

## 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 Cornhuskers 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 24-43-0; **NEB** - Frazier 13-24-2, Jones 0-1-0.  
**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 Mowery 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 23-40-0, Dunn 1-1-0; UF - Wuerffel 28-39-1, Kresser 1-2-0, Williams 0-1-0, Anthony 1-1-0.

**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.

## 1996 ORANGE BOWL

### FLORIDA STATE ..... 31

### NOTRE DAME ..... 26

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 attack 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 FLORIDA STATE ..... 20 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.

## 1998 SUGAR BOWL FLORIDA STATE ..... 31 OHIO STATE ..... 14

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 – Jankiowski 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 half-time 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
Florida State	0	9	0	7	16
Tennessee	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.

**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 pre-season 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

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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

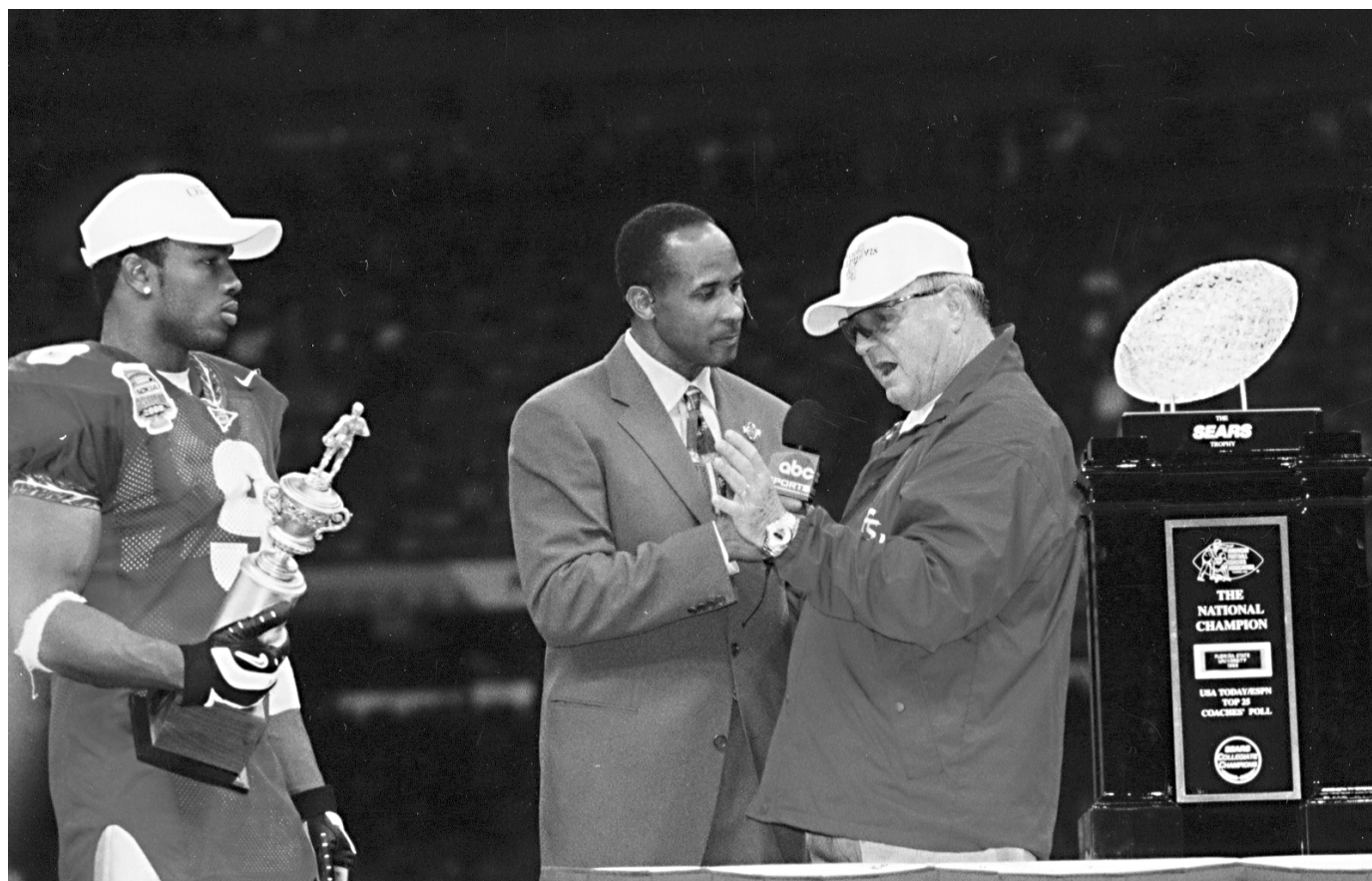
for Shyrone Stith, Tech's 1,000-yard rusher who missed the second half with a sprained left ankle. Vick's 2-point conversion pass attempt was incomplete.

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



Florida State won its second national title under Bobby Bowden with a 46-29 win over Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl that capped a first-ever undefeated season.

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

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**—Virginia Tech: 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. Florida State: Chaney 4-43, Minor 9-35, team 3-(minus 7), Weinke 7-(minus 41).  
**PASSING**—Virginia Tech: Vick 15-29-0-225. Florida State: Weinke 20-34-1-329.  
**RECEIVING**—Virginia Tech: Davis 7-108, Hawkins 2-49, Kendrick 2-27, E. Johnson 1-23, Wynn 1-7, Ferguson 1-6, Carter 1-5. Florida State: 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

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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 Oteji 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

Florida State	0	0	0	2	2
Oklahoma	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.