14

Scoring Summary

UM - FG Peattie 32, 11:32.
 FSU - Booker 9 run (Beitia kick), 14:54.
 FSU - Henshaw 7 pass from Rix (Beitia kick), 8:41.
 UM - Moss 3 run (Peattie kick), 5:34.
 UM - FG Peattie 44, 0:00.
 UM - FG Peattie 51, 10:19.

Team Statistics

	UM	FSU
First downs	16	10
Total Net Yards	375	206
Rushes-yards	48-218	32-110
Passing	157	96
Punt Returns	3-23	1-6
Kickoff Returns	3-63	4-66
Interceptions Ret.	1(-3)	2-31
Comp-Att-Int	14-29-2	6-19-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-13	1-7
Punts	5-25.2	7-43.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-40	10-85
Time of Possession	36:08	23:52
Attendance	76,739	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-UM: Payton 22-131, D.J. Williams 1-31, Moss 15-31, Berlin 6-12, Parrish 1-7, Geathers 1-6, Hester 1-2, team 1-(minus 2). FSU: Jones 6-38, Booker 8-25, Washington 9-20, Rix 5-13, Coleman 2-9, Davis 1-5, Dean 1-0.

PASSING-UM: Berlin 14-29-2-15. FSU: Rix 6-19-1-96.

RECEIVING-UM: Winslow 5-48, Geathers 4-41, Moore 3-52, Hill 1-10, Everett 1-6. FSU: Stovall 4-79, Sam 1-10, Henshaw 1-7.

2005 Gator Bowl Florida State 30 West Virginia 18

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — Coach Bobby Bowden stuck with quarterback Chris Rix who eventually sparked No. 17 Florida State (9-3) with two long second-half touchdown drives to beat West Virginia 30-18 in the Gator Bowl. Bowden, facing his former school for the first time since the 1982 Gator Bowl, moved within one bowl win of Penn State's Joe Paterno's NCAA record of 19.

Rix fumbled three times and threw two interceptions, one of which led to a touchdown. He eventually settled down, completing five straight passes during a 90-yard drive late in the third quarter, capped by his 14-yard TD pass to Craphonso Thorpe. Thorpe leaped for the ball over Dee McCann for a 23-15 lead. Rix also led an 80-yard scoring drive in the fourth, capped by James Coleman's 1-yard run. Rix finished 16-of-31 for 157 yards.

"Statistically, I didn't have the game I wanted," Rix said. "But the biggest thing is that we won."

Leon Washington carried FSU, finishing with 195 yards rushing. Lorenzo Booker had 101 yards rushing on 20 carries. FSU was penalized 17 times for 174 yards, both Gator Bowl records.

Quarterback Rasheed Marshall and West Virginia's running backs shredded the nation's top run defense for 238 yards. Kay-Jay Harris carried 25 times for 134 yards and scored twice. But the Mountaineers (8-4) failed to find the end zone three times after advancing inside the 20-yard line.

"We prepared well. The focus was good. The effort was good. We just made some mistakes," said West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez. "You make mistakes against good teams, especially like Florida State, it's going to cost you the game. It's as simple as that."

In the first half, West Virginia had two kickers miss extra points. Brad Cooper booted a kickoff out of bounds, and the Mountaineers later faked a 27-yard field goal attempt, but couldn't convert the first-down run. Backup Andy Good practiced his kicks before the third quarter and it paid off. He made field goals of 44 and 34 yards to cut the deficit to 23-18 early in the fourth period.

FSU needed only six plays to score a season-high 10 points in the first quarter. Washington went 69 yards down the right sideline on the game's second play for the longest TD run in Gator Bowl history. He had 135 yards by halftime and had only 12 carries for the game, or else he might have challenged the Gator Bowl record of 216 yards by Syracuse's Floyd Little in 1966.

West Virginia's Adam Jones fumbled the ensuing kickoff and Gerard Ross recovered at the Mountaineers 17, leading to one of three Xavier Beitia field goals.

Harris scored on a 36-yard screen pass on the WVU's first offensive series. McCann intercepted Rix later in the quarter and Marshall threw a 40-yard pass to Chris Henry to the 1. Harris took it in for a 12-10 lead.

Score By Quarters

	1	2	3	4	Total
FSU	10	3	10	7	30
WVU	12	0	3	3	18

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Scoring Summary

FSU-L. Washington 69 run (Beitia kick), 14:38.
 FSU-FB Beitia 32, 12:51
 WVU-Kay-Jay Harris 36 pass from Marshall (kick failed), 9:53.
 WVU-Kay-Jay Harris 1 run (kick failed), 1:45.
 FSU-Beitia 28 FG, 11:23.
 FSU-Beitia 28 FG, 12:13.
 WVU-Good 44 FG, 10:26.
 FSU-C. Thorpe 14 pass from Rix (Beitia kick), 3:05.
 WVU-Good 34 FG, 14:26.
 FSU-Coleman 1 run (Beitia kick), 11:12.

TEAM STATISTICS

	FSU	WVU
First downs	22	26
Rushes-yards	42-321	47-255
Passing	157	191
Comp-Att-Int	16-31-2	13-30-2
Return Yards	49	120
Punts-Avg.	4-41.8	2-39.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	11-174	11-121
Time of Possession	32:08	27:52
Attendance	70,112	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-FSU: Washington 12-195, Booker 20-101, C. Davis 1-8, Coleman 2-2, Rix 5-(minus 1), Lewis 1(-2). **WVU:** Harris 25-134, Marshall 11-71, Colson 6-20, Jackson 2-6.
PASSING-FSU: Rix 16-31-2-157. **WVU:** Marshall 11-23-1-131, Hales 2-7-1-60.
RECEIVING-FSU: Thorpe 5-73, Davis 3-39, Reid 2-15, Robinson 2-3, Coleman 1-9, Henshaw 1-9. **WVU:** Harris 4-50, Henry 3-61, Jackson 2-9, Bolden 1-49, Hales 1-9, Colson 1-7, Henderson 1-6.

2006 Orange Bowl
Penn State 26
Florida State 23 (3 ot)

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) – This really was one for the ages.

For more than four hours, Joe Paterno and Bobby Bowden paced the Orange Bowl sidelines, searching for offense and enduring one missed kick after another.

Finally, in the third overtime, at 1 a.m. Wednesday, Kevin Kelly made a 29-yard field goal, giving Paterno and Penn State a 26-23 victory over Bowden's Florida State Seminoles.

"I told him we're too old for this," the 79-year-old Paterno said afterward. "It's almost past my bedtime."

Paterno had said he didn't want the game to be about him and 76-year-old Bowden, who rank 1-2 in career coaching victories. It turned out to be about missed opportunities, improbable twists — and epic length.

Given two earlier chances to win the game, Kelly missed field goal attempts of 29 and 38 yards. Paterno calmly patted the freshman's back after the second miss, then sent him onto the field on second down for the winning kick.

Florida State counterpart Gary Cismesia missed an extra point in the first half and field goal tries of 44 and 38 yards in overtime. "Sometimes you miss at the wrong time," Bowden said. "Joe was having that problem for a while."

The No. 3-ranked Nittany Lions finished 11-1, with the only loss coming when they gave up a touchdown to Michigan on the game's final

play. The season represented a big rebound for Paterno's program, which went 7-16 in 2003-04. No. 22 Florida State fell to 8-5.

Moments after the game ended, the two old friends came together and stood shoulder-to-shoulder in a crush of cameras and microphones to exchange warm words.

"No animosity. No animosity. I mean that," Bowden said.

"Both teams played so hard," Paterno said. "Both teams played as well as they could play," Bowden said.

Florida State mostly contained Big Ten most valuable player Michael Robinson, who threw a touchdown pass with six seconds left in the first half but was limited to 253 yards passing and 21 rushing. One scrum knocked off his helmet.

He hit two clutch completions to give Penn State a chance to win the game in regulation. But Kelly, hampered by a shaky hold, was wide left on a 29-yard field goal attempt with 35 seconds left.

Cismesia kicked a 48-yard field goal with 4:08 left in regulation to tie the game at 16-all, but on the first series of overtime he was wide right on a 44-yard attempt.

Then it was Kelly's turn. He again pushed a try wide left, this time a 38-yarder with a perfect hold.

Austin Scott's 1-yard run put Penn State ahead. B.J. Dean pulled the Seminoles even with a 1-yard scoring run.

After Cismesia's 38-yard attempt hit the right upright, Kelly finally came through. The kick gave Paterno his 354th career win, second in Division I-A only to Bowden's 359.

Paterno improved to 7-1 against Bowden. The only loss came the last time they met, when Florida State beat Penn State in the 1990 Blockbuster Bowl - also at Miami.

With his first win in the Orange Bowl since 1974, Paterno improved to 21-10-1 in bowl games.

Both offenses spent much of the game going backward, but there were fireworks, too. Ethan Kilmer made a leaping 24-yard scoring reception with six seconds left in the first half to give Penn State a 14-13 halftime lead.

The Seminoles scored two touchdowns in 80 seconds - on an Orange Bowl-record 87-yard punt return by Willie Reid, and on a 57-yard reception by Lorenzo Booker.

Defense produced the first score of the second half. Weatherford, working from his end zone, was called for intentional grounding — a safety — when Penn State's Jim Shaw forced a throw.

Leading 16-13, the Nittany Lions had a chance to take control with nine minutes left. But on first-and-goal at the 4, Florida State recovered a botched snap.

The Seminoles trailed 7-0 when Reid weaved up the middle on a runback, cut left and dashed to the end zone. The punt return broke the Orange Bowl record of 80 yards by former Florida State athletic director Cecil "Hootie" Ingram for Alabama in 1953.

Score By Quarters

	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
PSU	7	7	0	2	10	26
FSU	0	13	0	3	7	23

Scoring Summary

PSU-Scott 2 run (Kelly kick), 4:59
 FSU-Reid 87 punt return (Cismesia kick), 4:09
 FSU-Booker 50 pass from Weatherford (Cismesia kick failed), 2:49

PSU-Kilmer 25 pass from Robinson (Kelly kick), 0:06
 PSU-Safety, 13:36
 FSU-FG Cismesia 48, 4:08
 PSU-Scott 1 run (Kelly kick)
 FSU-Dean 1 run (Cismesia kick)
 PSU-FG Kelly 29

TEAM STATISTICS

	PSU	FSU
First Downs	23	12
Rushes-Yards	48-138	26-26
Passing	253	258
Comp-Att-Int	21-39-1	24-43-1
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)	87-391	69-284
Return Yards	70	259
Punts-Avg.	11-44.3	9-39.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-43	13-129
Sacks By (No.-Yards)	3-18	3-18
Time of Possession	34:16	25:44
Attendance	77,773	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-FSU: Washington 6-30, Booker 7-2, Dean 1-1, Coleman 2-1, Smith 1-(minus 1), Weatherford 8-(minus 4). **PSU:** Scott 26-110, Robinson 17-21, Norwood 1-7, Snow 1-1, Kinlaw 2-0, King 1-(minus 1).

PASSING-FSU: Weatherford 24-43-1-258. **PSU:** Robinson 21-39-1-253.

RECEIVING-FSU: Booker 3-69, Reid 4-55, Davis 3-55, Carr 3-25, Washington 6-24, Rouse 1-10, Henshaw 2-9, Root 1-8, Fagg 1-3. **PSU:** Norwood 6-110, Kilmer 6-79, King 5-27, Smolko 2-21, Butler 1-13, Hunt 1-3.

2007 Emerald Bowl
Florida State 44
UCLA 27

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Although Bobby Bowden has led Florida State to much bigger victories in far grander bowls, a winning season is always sweet - even when it ends with Bowden raising the Emerald Bowl trophy in a chilly baseball park 2,600 miles from Tallahassee.

Lorenzo Booker ran for 91 yards, caught five passes for 117 more and scored two touchdowns, leading the Seminoles to a 44-27 victory over UCLA on Wednesday night to put a happy ending on Bowden's 30th straight winning season.

But the 77-year-old Bowden still hasn't coached a losing club since going 5-6 in his first season at Florida State - and with 21 points in the fourth quarter against the collapsing Bruins (7-6), the Seminoles are headed into 2007 with more momentum than they've had all season.

"That's what Florida State used to do all the time," Bowden said. "I hope this is a good sign for us. I've been looking for that sign."

A 3-5 record in ACC play, including four losses in six games to close the regular season, forced Florida State to finish an ignominious year with the longest road trip in school history. The Seminoles have played in 25 straight bowl games, but the last 15 were played in January, with considerably bigger stakes and payouts.

Don't tell that to Booker, a California native who got a chance to impress 130 friends and family members in the stands. This minor bowl was a major win.

"We have a 30-year streak, and we're proud of our history," said Drew Weatherford, who overcame a shaky start to pass for 325 yards, 126 in the fourth quarter. "We had to keep

it going, and it gives us a head start and a boost for next season."

Florida State's fourth quarter was dynamite. Greg Carr caught a go-ahead, 30-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-9, and Booker capped his final college game with a key third-down catch and a 3-yard TD run with 6:17 left.

Tony Carter's 86-yard interception return for another score 37 seconds later was the finishing touch in Bowden's 20th bowl victory.

Patrick Cowan passed for 240 yards and Chris Markey ran for 144 for the inconsistent Bruins, who came in with a three-game winning streak, highlighted by a 13-9 victory over archrival USC 3 1/2 weeks ago.

"When you look at the score the next day, I'm sure people are going to say, 'Wow, what happened?'" UCLA coach Karl Dorrell said. "But it was a lot different game than the score indicated. We played three pretty good quarters, so from an effort standpoint, I don't have any questions we're heading in the right direction."

Yet the Seminoles rolled over the Bruins on offense, defense and special teams in the second half. Lawrence Timmons returned a blocked punt 25 yards for a score in the third quarter, and Carter's return was just one of several big stops.

"This is one of those times that a lot of people were doubting if Florida State football was any good," Weatherford said. "It makes it sweeter that UCLA beat USC. It shows we're going to be back in the national championship picture at some point in the near future, maybe even next year."

Most in the sellout crowd of 40,331 fans cheered UCLA, but Florida State had a surprisingly solid rooting section for a game on the opposite coast.

Florida State took a 23-20 lead in the third quarter when Dekoda Watson blocked a punt and Timmons returned it for a score, but UCLA went back ahead on Chane Moline's 8-yard TD run moments later.

When a Florida State drive stalled early in the fourth quarter with the Seminoles trailing by four, Bowden and his son proved they had nothing to lose by boldly going for it on fourth and long. Carr easily made his TD catch a step from the end zone when his defender fell down.

Brandon Breazell caught a 78-yard TD pass and Junior Taylor had a scoring catch in the first half for the Bruins, who finished a mediocre regular season playing some of their best football in Dorrell's four seasons.

The Bruins led 20-13 at halftime, and a game expected to be dominated by defense featured 501 total yards in the first half alone.

"We have to use this to drive ourselves to getting better," UCLA linebacker Christian Taylor said. "We need to work even harder in the offseason, because we know we have some weaknesses. Someone had to lose and it's disappointing it was us."

	1	2	3	4	Total
FSU	7	6	10	21	44
UCLA	10	10	7	0	27

First Quarter

FSU-Booker 25 yd run (Cismesia kick), 0:26
 UCLA-Breazell 78 yd pass from Cowan (Medlock kick), 0:34

UCLA-Medlock 46 yd field goal, 1:55

Second Quarter

FSU-Cismesia 39 yd field goal 3:00
 UCLA-Taylor 7 yd pass from Cowan (Medlockkick), 3:40

UCLA-Medlock 19 yd field goal, 3:54

FSU-Cismesia 21 yd field goal, 2:09

Third Quarter

FSU-Cismesia 36 yd field goal, 3:31
 FSU-Timmons 25 yd blocked punt return (Cismesia kick)

UCLA-Moline 8 yd run (Medlock kick), 3:09

Fourth Quarter

FSU-Carr 30 yd pass from Weatherford (Cismesia kick), 4:20

FSU-Booker 3 yd run (Cismesia kick), 2:18

FSU-Carter 86 yd interception return (Cismesia kick)

	FS	UCLA
First Downs	21	17
Rushes-Yards	30-105	35-194
Passing 325	240	
Passes Att-Comp-Int	43-21-1	36-15-2
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)	73-430	71-434
Return Yards	4-41	3-12
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-101	6-166
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-38.8	6-37.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	5-44	4-34
Possession Time	30:12	29:48
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-7	1-8

RUSHING: FSU: Booker 22-91; Weatherford 4-14; Davis 1-2; Dunham 2-1; Team 1-minus 3. UCLA: Markey 19-144; Williams 6-31; Moline 1-8; Austin 1-7; Cowan 7-4; Pitre 1-0.

PASSING: FSU: Weatherford 21-43-1-325. UCLA: Patrick 15-36-2-240.

RECEIVING: FSU: Fagg 6-68; Booker 5-117; Carr 4-88; Davis 3-33; Warren 1-8; Dunham 1-6; Sims 1-5. UCLA: Baumgartner 2-49; Everett 2-47; Taylor 2-32; Paulsen 2-18; Williams 2-15; Markey 2-minus 6; Breazell 1-78; Pitre 1-4; Ketchum 1-3.

Bowl Records

INDIVIDUAL**TOTAL OFFENSE****Most Plays** - 73, Drew Weatherford vs. UCLA, 2006 Emerald Bowl**Most Yards Total Offense** - 414, Peter Tom Willis vs. Nebraska, 1990 Fiesta Bowl**Most Touchdowns Responsible For** - 5, Steve Tensi vs. Oklahoma, 1965 Gator Bowl; Peter Tom Willis vs. Nebraska, 1990 Fiesta Bowl**RUSHING****Most Carries** - 27, Phil Spooner vs. Oklahoma, 1965 Gator Bowl**Most Yards Gained** - 205, Sammie Smith vs. Indiana, 1986 All-American Bowl**Most TDs Rushing** - 2, Seven Times (latest Lorenzo Booker vs. UCLA, 2006 Emerald Bowl) **Longest Rush** - 69, Leon Washington vs. West Virginia, 2005 Gator Bowl**Highest Average Per Rush** - 16.2 (12-195), Leon Washington vs. West Virginia, 2005 Gator Bowl**PASSING****Most Passes Attempted** - 53, Kim Hammond vs. Penn State, 1967 Gator Bowl**Most Passes Completed** - 37, Kim Hammond vs. Penn State, 1967 Gator Bowl**Most Interceptions Thrown** - 4, Steve Tensi vs. Oklahoma, 1965 Gator Bowl; Kim Hammond vs. Penn State, 1967 Gator Bowl; Casey Weldon vs. Texas A&M, 1992 Cotton Bowl**Most Yards Gained** - 422, Peter Tom Willis vs. Nebraska, 1990 Fiesta Bowl**Most Touchdown Passes** - 5, Steve Tensi vs. Oklahoma, 1965 Gator Bowl; Peter Tom Willis vs. Nebraska, 1990 Fiesta Bowl**Longest Pass** - 77, Chris Rix to Javon Walker vs. Virginia Tech, 2001 Gator Bowl**RECEIVING****Most Passes Caught** - 14, Ron Sellers vs. Penn State, 1967 Gator Bowl**Most Yards Receiving** - 195, Javon Walker vs. Virginia Tech, 2001 Gator Bowl**Most TD Passes Caught** - 4, Fred Biletnikoff vs. Oklahoma, 1965 Gator Bowl**PUNTING****Most Punts** - 10, Keith Cottrell vs. Oklahoma, 2001 Orange Bowl**Highest Average** - 47.5, Louis Berry vs. OSU, 1985 Gator Bowl**Most Yards on Punts** - 447, Keith Cottrell vs. Oklahoma, 2001 Orange Bowl**Longest Punt** - 70, Rohn Stark vs. Oklahoma, 1980 Orange Bowl**PUNT RETURNS****Most Punt Returns** - 7, Willie Reid vs. Penn State, 2006 Orange Bowl**Most Yards on Punt Returns** - 180, Willie Reid vs. Penn State, 2006 Orange Bowl**Longest Punt Return** - 87, Willie Reid vs. Penn State, 2006 Orange Bowl**KICKOFF RETURNS****Most Kickoff Returns** - 5, Michael Ray Garvin vs. UCLA, 2006 Emerald Bowl**Most Yards on Kickoff Returns** - 143, Barry Smith vs. Arizona State, 1971 Fiesta Bowl**Most TDs on Kickoff Returns** - 1, Larry Key vs. Texas Tech, 1977 Tangerine Bowl; Billy Allen vs. West Virginia, 1982 Gator Bowl**Longest Kickoff Return** - 95, Billy Allen vs. West Virginia, 1982 Gator Bowl (TD)**INTERCEPTIONS****Most Passes Intercepted** - 2, Brian McCrary vs. West Virginia, 1982 Gator Bowl**Most Yards on Interceptions** - 86, Tony Carter vs. UCLA, 2006 Emerald Bowl**Longest Interception Return** - 86, Tony Carter vs. UCLA, 2006 Emerald Bowl**SCORING****Most Points** - 24, Fred Biletnikoff vs. Oklahoma, 1965 Gator Bowl**Most Touchdowns** - 4, Fred Biletnikoff vs. Oklahoma, 1965 Gator Bowl**Most PATs Attempted** - 6, Richie Andrews vs. Nebraska, 1990 Fiesta Bowl**Most PATs Made** - 5, Richie Andrews vs. Nebraska, 1990 Fiesta Bowl; Gary Cismesia vs. UCLA, 2006 Emerald Bowl**Most Points Kicking** - 14, Gary Cismesia vs. UCLA, 2006 Emerald Bowl**FIELD GOALS****Most Field Goals Attempted** - 5, Scott Bentley vs. Nebraska, 1994 Orange Bowl; Dan Mowrey vs. Florida, 1995 Sugar Bowl**Most Field Goals Made** - 4, Scott Bentley vs. Nebraska, 1994 Orange Bowl**Longest Field Goal Made** - 50, Xavier Beitia vs. Virginia Tech, 2002 Gator Bowl**TEAM OFFENSE****TOTAL OFFENSE****Most Yards Gained** - 569 vs. Oklahoma State, 1985 Gator Bowl**Most Yards Gained, Both Teams** - 938 vs. Oklahoma State, 1985 Gator Bowl**Greatest Margin of Victory** - 25 vs. North Carolina, 1983 Peach Bowl**Greatest Margin of Defeat** - 32 vs. Florida, 1997 Sugar Bowl**Most Touchdowns** - 6 vs. Nebraska, 1990 Fiesta Bowl**Most PATs Made** - 5 vs. Nebraska, 1990 Fiesta Bowl; vs. UCLA, 2006 Emerald Bowl**Most Field Goals Made** - 4 vs. Nebraska, 1994 Orange Bowl**RUSHING****Most Yards Gained** - 364 vs. North Carolina, 1983 Peach Bowl**Most Yards Gained, Both Teams** - 562 vs. North Carolina, 1983 Peach Bowl**Most Touchdowns** - 4 vs. Indiana, 1986 All-American Bowl**PASSING****Most Passes Attempted** - 55 vs. Penn State, 1967 Gator Bowl**Most Passes Completed** - 38 vs. Penn State, 1967 Gator Bowl**Most Interceptions Thrown** - 4, vs. Oklahoma, 1965 Gator Bowl; vs. Penn State, 1967 Gator Bowl; vs. Texas A&M, 1992 Cotton Bowl**Most Yards Gained** - 455 vs. Texas Tech, 1977 Tangerine Bowl**Most Yards Gained, Both Teams** - 774 vs. Florida, 1995 Sugar Bowl**Most TD Passes** - 5, vs. Oklahoma, 1965 Gator Bowl; vs. Nebraska, 1990 Fiesta Bowl**PUNTING****Most Punts** - 18, vs. Oklahoma, 2001 Orange Bowl; vs. LSU, 1968 Peach Bowl; vs. Wyoming, 1966 Sun Bowl; vs. Tennessee, 1999 Fiesta Bowl**Most Punts, Both Teams** - 20, vs. Penn State, 2006 Orange Bowl (11 PSU, 9 FSU)**Highest Average** - 47.5 vs. Oklahoma State, 1985 Gator Bowl**PUNT RETURNS****Most Punt Returns** - 7, vs. Penn State, 2006 Orange Bowl**Most Yards Gained** - 180 vs. Penn State, 2006 Orange Bowl**KICKOFF RETURNS****Most Kickoff Returns** - 8, vs. vs. Texas Western, 1955 Sun Bowl; Arizona State, 1971 Fiesta Bowl**Most Yards Gained** - 184 vs. Arizona State, 1971 Fiesta Bowl**FIRST DOWNS****Most First Downs** - 31 vs. Oklahoma State, 1985 Gator Bowl**Most First Downs, Both Teams** - 54 vs. Oklahoma State, 1985 Gator Bowl**Most Rushing First Downs** - 21 vs. Oklahoma, 1980 Orange Bowl**Most Passing First Downs** - 19, vs. Oklahoma State, 1985 Gator Bowl; vs. Nebraska, 1988 Fiesta Bowl**FUMBLES****Most Fumbles Lost** - 2, Seven Times (latest vs. Miami, 2004 Orange Bowl)**Most Fumbles Lost, Both Teams** - 7 vs. Texas A&M, 1992 Cotton Bowl**TEAM DEFENSE****FIRST DOWNS****Fewest First Downs Allowed** - 6, Wofford, 1950 Cigar Bowl**TOTAL DEFENSE****Fewest Yards** - 139, Wofford, 1950 Cigar Bowl**Most Yards** - 454, Florida, 1995 Sugar Bowl**RUSHING DEFENSE****Fewest Yards Rushing** - 5, Florida, 1995 Sugar Bowl**Most Yards Rushing** - 411, Oklahoma, 1980 Orange Bowl**PASSING DEFENSE****Fewest Passes Attempted** - 4, Oklahoma, 1980 Orange Bowl**Fewest Passes Completed** - 2, Oklahoma, 1980 Orange Bowl**Fewest Yards Passing** - 36, Oklahoma, 1980 Orange Bowl**Most Yards Passing** - 449, Florida, 1995 Sugar Bowl**Most Passes Intercepted** - 3, vs. Penn State, 1967 Gator Bowl; vs. Auburn, 1989 Sugar Bowl; vs. Penn State, 1990 Blockbuster Bowl; vs. Ohio State, 1998 Sugar Bowl