

# 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 18-25-0, Woodham 7-10-0, Stockstill 0-0-0; TT - Allison 17-27-2, Taylor 1-1-0.

**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.

# 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 cornerback 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 lat-

eral 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 (Cappelen 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 6-16-1, Woodham 2-11-2; OK - Watts 2-4-0.

**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

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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 11-51-0; **OK** - Watts 7-12-0.

**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.

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, B. Williams 16-30-1, H. Jones 0-1-0; **WVU** - Hostetler 10-28-2, White 4-6-0.

**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 Semi-

noles' 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 Panton 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 touchdowns 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 7-13-1; UNC - Stankavage 17-39-0, Anthony 1-1-0.

**RECEIVING:** FSU - Panton 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 10-26-2, H. Jones 1-0-0; UGA - T. Williams 2-2-0, J. Jackson 7-16-1.

**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 20-43-1; OSU - Williams 21-43-2, Thomas 1-1-0.

**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 6-14-1; IND - Kramme 11-25-1.

**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.

## 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 Semi-

noles 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 goa, 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 28-51-1; **NEB** - Taylor 7-14-1.

**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 14-26-1, Johnson 0-1-0; **AUB** - Slack 19-33-3.

**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 25-40-0, Weldon 0-1-0; **NEB** - Joseph 1-2-0, Gdowski 13-23-2, Stigre 1-1-0.

**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  
 PSU - Daniels 56 yd. pass from Sacca (Fayak kick), 1:13  
 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 22-36-2; **PSU** - Sacca 12-25-2, Bill 3-7-1.

**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 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 14-32-4; TAM - Richardson 6-24-2.

**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 foundation 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 con-

nected 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 15-30-1, Jackson 1-1-0; NEB - Frazier 10-21-2, Bell 0-1-0.

**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.