

1987 REVIEW



# 1987: FSU's BEST

## 11-1-0

## AP

Rank	Team	Record	Pts
1.	Miami	12-0-0	1,140
2.	Florida State	11-1-0	1,071
3.	Oklahoma	11-1-0	1,008
4.	Syracuse	11-0-1	956
5.	LSU	10-1-1	854
6.	Nebraska	10-2-0	825
7.	Auburn	9-1-2	795
8.	Michigan State	9-2-1	768
9.	UCLA	10-2-0	641
10.	Texas A&M	10-2-0	629
11.	Oklahoma State	10-2-0	542
12.	Clemson	10-2-0	537
13.	Georgia	9-3-0	423
14.	Tennessee	10-2-1	379
15.	South Carolina	8-4-0	306
16.	Iowa	10-3-0	299
17.	Notre Dame	9-4-0	215
18.	Southern Cal	8-4-0	198
19.	Michigan	8-4-0	137
20.	Arizona State	7-4-1	48

## FINAL TOP 20 POLLS

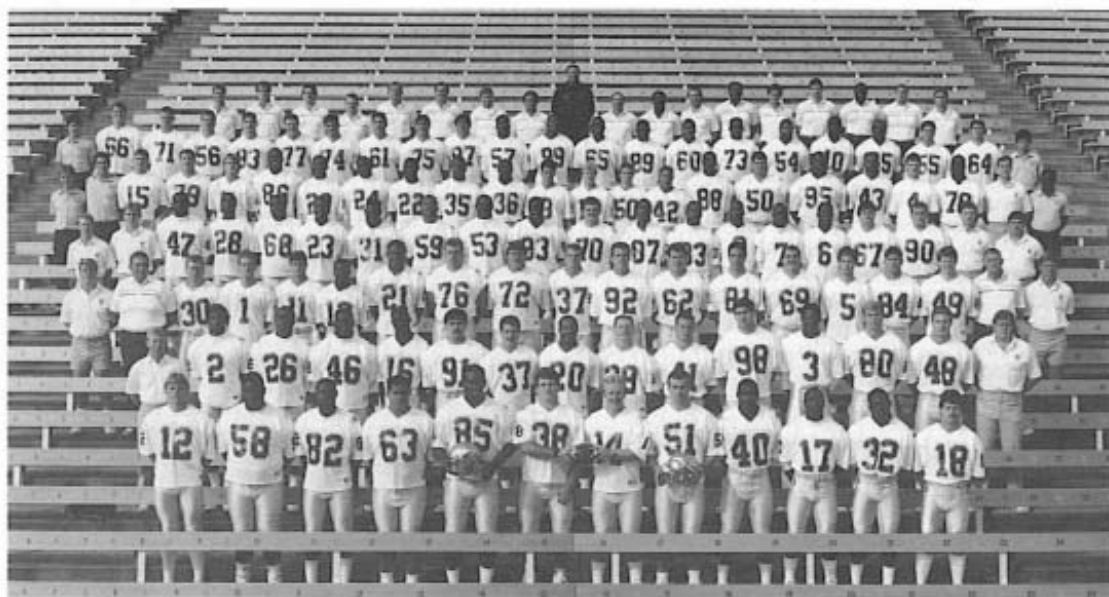
National  
Champion  
Runner-Up

"We do not deserve the prize because we came up one point short. But we came as close as you can come without winning it."

— Bobby Bowden on January 2, 1988

## UPI

Rank	Team	Record	Pts
1.	Miami	12-0	705
2.	Florida State	11-1	648
3.	Oklahoma	11-1	555
4.	Syracuse	11-0-1	571
5.	Louisiana State	10-1-1	438
6.	Nebraska	10-2	426
7.	Auburn	9-1-2	391
8.	Michigan State	9-2-1	376
9.	Texas A&M	10-2	292
10.	Clemson	10-2	286
11.	UCLA	10-2	266
12.	Oklahoma State	10-2	190
13.	Tennessee	10-2-1	140
14.	Georgia	9-3	110
15.	South Carolina	8-4	49
16.	Iowa	10-3	49
17.	Southern Cal	8-4	29
18.	Michigan	8-4	22
19.	Texas	7-5	9
20.	Indiana	8-4	7



FIESTA BOWL CHAMPIONS

### A LOOK BACK TO AUGUST:

*What they were saying . . .*

"If we could mature at tight guard, develop a little depth and a good answer at fullback, we could be as good as anybody. What we have here is a football team with a chance. We have some big question marks."

— Bobby Bowden in the *Tallahassee Democrat* on August 29, 1987

"But, ah, this Florida State team does have the appearance of one that, with normal circumstances and a normal run of luck, could do wonders."

— *Tallahassee Democrat* Sports Editor Bill McGrotha on August 29, 1987

*And what followed . . .*

# 1987 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW

## GAME #1

### FLORIDA STATE 40, TEXAS TECH 16

Fumbles—Lost	1—1	5—3
Penalties—Yards	7—70	5—42
Time of Possession	28:19	31:41

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. (Sept. 5)—Breaking a 13-13 tie after one quarter, the FSU offense flew into high gear, scoring 17 second-quarter points enroute to a 40-16 win over Texas Tech in the season opener.

Both offenses were red hot early. FSU took its very first offensive series of the season 67 yards in six plays and watched quarterback Danny McManus pass to Ronald Lewis 11 yards for the touchdown.

The Red Raiders stormed back, driving 72 yards in seven plays for their score, a 1-yard run by running back James Gray.

Again, McManus took his team down the field, this time covering 78 yards in 10 plays and handing off to Dayne Williams for the 2-yard TD.

An FSU partisan crowd of 52,893 was not happy when Gray scored his second touchdown, this one a 3-yard run, following another Texas Tech drive that netted 85 yards at the close of the first quarter.

Derek Schmidt's 44-yard field goal led off the second quarter for FSU and after Eric Hayes came up with the first of his two fumble recoveries at the Tech 28, McManus used three plays before taking it in himself from the 6.

Following a Red Raider field goal, McManus tossed a 37-yard scoring pass to Herb Gainer after a 67-yard drive.

With the 30-16 halftime lead, the Seminole defense shut the door on Tech the rest of the way. FSU tacked on points in the third quarter on a 3-yard Williams run and in the fourth period on a 42-yard field goal by Schmidt.

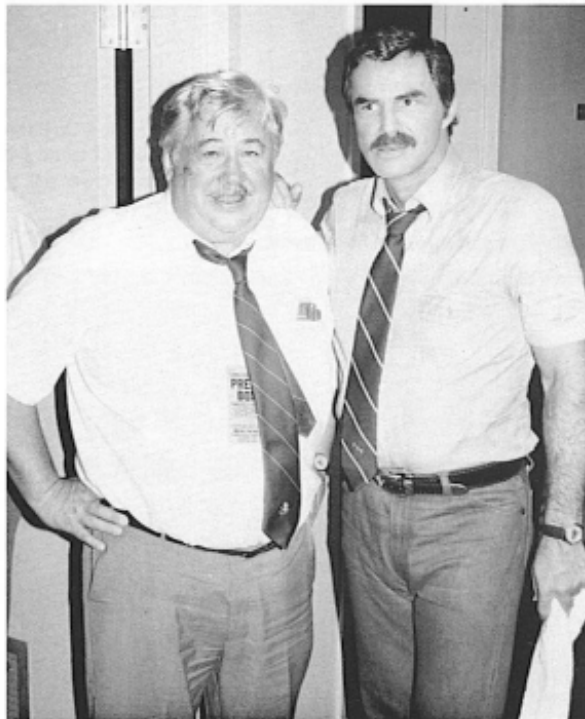
McManus and Gainer both had outstanding games with McManus completing 19 of 34 tosses for a career-high 275 yards and Gainer catching six of those aerials for 128 yards and the TD.

The Seminole offense did not seem to miss first string tailback Sammie Smith (sprained knee) as it cranked out 507 yards.

Florida State won its 11th consecutive season opener.

#### Individual Statistics

**Rushing:** TT: Gray 17-89, Winston 9-50, Garnett 4-24, Dale 6-20; Farris 7-18, Toman 5-(-19). FSU: D. Carter 14-60, D. Williams 9-29, McManus 2-(-3), Bennett 3-23, Parker 7-27, Butts 2-55, Moore 1-(-4)  
**Passing:** TT: Toman 29-16-0-162; FSU: McManus 34-19-0-275, Ferguson 5-3-0-45  
**Receiving:** TT: Gray 2-5, Walker 2-70, Anderson 4-55, Thurman 1-8, Winston 2-7, Young 1-10, Dale 2-0, Ross 1-7, Garnett 1-0; FSU: Gainer 6-128, Lewis 2-17, P. Carter 3-35, D. Williams 1-15, D. Carter 4-24, O'Malley 2-14, Bennett 2-48, R. Johnson 1-11, Parker 1-28



FSU President Bernie Sliger vowed before the Texas Tech game that he would lose four pounds for each FSU victory; Sliger is pictured here with former FSU halfback Burt Reynolds "before" the Seminoles would win 11 games. Reynolds was in town for the Texas Tech game for a ceremony naming the football dorm after him

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Texas Tech	13	3	0	0	16
Florida State	13	17	7	3	40

#### Scoring Summary

FSU: Lewis 11 pass from McManus (Schmidt kick), 14:05  
 TT: Gray 1 run (Segrist kick), 11:13  
 FSU: D. Williams 2 run (kick blocked), 7:24  
 TT: Gray 3 run (kick failed), 0:41  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 44, 13:07  
 FSU: McManus 6 run (Schmidt kick), 11:20  
 TT: Segrist FG 41, 7:01  
 FSU: Gainer 37 pass from McManus (Schmidt kick), 4:20  
 FSU: D. Williams 3 run (Schmidt kick), 8:21  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 42, 12:17

Team Statistics	FSU	Texas Tech
First Downs	28	18
Total Offense	507	344
Rushes—Yards	38—187	48—182
Passing	320	162
Return Yards	31	-7
Comp-Air-Int	22—39—0	16—27—0
Sacks—Yards Lost	1—9	1—10
Punts—Avg	3—30—4	1—34—6

## GAME #2

### FLORIDA STATE 44, EAST CAROLINA 3

GREENVILLE, N.C. (Sept. 12)—Making his first appearance of the season, tailback Sammie Smith galloped for 244 yards and a touchdown to lead Florida State to a 44-3 road win at East Carolina.

With Florida State holding a slim 6-3 second quarter lead on the strength of two Derek Schmidt field goals, Smith took a quick pitch to his left and rambled 83 yards.

East Carolina fumbled the ensuing kickoff and John Hadley recovered at the ECU 20. Four plays later, Schmidt hit his third field goal, this one from 28 yards out and FSU settled into a comfortable



Sammie Smith's season started with a bang in Game #2 at East Carolina: 244 yards and an 83-yard touchdown run

16-3 halftime lead.

The Seminole offense tacked on 14 points in each of the last two quarters as the Pirate defense tired. In the third, Dayne Williams rushed in from the 1 after a 44-yard drive and then two series later, wide receiver Randy White gathered in a Danny McManus pass for a 59-yard touchdown.

Backup quarterback Chip Ferguson, playing in his home state, engineered the two scoring plays in the final period. He used five plays, including a 52-yard pickup by Smith, before sending Dexter Carter in for a 5-yard TD. Ferguson then wrapped up the day with a 10-yard sprint on a bootleg.

In piling up 548 yards of total offense, three FSU quarterbacks handed off to eight different runners and threw to eight different receivers. Meanwhile, the FSU defense was stingy, holding the Pirates scoreless in the second half and giving up only 61 passing yards all night.

Smith, who missed the Texas Tech opener with a knee sprain, was named *Sports Illustrated* Offensive Player of the Week for his performance.

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Florida State	3	13	14	14	44
East Carolina	0	3	0	0	3

#### Scoring Summary

FSU: Schmidt FG 40, 7:04  
 ECU: Berleth FG 23, 14:58  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 36, 9:11  
 FSU: S. Smith 83 run (Schmidt kick), 6:21  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 28, 4:49  
 FSU: D. Williams 1 run (Schmidt kick), 6:23  
 FSU: White 59 pass from McManus (Schmidt kick), 2:56  
 FSU: D. Carter 5 run (Schmidt kick), 13:13  
 FSU: Ferguson 10 run (Schmidt kick), 4:11

Team Statistics	FSU	East Carolina
First Downs	22	10
Total Offense	548	222
Rushes—Yards	53—362	44—161
Passing	186	61
Return Yards	29	44
Comp-Att-Int	13—22—1	5—20—1
Sacks—Yards Lost	0—0	1—12
Punts—Avg	4—39.0	6—41.8
Fumbles—Lost	2—1	10—5
Penalties—Yards	8—67	9—67
Time of Possession	27:05	32:55

#### Individual Statistics

**Rushing**—FSU: S. Smith 19-244, D. Carter 11-66, Ferguson 2-10, D. Williams 7-3, Bums 6-23, Parker 3-6, Bennett 4-8, Hall 1-2; ECU: Hunter 10-57, Walsh 1-(-12), Moody 3-15, Simpson 14-41, McKinney 3-25, James 7-31, Harper 2-8, Lewis 3-(-6), Argento 1-2  
**Passing**—FSU: McManus 13-5-0-110, Ferguson 8-7-1-66, Willis 1-1-0-10; ECU: Hunter 15-4-1-45, Walsh 5-1-0-16  
**Receiving**—FSU: O'Malley 1-10, DiMare 5-54, R. Johnson 1-17, P. Carter 2-9, R. White 1-59, Williams 1-17, Dawsey 1-6, Lewis 1-14; ECU: Simpson 2-27, Moody 1-16, Gayler 1-13, Jones 1-5

## GAME #3

### FLORIDA STATE 41, MEMPHIS STATE 24

TALLAHASSEE, FLA (Sept. 19)—Florida State scored 21 first-half points and held off a Memphis State rally to raise its record to 3-0 on the season with a 41-24 win.

At first it looked like a Florida State rout. Before the game was yet 12 minutes old, tailback Dexter Carter had scored from 4 yards out and Dayne Williams had added a pair of 1-yard runs to pull out to a 21-0 lead. All three were at the end of long Danny McManus-led drives that covered 68, 71 and 75 yards.

The Tigers didn't give up, however. They cut the lead to 24-10 at the half and 24-17 at the 14:12 mark of the third quarter following a 41-yard interception return by cornerback Mike Nettles.

The Tigers' first two scores also were results of Seminole miscues. In the second quarter, McManus' first interception led to a John Butler 35-yard field goal and then Sammie Smith's second fumble of the day was recovered by Nettles. Five plays later flanker Charles Wilson got behind the FSU secondary for a 50-yard bomb from Tiger quarterback Tim Jones.



Dexter Carter's 311 all-purpose yards vs. Memphis State were the most since Greg Allen's 417 vs. Western Carolina in 1981

Following Nettles' interception return in the third period, the Tribe's Carter fumbled the kickoff after a return of 39 yards out to the 50 and MSU had the ball again. But the FSU defense dug in and forced the Tigers to punt the ball.

The FSU offense was finally able to shift back into high gear and score the next 17 points. A 41-yard field goal by Derek Schmidt was sandwiched in between a 7-yard run and 14-yard catch by Carter.

For the third consecutive game, the Seminoles rolled up 500 yards of total offense (533). But it wasn't pretty, as FSU lost four fumbles, including three by Smith, and threw two interceptions.

Carter, a sophomore tailback who was listed as a third stringer before the season, accounted for 311 yards of total offense. He rushed for 135 yards, caught four passes for 63 yards and returned four kickoffs for 113 more.

Fellow sophomore Ronald Lewis caught five passes for 107 yards and senior Paul McGowan was the defensive star with 16 tackles, including two for loss.

Punts—Avg	3-43.7	8-39.5
Fumbles—Lost	5-4	4-1
Penalties—Yards	8-84	3-23
Time of Possession	27:53	32:07

**Individual Statistics**

**Rushing—MSU:** Trail 2-8, White 13-44, Pryor 10-23, E. Perkins 5-6, Jones 9-19, J. White 4-(-2), Holmes 2-7, Nettles 1-1; **FSU:** McManus 1-(-7), S. Smith 13-68, D. Williams 9-35, D. Carter 15-135, Butts 4-17, Bennett 1-3, Ferguson 2-(-25), Willis 1-18  
**Passing—MSU:** Trail 2-1-0-3, Jones 23-10-1-140; **FSU:** McManus 31-16-2-247, Ferguson 4-3-0-42  
**Receiving—MSU:** Atkins 1-3, Seals 2-30, Wilson 2-63, White 1-2, Phenice 3-45, Arnold 1-3, Holmes 1-(-3); **FSU:** R. Johnson 1-11, D. Carter 4-63, P. Carter 4-49, O'Malley 2-31, Lewis 5-107, Ross 1-5, D. Williams 1-12, Gainer 1-11

## GAME #4

### FLORIDA STATE 31, MICHIGAN STATE 3

EAST LANSING, MI. (Sept. 26)—Florida State, playing a stingy Michigan State defense that limited it to its lowest yardage output of the year (367), was forced to go to its bag of tricks to pull out a 31-3 win in East Lansing.

The Seminoles ran five reverses—including one by Lawrence Dawsey that netted 23 yards on the first play of the game. The big one came when sophomore wide receiver Ronald Lewis ran 56 yards for a TD.

The Seminole defense snuffed highly acclaimed tailback Lorenzo White, holding him to just 84 yards on 22 carries. Meanwhile, the Spartan air attack was grounded by a strong Seminole rush led by sophomore noseguard Odell Haggins. That passing attack netted just 43 yards all afternoon as MSU quarterbacks completed just four of 21 passes.

After a scoreless first quarter where FSU's Rick Tuten and MSU's Greg Montgomery each punted four times, Seminole fullback Dayne Williams' 1-yard run culminated a five-play drive. The Seminole offense had gone to work on the Spartan 38 following a 53-yard Deion Sanders punt return of Montgomery's fifth boot.

A Michigan State field goal cut the lead to 7-3 as quarterback Bobby McAllister completed three passes and tailback Blake Ezor picked up 21 yards in three carries on the drive.

The defensive battle continued into the second half as both teams missed early opportunities on turnovers. But at the 6:27 mark of the third quarter following yet another Michigan State punt, Lewis took the reverse around right end on the Seminoles' first play and dashed 56 yards for the TD.

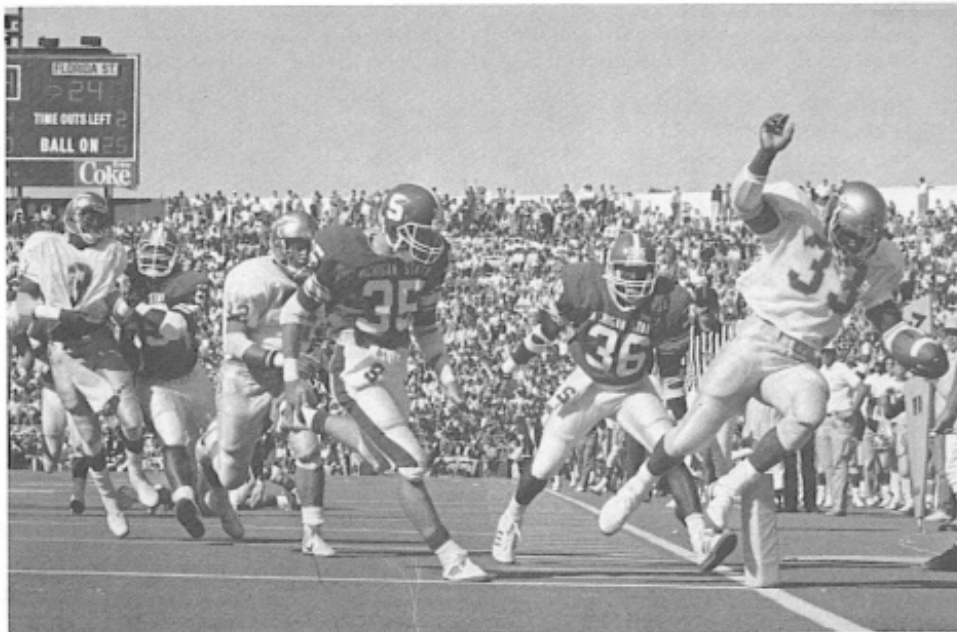
The Seminoles grabbed more momentum when cornerback Eric Williams dashed into

<b>Score By Quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>F</b>
Memphis State	0	10	7	7	24
Florida State	21	3	7	10	41

**Scoring Summary**

FSU: D. Carter 4 run (Schmidt kick), 10:44  
 FSU: D. Williams 1 run (Schmidt kick), 6:09  
 FSU: D. Williams 1 run (Schmidt kick), 3:42  
 MSU: Butler FG 35, 7:22  
 MSU: Wilson 50 pass from Jones (Butler kick), 2:00  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 38, 0:22  
 MSU: Nettles 41 interception return (Butler kick), 14:12  
 FSU: D. Carter 7 run (Schmidt kick), 3:19  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 41, 12:03  
 FSU: D. Carter 14 pass from McManus (Schmidt kick), 8:07  
 MSU: E. Perkins 5 run (Butler kick), 0:19

<b>Team Statistics</b>	<b>FSU</b>	<b>Memphis State</b>
First Downs	25	15
Total Offense	533	249
Rushes—Yards	46-244	46-106
Passing	289	143
Return Yards	12	41
Comp-Att-Int	19-35-2	11-25-1
Sacks—Yards Lost	2-16	2-16



Sammie Smith's 25-yard pass reception for a touchdown wrapped up the scoring for FSU against the Spartans



Ronald Lewis broke Michigan State's back with three reverses - one for a TD—and five catches

Montgomery to block his next punt and the FSU offense set up at the Spartan 11. FSU was forced to settle for a 21-yard Derek Schmidt field goal and the 17-3 lead.

With the Michigan State defense shutting down the FSU ground attack, quarterback Danny McManus went to the air in the fourth quarter. The senior hit Lewis on an 8-yard scoring play after a 68-yard drive and, following a Deion Sanders interception that gave him the ball on the MSU 31, tossed a screen pass to tailback Sammie Smith that went for a 25-yard TD.

The Seminoles had to rely on their own defense throughout the game. Although MSU ran 77 plays to FSU's 65, it could only net 2.8 yards per play. Haggins and senior linebacker Paul McGowan both had 14 tackles with Haggins sacking the Spartan passer twice and each player getting two tackles for loss.

Offensively, Lewis stole the show, picking up 66 rushing yards on three tries and catching five passes for 85 yards.

Michigan State, who eventually ended the regular season with a 7-2-1 mark and a Rose Bowl berth, played the game after learning of the death of longtime coach Duffy Daugherty on Friday.

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Florida State	0	7	10	14	31
Michigan State	0	3	0	0	3

**Scoring Summary**

- FSU: D. Williams 1 run (Schmidt kick), 4:05
- MSU: Langeloh FG 35, 11:24
- FSU: Lewis 56 run (Schmidt kick) 6:27
- FSU: Schmidt FG 21, 11:26
- FSU: Lewis 8 pass from McManus (Schmidt kick), 7:44
- FSU: S. Smith 25 pass from McManus (Schmidt kick), 8:27

Team Statistics	FSU	Michigan State
First Downs	17	15
Total Offense	367	215
Rushes—Yards	33-174	56-172
Passing	193	43
Return Yards	151	39
Comp—Att—Int	14-32-1	4-21-1
Sacks—Yards Lost	0-0	6-50
Punts—Avg	9-35.7	12-41.8
Fumbles—Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties—Yards	5-45	8-61
Time of Possession	25:11	34:49

**Individual Statistics**

**Rushing—FSU:** S. Smith 9-19, D. Carter 9-28, D. Williams 3-10, Bennett 3-11, Butts 4-17, Lewis 3-66; Dawsey 2-23; **MSU:** L. White 22-84, Ezor 17-92, Enos 6-14, McAllister 11(-18)  
**Passing—FSU:** McManus 28-13-1-187, Ferguson 4-1-0-6; **MSU:** McAllister 17-4-0-43, Enos 4-0-1-0.  
**Receiving—FSU:** Lewis 5-85, D. Carter 2-26, Bennett 4-26, Anthony 1-9, Gainer 1-22, S. Smith 1-25; **MSU:** Sargent 3-32, Rison 1-11

## GAME #5

### MIAMI 26, FLORIDA STATE 25

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. (Nov. 3)—Two Miami defenders batted away a two-point conversion pass aimed for tight end Pat Carter, dashing the Seminoles hopes of an upset over the third-ranked Miami Hurricanes.

In the national game of the week, fourth-ranked Florida State saw a 19-3 lead go out the window as Miami quarterback Steve Walsh used three big plays to put his 'Canes in control. The Seminoles beat Miami in every offensive category, including 426 yards of total offense to 306, but lost on the scoreboard.

Miami's ability to stay away from turnovers and to capitalize on three FSU turnovers, two missed field goals and a missed extra point was the story in the game. The 'Canes first score, a 29-yard field goal, came after an errant FSU field goal snap sailed 51 yards down the field. Instead of a 3-0 FSU lead, Miami led 3-0.



Bubba McDowell knocked down the two-point conversion attempt that sealed the game for Jimmy Johnson's Hurricanes

The Seminoles came back on an 80-yard drive, led by Sammie Smith's 64 yard burst, as the Tribe never went to the air. Dayne Williams' 1-yard plunge put FSU up 7-3.

Following a 17-yard punt return by Deion Sanders to the Miami 38, Derek Schmidt nailed a 36-yard field goal and the Seminoles had a 10-3 halftime lead. Midway through the third period, Alphonso Williams picked up a Martin Mayhew blocked punt and returned it for the quick score. Schmidt missed only the fourth extra point of his career but FSU still led 16-3.

A second Schmidt field goal of 25 yards followed a nine-play, 36-yard drive that was set up by a dazzling Sanders punt return of 34 yards. The Seminoles seemed to be on their way with the 19-3 lead.

Then, it all fell apart.

Walsh drove his team 76 yards with the last 49 coming on a pass to fullback Melvin Bratton. The two-point conversion was good when Walsh hit Brian Blades with a pass.

The fourth quarter opened with Miami defensive end Daniel Stubbs intercepting a McManus screen pass attempt and Walsh was at the controls at the FSU 41. Six plays later he hit Michael Irvin on a 26-yard touchdown pass and then passed to Warren Williams for the two-point conversion. All of a sudden, the score was knotted at 19-19.

FSU quarterback Danny McManus quickly led his team down the field but Schmidt missed his second field goal, a chip shot from 31 yards.

Miami was forced to punt as the FSU defense dug in and McManus took over at his 41-yard line. He marched his team to Miami's 17-yard line but on second and one, fumbled the snap into the Miami secondary. UM safety Bennie Blades recovered on his own 11.

Walsh then hit Irvin a second time behind the FSU secondary for a 73-yard bomb and the go-ahead points. Miami led 26-19 with just over two minutes left.

Once again McManus mastered the Miami defense, driving his team 73 yards, including a crucial pass to Herb Gainer on a fourth and eight from his own 29. He hit Ronald Lewis with an 18-yard touchdown pass with 0:42 on the clock.

At that point, head coach Bobby Bowden sent in Schmidt to attempt the extra point that would tie the game. Earlier in the week, he had explained to CBS commentator Brent Musburger that his team had lost to Miami by one point in 1980, ruining the chance for a national championship because he had gone for two points. But following a time out, Bowden went against his earlier comments and sent McManus back in to try for the win. To the dismay of a record crowd of 62,561 in Doak Campbell Stadium, McManus' pass attempt



Not even All-American Daniel Stubbs could stop Sammie Smith on this day—Smith rushed for 189 yards on the 'Cane defense.

never reached its intended destination.

A national CBS television audience watched FSU's Smith run for 189 yards on the tough Miami defense. It also saw a spectacular blocking performance by the Seminoles' Carter, who kept All-American Stubbs away from McManus and the FSU ball carriers all day. Carter also had four catches for 35 yards.

Miami won its ninth game in 10 tries in Tallahassee and its third straight over Florida State.

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Miami	3	0	8	15	26
Florida State	0	10	9	6	25

**Scoring Summary**

- UM: Cox FG 29, 2:58
- FSU: D. Williams 1 run (Schmidt kick), 14:58
- FSU: Schmidt FG 36, 2:37
- FSU: A. Williams 5 return blocked punt by Mayhew (17 yard return) (kick failed), 7:50
- FSU: Schmidt FG 25, 2:45
- UM: Bratton 49 pass from Walsh (Walsh to Br. Blades), 0:57
- UM: Irvin 26 pass from Walsh (Walsh to W. Williams), 11:39
- UM: Irvin 73 pass from Walsh (Cox kick), 2:22
- FSU: Lewis 18 pass from McManus (pass failed), 0:42

Team Statistics	FSU	Miami
First Downs	25	11
Total Offense	426	306
Rushes—Yards	60-225	24-52
Passing	201	254
Return Yards	75	9
Comp-Att-Int	16-24-1	13-29-0
Sacks—Yards Lost	0-0	2-13
Punts—Avg	2-38	6-30.67
Fumbles—Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties—Yards	3-26	4-38
Time of Possession	40:32	19:28

**Individual Statistics**

**Rushing—UM:** Bratton 6-21, W. Williams 14-48, 4-(-17); **FSU:** S. Smith 30-189, D. Carter 7-8, D. Williams 2-6, Bennett 7-31, Butts 3-6, Lewis 2-9, Floyd 6-16, McManus



2-11, Team 1-(-51)  
**Passing—UM:** Walsh 29-13-0-254; **FSU:** McManus 24-16-1-201  
**Receiving—UM:** Bratton 2-48, Blades 3-42, Irvin 4-132, Henry 3-24, W. Williams 1-6; **FSU:** P. Carter 4-35, D. Carter 3-51, D. Williams 1-15, Lewis 2-21, Gainer 3-29, Floyd 1-6, Dawsey 1-23, Bennett 1-21

## GAME #6

### FLORIDA STATE 61, SOUTHERN MISS 10

HATTIESBURG, MS (Oct. 10)—Coming off a disappointing loss to Miami, Florida State took revenge on Southern Mississippi and ruined the Golden Eagle homecoming 61-10.

The Seminoles rolled up 602 yards of total offense, blocked two punts and controlled the clock throughout the game. Seven turnovers by the offense didn't seem to have any bearing on the outcome.

Eleven different Seminoles caught passes and eight had rushing statistics as FSU won its fifth game of the season. Tailback Sammie Smith, playing just over half the game, got his 142 yards in 16 carries. The 6-2, 220 pounder started the afternoon for Florida State with a 30-yard TD romp before the game was yet three minutes old.

On Southern Miss' first series, FSU's Kelvin Smith blocked his team's fourth punt of the season and Bill Ragans recovered it in the endzone for a 14-0 lead.

Following a 69-yard run by USM's Tim Warnsley that made it 14-7, quarterback Danny McManus found tight end Pat Carter for a 6-yard TD with 28 seconds left in the initial quarter. That play culminated an 81-yard drive.

USM added a second-quarter field goal at the 13:38 mark that cut the lead to 21-10 but Dexter Carter's 39-yard run on FSU's next series put the Seminoles in control at 28-10.

Then on the next Southern Miss series, Billy Knighten's punt was blocked again by Kelvin Smith, leading to the first of Derek Schmidt's two field goals.

FSU would go on to score five more times before the game was over despite head coach Bobby Bowden substituting freely. Backup quarterbacks Chip Ferguson and Peter Tom Willis both got into the

act, with Ferguson tossing a 14-yard TD pass to tailback Victor Floyd and Willis throwing 12 yards to Herb Gainer in the fourth quarter.

Floyd, who played his most minutes of the season following a foot injury, rushed for 60 yards on eight carries in addition to his touchdown catch.

The Florida State defense continued to be tough, shutting Southern Miss out in the second half. It was the third time in the first six games that FSU had accomplished that task.

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Florida State	21	10	14	16	61
Southern Miss	7	3	0	0	10

#### Scoring Summary

FSU: S. Smith 30 run (Schmidt kick), 12:02  
 FSU: Ragans 32 return of blocked punt (Schmidt kick), 10:35  
 USM: Warnsley 69 run (Saroka kick), 7:51  
 FSU: P. Carter 6 pass from McManus (Schmidt kick), 0:28  
 USM: Saroka FG 44, 13:38  
 FSU: D. Carter 39 run (Schmidt kick), 10:29  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 21, 9:04  
 FSU: Floyd 20 run (Schmidt kick), 7:19  
 FSU: D. Williams 1 run (Schmidt kick), 0:45  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 47, 14:07  
 FSU: Floyd 14 pass from Ferguson (Schmidt kick), 7:59  
 FSU: Gainer 12 pass from Willis (Schmidt kick), 0:15

#### Team Statistics

	FSU	Southern Miss
First Downs	29	15
Total Offense	602	310
Rushes - Yards	50-388	39-270
Passing	214	40
Return Yards	107	1
Comp-Att-Int	22-39-2	5-32-5
Sacks - Yards Lost	0-0	0-0
Punts - Avg	2-45	7-25.8
Fumbles - Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties - Yards	5-65	3-45
Time of Possession	34:08	25:52

#### Individual Statistics

**Rushing - FSU:** S. Smith 16-142, D. Carter 8-74, Floyd 8-60, McManus 2-12, Butts 2-0, D. Williams 6-54, Bennett 7-46, Dawsey 1-16; **USM:** Warnsley 6-87, Favre 9-78, Gandy 19-86, Young 2-7, Bradley 2-8, Howell 1-4  
**Passing - FSU:** McManus 27-13-2-118, Ferguson 5-3-0-47, Willis 7-6-0-49; **USM:** Favre 30-5-4-40, Young 2-0-1-0  
**Receiving - FSU:** Gainer 4-55, Anthony 3-53, Dawsey 3-34, P. Carter 3-17, D. Williams 2-12, McManus 1-(-2), S. Smith 1-0, Floyd 1-14, Roberts 2-14, R. Johnson 1-6, O'Malley 1-11; **USM:** Weeks 1-7, Hansford 1-7, McGee 1-16, Tillman 1-8, Gandy 1-2



Safety Stan Shiver picked off two interceptions vs. the Golden Eagles

## GAME #7

### FLORIDA STATE 32, LOUISVILLE 9

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. (Oct. 17)—Howard Schnellenberger returned to Tallahassee for the first time since his Miami Hurricanes had won the national championship in 1983, but FSU had little trouble with his young Louisville Cardinals, winning 32-9.

Florida State once again put on a strong offensive display, totaling 542 yards, including 349 on the ground. Backup tailback Victor Floyd rushed for a team-leading 142 yards and starting tailback Sammie Smith totaled 119. It was Smith's third consecutive game of 100 yards or more.

The Seminoles got on the board first on Smith's 45-yard TD run on a fake reverse.

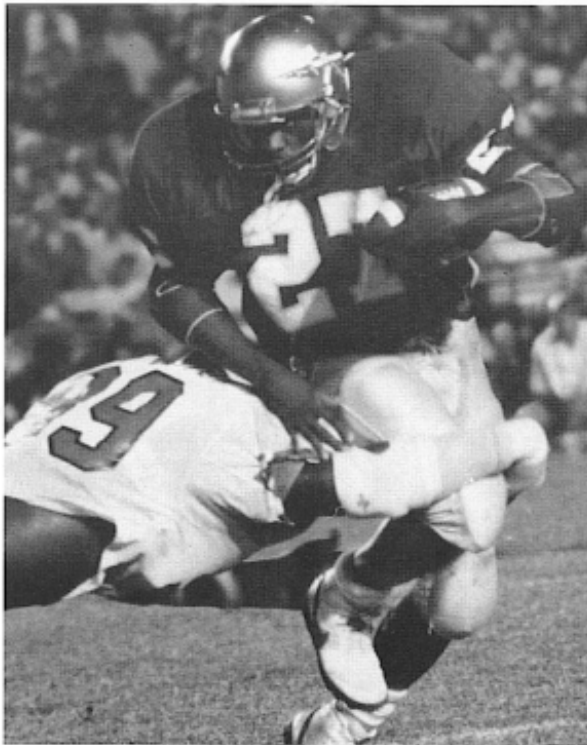
After the Cards punted to FSU and Deion Sanders fumbled the return, Louisville cut the lead to 7-3 on a 27-yard field goal.

It was all Florida State in the second quarter as Derek Schmidt hit two field goals and Herb Gainer took in a 26-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Danny McManus. That TD pass followed a blocked punt by the Seminoles' Alphonso Williams. FSU held an 18-3 lead at intermission.

The Seminoles tacked on seven in the third when a third tailback, Dexter Carter, took it in from the 9 following a 78-yard drive. Floyd then closed the scoring with a 13-yard run from scrimmage.

The Florida State defense, playing with substitutes much of the way, gave up 339 passing yards as U of L quarterback Jay Gruden went to the air 52 times in the game.

Florida State picked up its sixth win in seven games.



In only his third game of the year, Victor Floyd rushed for a team-high 142 yards vs. Louisville.

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Louisville	3	0	0	6	9
Florida State	6	12	7	7	32

#### Scoring Summary

FSU: S. Smith 45 run (kick failed), 8:31  
 UL: Bell FG 27, 5:43  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 34, 6:06  
 FSU: Gainer 26 pass from McManus (run failed), 4:33  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 37, 0:16  
 FSU: D. Carter 9 run (Schmidt kick), 8:49  
 FSU: Floyd 13 run (Schmidt kick), 10:09  
 UL: Booker 3 run (pass failed), 1:07

Team Statistics	FSU	Louisville
First Downs	31	22
Total Offense	542	366
Rushes - Yards	54-349	22-27
Passing	17	339
Return Yards	17	51
Comp-Att-Int	14-32-1	23-53-1
Sacks - Yards Lost	2-23	0-0
Punts - Avg	4-43.5	6-29.67
Fumbles - Lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties - Yards	13-121	7-65
Time of Possession	33:40	26:20

#### Individual Statistics

**Rushing - FSU:** Floyd 12-142, S. Smith 17-119, D. Carter 26, D. Williams 7-35, McManus 1-(-12), Butts 1-8, Ferguson 2-1, Bennett 8-45, Lewis 1-(-10), Jones 1-2; **UL:** Booker 11-20, Knighton 5-14, Gruden 5-(-11), Hamilton 1-4  
**Passing - FSU:** McManus 28-13-0-161, Ferguson 4-1-1-32; **UL:** Gruden 52-23-1-339, Lawton 1-0-0-0  
**Receiving - FSU:** Gainer 7-97, Anthony 2-49, Bennett 1-11, Lewis 1-26, D. Carter 1-0, D. Williams 1-3, P. Carter 1-7; **UL:** Booker 3-34, G. Williams 6-74, Knighton 2-15, Hamilton 2-35, Fortuna 3-60, Cummings 2-39, Swabek 3-19, Tuyo 1-17, Broomfield 1-46

## GAME #8

### FLORIDA STATE 73, TULANE 14

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. (Oct. 13)—Florida State picked up its seventh win of the season by crushing Tulane 73-14.

With 3:05 left in the first quarter, the FSU offense got cranking, scoring 38 points by halftime and leaving the Green Wave in a cloud of dust.

Tailback Sammie Smith had a field day for the Seminoles, scoring on a 57-yard screen pass and then adding third-quarter runs of 55 and 8 yards. On the day, the big sophomore rushed for 111 yards in 14 carries and caught three passes for 87 yards.

While the offense rolled up 604 yards, the Tribe defense limited the heralded Tulane passing game to 150 yards. Marc Zeno, the NCAA all-time receiving yardage leader, was held to four receptions for 39 yards.

The Green Wave did jump on top early in the game. Following a Smith fumble on the Tribe's first play from scrimmage, Tulane quarterback Terrence Jones hit Zeno for a 17-yard touchdown.

But, the Seminoles scored on their next five possessions thanks to two Tulane miscues and a blocked field goal. First, fullback Dayne Williams scored on the first of his three 1-yard TD runs and then on the first play of the second quarter, quarterback Danny McManus hit Smith on the long screen pass as FSU took a 14-7 lead. Jones was then intercepted by the Tribe's David Palmer and it took McManus just one play to hit wide-open Ronald Lewis in the endzone for a 32-yard TD.

Tulane then put together a 50-yard drive but a blocked field goal by FSU's Alan Stewart thwarted the scoring possibility. McManus used 10 plays to engineer a 70-yard drive the other way, culminating it with a 20-yard pass to Herb Gainer. FSU led 28-7.

Jones threw away a pitch on the next Green Wave series and

Paul McGowan recovered for FSU. Williams then scored his second TD and the Seminoles had a 38-7 halftime lead.

Before the game was over, FSU had scored another 36 points in the second half as nine Seminoles rushed the ball and 11 caught passes. Backup tailback Dexter Carter added 77 yards rushing and scored on a 16-yard fourth-quarter run.

FSU cornerback Deion Sanders blanketed Tulane's Zeno all day, picking up his third interception on the season. Sanders also returned a punt 49 yards for a touchdown, the second of his career.

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Tulane	7	0	0	7	14
Florida State	7	31	28	7	73

#### Scoring Summary

TU: Zeno 17 pass from Jones (Wiggins kick), 10:54  
 FSU: D. Williams 1 run (Schmidt kick), 3:05  
 FSU: S. Smith 57 pass from McManus (Schmidt kick), 14:40  
 FSU: Lewis 32 pass from McManus (Schmidt kick), 14:28  
 FSU: Gainer 20 pass from McManus (Schmidt kick), 6:54  
 FSU: D. Williams 1 run (Schmidt kick), 3:43  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 33, 0:44  
 FSU: S. Smith 55 run (Schmidt kick), 14:38  
 FSU: S. Smith 8 run (Schmidt kick), 12:16  
 FSU: D. Sanders 49 punt return (Schmidt kick), 10:52  
 FSU: D. Williams 1 run (Schmidt kick), 1:41  
 TU: Adams 5 run (Wiggins kick), 13:50  
 FSU: D. Carter 16 run (Schmidt kick), 1:06

Team Statistics	FSU	Tulane
First Downs	25	16
Total Offense	604	288
Rushes - Yards	47-305	37-138
Passing	299	150
Return Yards	70	0
Comp-Att-Int	19-25-0	15-35-2
Sacks - Yards Lost	0-0	3-30
Punts - Avg	2-28	7-38.28
Fumbles - Lost	3-3	3-2
Penalties - Yards	9-100	1-5
Time of Possession	31:26	28:24

#### Individual Statistics

**Rushing - FSU:** S. Smith 14-111, D. Carter 12-77, Butts 7-40, D. Williams 6-13, Lewis 1-23, Floyd 3-4, Bennett 2-8, Dawsey 1-25, Merna 1(-1); **TU:** Adams 9-46, Smith 4-42, Allan 3-9, Hunter 3-8, T. Jones 10(-8), Pierce 2-6, Nelson 1-13, Bell 3-13, McIntosh 2-9-12  
**Passing - FSU:** McManus 17-14-0-256, Ferguson 6-3-0-35, Willis 2-2-0-8; **TU:** T.



It was a three-touchdown day for Dayne Williams vs. Tulane.

Jones 27-14-2-138, Smith 5-0-0-0, McIntosh 3-1-0-12  
**Receiving - FSU:** S. Smith 3-87, Butts 3-18, Gainer 2-39, D. Williams 3-21, D. Carter 2-37, Lewis 1-32, P. Carter 1-25, O'Malley 1-7, LaSane 1-17, R. White 1-11, Dawsey 1-8; **TU:** Pierce 3-42, Adams 2-14, Hunter 1-10, Zeno 4-39, McIntosh 2-32, Nelson 1-3, Allen 1-12, Bell 1-9

## GAME #9

### FLORIDA STATE 34, AUBURN 6

AUBURN, ALA. (Nov. 7)—Playing in front of a CBS national television audience and scouts from every post-season bowl, fourth-ranked Florida State silenced the skeptics as it rolled over sixth-ranked Auburn 34-6.

Florida State placekicker Derek Schmidt became the all-time NCAA scoring leader when he connected on an extra point in the second quarter.

The game's outcome was never in doubt as Florida State took advantage of five first-half Tiger turnovers to take a 27-3 halftime lead.

A Terry Warren fumble recovery at the Auburn 37 on the game's first series led to the initial FSU score. Six plays later, fullback Dayne Williams' 1-yard plunge put FSU up 7-0.

A 12-play, 64-yard drive capped by a 5-yard TD pass from Danny McManus to senior wide receiver Herb Gainer put the Floridians ahead 14-0 at the 1:31 mark of the initial quarter.

Auburn fumbled on the first play of its next series and Warren again recovered for the FSU defense on the Tiger 22. Schmidt's 37-yard field goal gave the Tribe a 17-0 edge.

After the teams traded field goals, Tribe safety Stan Shiver intercepted a Jeff Burger pass at the Auburn 37. McManus then found Gainer a second time, this one covering 19 yards as the first half came



Deion Sanders blanketed Tulane star receiver Marc Zeno all day, limiting him to just four catches for 39 yards. Sanders picked off an interception and returned a punt for a TD.



Derek Schmidt became the all-time leading scorer in college football when he hit this extra point against Auburn

to a close.

Auburn could manage just a third-quarter field goal against a sticky FSU defense that held it to just 49 rushing yards all day.

Tight end Pat Carter had his best day as a Seminole, catching seven passes for 79 yards and a fourth-quarter TD that gave the Seminoles some insurance points.

Schmidt was chosen by CBS telecasters Brent Musburger and Pat Haden as the CBS Player of the Game for his record-setting performance that included two field goals and four extra points.

With the win, Florida State assured itself of a New Year's Day Bowl bid. It also beat Auburn for the first time in Jordan-Hare Stadium.



Pat Dye praised the fourth-quarter running of freshman Edgar Bennett

**Score By Quarters**

	1	2	3	4	F
Florida State	14	13	0	7	34
Auburn	0	3	3	0	6

**Scoring Summary**

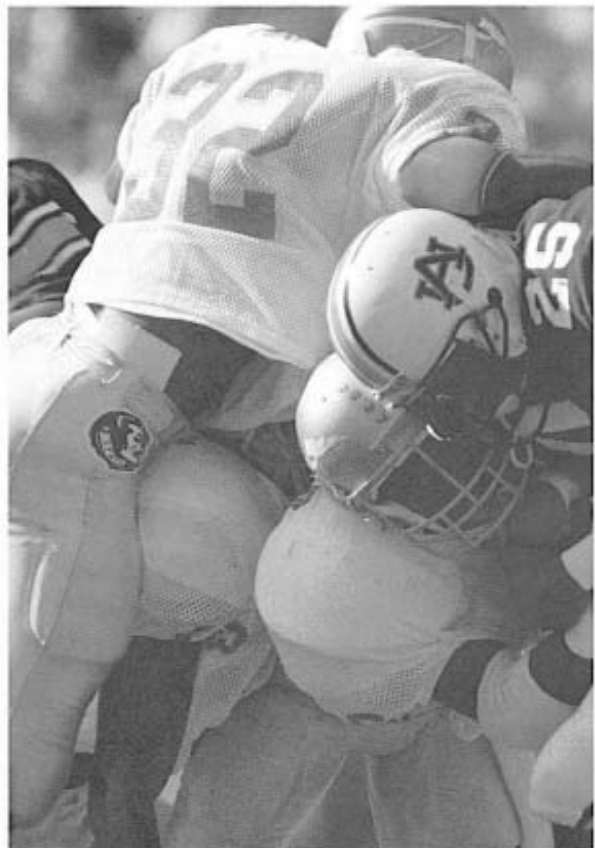
FSU: D. Williams 2 run (Schmidt kick), 11:20  
 FSU: Gainer 5 pass from McManus (Schmidt kick), 1:31  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 37, 1:31  
 AU: Lyle FG 32, 12:00  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 27, 2:27  
 FSU: Gainer 19 pass from McManus (Schmidt kick), 1:40  
 AU: Lyle FG 31, 6:39  
 FSU: P. Carter 6 pass from McManus (Schmidt kick), 12:28

**Team Statistics**

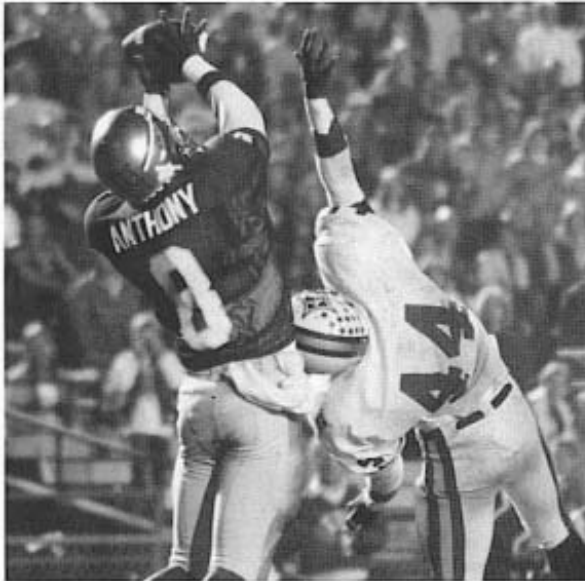
	FSU	Auburn
First Downs	21	12
Total Offense	362	227
Rushes - Yards	52-223	23-40
Passing	139	187
Return Yards	30	35
Comp-Att-Int	12-27-2	19-34-3
Sacks - Yards Lost	0-0	3-26
Fumbles - Lost	2-1	3-3
Penalties - Yards	3-29	6-50
Time of Possession	37:23	22:37

**Individual Statistics**

**Rushing - AU:** Burger 4-27, Danley 15-75, Ware 1-(-3), Mose 2-(-3), Wright 1-(-18);  
**FSU:** S. Smith 22-46, D. Carter 11-67, D. Williams 6-40, Butts 1-2, Bennett 9-57, Dawsey 1-(-4), Lewis 2-15  
**Passing - AU:** Burger 19-34-3-187; **FSU:** McManus 27-12-2-139  
**Receiving - AU:** Tilman 3-79, Donaldson 8-62, Mose 1-5, Ware 3-4, Stewart 1-7, Wright, Bolton 1-5, Danley 1-9, Wright 1-16; **FSU:** P. Carter 7-79, Gainer 2-24, D. Williams 2-18, Lewis 1-18



A swarming Seminole defense was too much for the Tigers



Terry Anthony's first TD catch of his career came here against Furman

## GAME #10

### FLORIDA STATE 41, FURMAN 10

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. (Nov. 14)—A pesky bunch of Furman Paladins provided FSU with as much as it could handle on this November evening, but the loaded Seminoles prevailed 41-10.

What was supposed to be a lopsided affair with Division I-AA Furman taking on fourth-ranked and bowl-bound FSU turned out to be more than the Seminoles had bargained for.

It was Furman that struck first, scoring on a 57-yard drive much to the amazement of the Seminole defense.

The Seminole offense then unleashed tailback Sammie Smith—he responded with his sixth 100-yard game of 1987. The sophomore rushed for 176 yards and scored on runs of 20 and 95 yards.

FSU used a pair of Derek Schmidt field goals, a 4-yard run by fullback Dayne Williams and Smith's 20-yard romp to lead 20-7 at halftime.

With 10 minutes left in the third period, Furman was camped at the FSU 1-yard line and threatening to bring the score to within a TD. But the Tribe defense held on four downs with safety Greg Newell nailing Furman fullback Kennet Goldsmith for a 4-yard loss on fourth and goal.

Smith then took a Danny McManus handoff and broke through the middle of the Paladin defense for his 95-yard jaunt that broke the game wide open. It was the second longest TD run from scrimmage in FSU history.

Florida State scored twice in the final quarter with fullback Marion Butts rushing in from 12 yards and Terry Anthony catching his first TD pass of the year from backup quarterback Chip Ferguson.

Scouts from the Fiesta Bowl watched with interest as FSU moved its record to 9-1 on the season.

Furman running back Dwight Sterling became the first rusher to gain 100 yards on FSU. Sterling rushed for 126 yards on 18 carries and scored the Paladins' lone touchdown.

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Furman	7	0	0	3	10
Florida State	10	10	7	14	41

#### Scoring Summary

FU: Sterling 1 run (Woods kick)  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 36  
 FSU: S. Smith 20 run (Schmidt kick)  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 41  
 FSU: D. Williams 4 run (Schmidt kick)  
 FSU: S. Smith 95 run (Schmidt kick)  
 FSU: Butts 12 run (Schmidt kick)  
 FSU: Anthony 26 pass from Ferguson (Schmidt kick)  
 FU: Woods FG 46

#### Team Statistics

	FSU	Furman
First Downs	19	18
Total Offense	443	282
Rushes - Yards	37-243	54-212
Passing	200	70
Return Yards	47	16
Comp-Att-Int	13-27 0	8-13-1
Sacks - Yards Lost	1-10	3-23
Fumbles - Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties - Yards	9-75	6-45
Time of Possession	26:35	33:25

#### Individual Statistics

**Rushing:** FSU: S. Smith 15-176, D. Williams 8-30, D. Carter 6-27, Bennett 4-3, Lewis 1-(-4), Butts 2-21, McManus 1-(-10); FU: Sterling 18-127, Bagwell 4-13, Goldsmith 11-26, Moore 20-44, Bell 1-3  
**Passing:** FSU: McManus 19-8-0-138, Ferguson 8-5-0-62; FU: Moore 13-6-1-70  
**Receiving:** FSU: P. Carter 1-9, D. Carter 2-3, Gainer 3-50, Lewis 2-30, Butts 1-47, R. White 1-19, Bennett 1-7, LaSane 1-9, Anthony 1-26; FU: Gandy 2-29, Fox 1-19, Richardson 1-4, Bagwell 1-0, Brown 1-18

## GAME #11

### FLORIDA STATE 28, FLORIDA 14

GAINESVILLE, FLA. (Nov. 28)—Down 14-3 after nearly two quarters of play, Florida State mounted a crushing second-half comeback to beat Florida 28-14. The win broke a six-game losing skid to the Gators.

The game threatened to turn into another horror story for the third-ranked Seminoles. An interception and blocked punt led to two quick Gator touchdowns while the Seminoles couldn't get into the endzone themselves. In addition, Florida freshman sensation Emmitt Smith ran like gangbusters early, ripping off a 43-yard pickup on the game's first play.

Derek Schmidt kept the Tribe close, nailing three first-half field goals. His 53-yarder with seconds remaining in the half cut the UF lead to 14-9 and served to swing the momentum to FSU.

Actually, FSU led first. Florida took the opening kickoff at its own 21 and following the burst by Smith, found itself at the Seminole 37. Big plays by the Seminole defense, including a 10-yard sack by safety Stan Shiver, forced the Gators to punt.

FSU quarterback Danny McManus came out throwing and moved his team to the UF 9. But the Gators held and Schmidt came on to put the score at 3-0.

A McManus interception at the end of the first quarter gave UF's Kerwin Bell the ball at the FSU 37. Eight rushing plays later, six by Smith, the freshman took it in from the 5.

Florida blocked its first punt in 10 years on the next series as it got to Rick Tuten's boot, setting up camp at the 9. Smith ran twice, scoring his second touchdown of the day on a 4-yard scamper to give Florida the 14-3 advantage.

Following a long Seminole drive, Schmidt missed a field goal that left head coach Bobby Bowden scratching his head. Bowden later admitted he began to think the series had become a jinx.



The FSU defense put a stop to the Gators' offense after the first period

While the Tribe defense continued to hold the Gators at bay, the offense moved up and down the field gain. But the Florida defense refused to let the Seminoles inside the 20 and FSU had to settle for the two Schmidt field goals before halftime.

The Seminoles completely dominated the second half, keeping the football for over 20 minutes on offense as McManus threw only three passes. Instead, he handed off to a host of FSU runners who slashed through the Gator defense for 182 yards.

The Seminoles' Smith - Sammie - began the ground attack soon after the kickoff. On FSU's second play, he pounded into the Gator secondary, cut right and dashed for 39 yards. Only a tackle from behind by safety Louis Oliver saved the TD. A fourth Schmidt field goal was the result of the drive and FSU pulled to within two at 14-12.

The Seminoles took the lead on their next possession as Dayne Williams scored the first of his two 1-yard touchdowns.

Smith's 116 yards and Dexter Carter's 111 led the Seminole rushing attack, which netted 279 yards on the afternoon. It was Smith's seventh 100-yard game of the season and also enabled him to become the Seminole single season rushing yardage leader.

The FSU offense's total output for the day reached 411 yards while Florida managed just 207. The Gators' Smith rushed for 100 yards after getting 89 in the initial half.

Florida State finished the regular season with a 10-1 record and went undefeated on the road.



Paul McGowan celebrates after FSU finished the regular season 10-1

**Score By Quarters**

	1	2	3	4	F
Florida State	3	6	11	8	28
Florida	7	7	0	0	14

**Scoring Summary**

FSU: Schmidt FG 26, 10:10  
 UF: E. Smith 5 run (McGinty Kick), 2:21  
 UF: E. Smith 4 run (McGinty kick), 14:55  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 23, 2:44  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 53, 0:01  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 37, 10:59  
 FSU: D. Williams 1 run (Bennett run), 4:50  
 FSU: D. Williams 1 run (McManus to Gainer), 10:36

**Team Statistics**

	FSU	Florida
First Downs	26	11
Total Offense	411	207
Rushes - Yards	60-279	29-93
Passing	132	114

Return Yards	18	28
Comp-Att-Int	9-16-1	12-21-0
Sacks - Yards Lost	2-20	3-26
Punts - Avg	2-18	7-35.4
Fumbles - Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties - Yards	8-66	7-63
Time of Possession	38:47	21:13

**Individual Statistics**

**Rushing - UF:** E. Smith 20-100, W. Williams 5-13, McGrady 1-6, Bell 3-(-26); **FSU:** S. Smith 17-116, D. Carter 19-111, Bennett 10-41, D. Williams 8-16  
**Passing - UF:** Bell 21-12-0-114; **FSU:** McManus 16-9-1-132  
**Receiving - UF:** Frazier 1-9, Sneed 3-20, W. Williams 2-15, Odom 2-31, McGrady 1-1, E. Smith 1-5, Simmons 1-3, A. Williams 1-6; **FSU:** Lewis 3-68, P. Carter 3-11, Gainer 1-23, S. Smith 1-16, Dawsey 1-14

## FIESTA BOWL

### FLORIDA STATE 31, NEBRASKA 28



## BOWDEN ROLLS DICE, COMES UP WITH SEVEN

by Joe Gilmartin, *Phoenix Gazette*, 1/2/88

Bobby Bowden has to be the best after-game speaker in America. Or before-game, for that matter.

In fact, by all accounts he's probably not too shabby during-game either.

"We were lucky to win," the Florida State coach said bluntly after his Seminoles sped, scooted, skidded, staggered and stumbled (though not necessarily in that order) past Nebraska, 31-28, in Fiesta Bowl XVII.

"But," he continued, "I've always said I'd rather be lucky than good." (OK, so Lefty Gomez always said it, too. But Bobby's delivery is better.)

There were, to be sure, elements of good fortune in Florida State's victory. But, in truth, either team would have been lucky to win what surely ranks as one of the most entertaining Fiesta games.

Whereas Nebraska made the last (and most successful) attempts to self-destruct, tumbling away the likely winning touchdown early in the fourth period and negating a point-blank shot at the almost-certain winning touchdown with a penalty at the end, it is easy to forget Florida State's miscues.

And if you wish to accentuate the negative, the *real* difference in the game was that, whereas the Seminoles shot themselves in the foot, the Huskers shot themselves in the feet (thereby proving, of course, that football isn't a game of inches after all).

Florida State almost took itself out of it with early turnovers, and the Seminole kicking unit was so bad it almost got the boot from the normally unflappable Bowden.

"I'm over it now," Bowden said, "but I was really mad at them during the game. And not just the punter. The whole kicking team."

Also, the Seminoles appeared to have aborted their own drive for what proved to be the winning touchdown with a dead-ball personal foul that took them from second and goal at the 3 to third and goal at the 18.

When the next play netted only three yards, Bowden was left with a choice between playing a fourth-and-15 shot or the sure-thing field goal that would have tied the game with 3:07 to play.

So what did Bobby do?

He consulted with assistant coaches, of course.

But with his defensive assistants, not his offensive assistants. And, according to Bowden, the discussion went approximately as follows:

Bowden - "Hey, guys, if we go ahead and kick the field goal, can you recover an onside kick?"

Assistants - "We *could* coach, but it would be a pretty big gamble."

Bowden - "OK, if we don't recover the onside kick, can you hold them?"

Assistants - "Well, we'll certainly try, but they *have* been moving the ball pretty good."

Bowden - "OK. Let's win or lose it right here and now."

So the Seminoles rolled the dice, and they came up seven - a touchdown pass from quarterback Danny McManus to wide receiver, Ronald Lewis.

But they were to need one more stroke of good fortune.

With 2:41 to play, Nebraska quarterback Steve Taylor hooked up with split end Morgan Gregory on a 48-yard pass that gave the Huskers an apparent first down on the Seminole 2-yard line.

But the officials whistled the Huskers for an illegal formation ("One of our tight ends lined up on the wrong side," coach Tom Osborne said), and the play was called back.

In that same series, Taylor was flagged for intentional grounding and throwing a forward pass after crossing the line of scrimmage, but the nullified long pass was the real killer.

And, for a description of that play, we go down to Bowden on the sidelines:

Bobby, how did it look to you?

"When Gregory came by, I thought, that's it, they've pulled this thing out. Then I saw the two flags, but I didn't know whose they were.

"And then I got the joyous news."

Osborne said Florida State's Fiesta Bowl record 52 passes surprised him.

"We expected them to pass quite a bit, but nothing like that."

Bowden said he was as surprised as Osborne.

"We thought we could run some, and we planned to run," the Florida State coach said. "But they took the run away. And our draws and screens, too.

"But you can't take all that away and stop our passing game too."

Exactly!

In the end, what this game boiled down to was that Florida State simply had a greater variety of high-caliber offensive weapons than Nebraska.

In fact, Florida State probably has a greater variety of high-caliber offensive weapons than any team in the country.

And while the Seminoles obviously can't be No. 1, they are surely no worse than 1-A.

Joe Gilmartin is sports editor of *The Phoenix Gazette*.

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Florida State	0	21	3	7	31
Nebraska	14	0	14	0	28

**Scoring Summary**

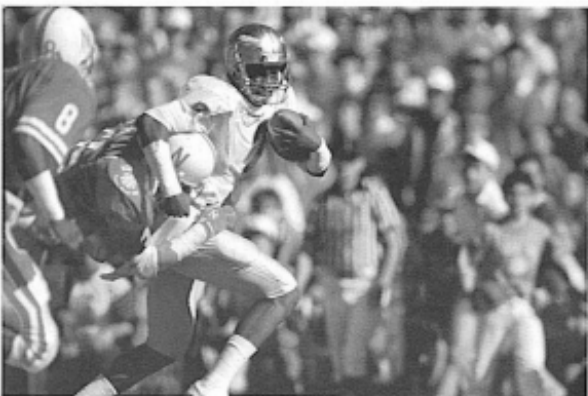
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 FSU: Gainer 10 pass from McManus (Schmidt kick) 10:30  
 FSU: D. Williams 1 run (Schmidt kick) 4:48  
 FSU: Gainer 25 pass from McManus (Schmidt kick) 0:44  
 UN: Taylor 2 run (Brennan kick) 11:41  
 FSU: Schmidt FG 32, 7:49  
 UN: Knox 4 run (Brennan kick) 0:40  
 FSU: Lewis 15 pass from McManus (Schmidt kick) 3:07

**Team Statistics**

	FSU	Nebraska
First Downs	26	20
Rushes - Yards	29-82	54-242
Passing	375	142
Returning Yards	15	192
Comp-Att-Int	28-51-1	7-14-1
Sacks - Yards Lost	1-7	0-0
Punts - Avg	4-29.5	4-35.5
Penalties - Yards	2-20	9-78
Time of Possession	31:07	28:53

**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; **UN:** Jones 15-80, Taylor 20-75, Knox 13-62, Heibel 3-7, Carpenter 1-2, Brinson 1-16  
**Passing - FSU:** McManus 51-28-1; **UN:** Taylor 14-7-1  
**Receiving - FSU:** Gainer 5-89, P. Carter 5-54, D. Carter 4-89, R. Lewis 4-59, Bennett 4-47, Anthony 2-29; D. Williams 1-(-7), Butts 1-(-7), S. Smith 1-5, Dawsey 1-17; **UN:** Bandersa 1-48, Gregory 3-49, Millikan 2-32, Heibel 1-13



Senior Herb Gainer (3) caught two of McManus' touchdown passes and then Ronald Lewis (7) got the winner.

**FIESTA WIN CAPS BEST FSU FINISH**

by Jon Masson, *Phoenix Gazette*, 1/2/88

TEMPE, Ariz. - Florida State quarterback Danny McManus cut to the heart of the matter as he stepped into the huddle, his Seminole teammates gathered around.

It was reminiscent of Burt Reynolds, another Florida State football player more noted for his acting and his final words of encouragement in "The Longest Yard."

"It's either now or never," McManus said. "We know we can do it. Let's do it."

Third-ranked Florida State had one more shot in Friday's Sun Devil Fiesta Bowl.

"We had to go for it," Florida State tailback Dexter Carter said. "We had no doubt we could score on the play."

And score they did. The Seminoles rallied for a 31-28 victory over fifth-ranked Nebraska before 72,112 spectators at Sun Devil Stadium.

McManus, completing a record-setting performance, found Ronald Lewis on a slant route for a 15-yard touchdown pass with 3:07 remaining to play.

It was a score that came on fourth down and 15 yards to go.

"The square-in pattern is 16 yards long," said McManus, a senior who'd like to one day be a sports agent. "That was just long enough."

The game, played on a crystal clear day, lived up to all expectations and ended a glorious Seminole season.

"This is the best football team I've coached," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said afterward. His team finished 11-1 and certainly will be rewarded with its highest postseason ranking when the final votes are cast. Along the way, the Seminoles whipped bowl teams Michigan State, Auburn, Tulane and Florida. Their only defeat was by a 26-25 margin to the University of Miami (Fla.), a loss which left Bowden knowing Florida State was "one dadgum game away" from a national championship showdown with Oklahoma.

"I think they very well could have been a national championship team this year," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said of Florida State. "They probably deserved to win the Miami game."

Nebraska, which had similar national championship aspirations, finished 10-2 - the Huskers' only other loss to Oklahoma.

"It's very disappointing," Huskers quarterback Steve Taylor said. "But I thought we had a great year. We had high expectations this year."

Nebraska's last hope was dashed when Taylor's 56-yard pass completion to Morgan Gregory to the Florida State 2 with 2:24 left was wiped out by a procedure penalty for an illegal formation.

For renowned gambler Bowden, there was little hesitation at the moment of reckoning.

"It's probably the only call we had," Bowden said.

A successful field goal would have brought the Seminoles within one point of Nebraska. Sure, more than three minutes remained. But the Seminoles weren't confident they could recover an on-side kick or stop the Cornhuskers if they kicked away.

"You're not going to score two times against the tough defense Nebraska has," said McManus, the game's offensive MVP who completed 28 of 51 passes for a Fiesta Bowl record 375 yards. The pass attempts broke Miami quarterback Vinny Testaverde's mark of 50 set last year.

Florida State, which fell behind 14-0 in the first quarter, was forced to scrap its draw play, screen pass strategy almost immediately by an aggressive Nebraska front led by defensive MVP Neil Smith.

The Seminoles turned to down-field patterns, finding Nebraska's coverage particularly susceptible over the middle.

McManus, a streaky quarterback who early on was as cold as the Nebraska plains in winter, settled down after Brian Washington's first-quarter interception ended a Seminole threat. McManus heated up to throw three touchdowns - two to Herb Gainer.

The final scoring pass went to Lewis, who cut inside Nebraska cornerback Lorenzo Hicks.

"You try to make the plays and sometime you don't," said Hicks, expecting help underneath. "I could have made the play and I didn't. I should have. I should have played tighter. By the time I saw the slant, it was too late. It was a great throw."

In addition to the procedure call, the Huskers could point to a fourth-quarter fumble by I-back Tyreese Knox as crucial to their defeat. Knox's 4-yard touchdown run through a huge hole opened by consensus All-American right guard John McCormick gave Nebraska a 28-24 edge entering the fourth quarter.

But Knox later fumbled at the Seminoles' 3 with 6:58 remaining, just when it appeared the Huskers were going to put the game away.

"I just couldn't believe it," said Florida State tackle Eric Hayes, who recovered the fumble. "I knew I had the ball, but I didn't know if it was a fumble or not."

The Seminoles then marched 97 yards in 11 plays to take the lead.

"I never thought they'd go 97 yards on our team," Taylor said. McManus, who completed six of eight passes, including a 43-yarder to Carter on the drive, made sure the Seminoles did.



+ Florida State Statistics do not include the Fiesta Bowl

# 1987 STATISTICS

## Game-By-Game

Game-by-Game	Florida State				Opponents			
	Rushing	Passing	Tot-Offense	FD TO	Rushing	Passing	Tot-Offense	FD TO
Texas Tech	38-187	39-320	77-507	28 1	48-182	27-162	75-344	18 3
East Carolina	53-362	22-186	75-548	22 2	44-191	20-61	64-222	10 6
Memphis State	46-244	35-289	81-533	25 6	46-106	25-143	71-249	15 2
Michigan State	33-174	32-193	65-367	17 1	56-234	21-43	77-215	15 2
Miami	60-225	24-201	84-426	25 2	24-52	29-254	53-306	11 0
Southern Miss	50-388	39-214	89-602	29 4	39-270	32-40	71-310	15 5
Louisville	54-364	32-193	86-542	31 2	22-27	53-339	75-366	22 1
Tulane	47-305	25-299	72-604	25 3	37-138	35-150	72-288	16 4
Auburn	52-221	27-139	57-362	21 3	23-40	34-187	57-227	12 6
Furman	37-243	27-200	64-443	19 0	54-250	13-70	67-282	18 2
Florida	60-279	16-132	76-411	26 1	29-93	21-114	50-207	11 1

## Season Totals

Team Statistics	FSU	Opp			
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>135</b>			
Average Per Game	40.9	12.3			
TD/Run-Pass-Return	34-18-83	9-5-1			
Pat	47-50	11-12			
2-Pt. Conversion	2-5	2-3			
Safety	0-0	0-0			
Field Goals	23-31	10-16			
<b>First Downs</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>163</b>			
By Rushing	152	79			
By Passing	106	61			
By Penalty	10	23			
3rd Down Attempt/Conv.	69/154	44/163			
3rd Down Efficiency	44.8	27.0			
<b>Total Yardage</b>	<b>5361</b>	<b>3016</b>			
Average Per Game	487	274			
Ball Control Plays	848	732			
Average Per Play	6.3	4.1			
% Plays Rush-Pass	62-38	59-42			
% Yards Rush-Pass	56-44	48-52			
<b>Rushing Average</b>	<b>2995</b>	<b>1453</b>			
Average Per Game	272.3	132.1			
Total Attempts	530	422			
Average Per Play	5.6	3.4			
<b>Passing Yardage</b>	<b>2366</b>	<b>1563</b>			
Average Per Game	215.1	142.1			
Attempts/Completions	318/173	310/129			
Yards Per Attempt	7.4	5.1			
Yards Per Completion	13.7	12.1			
<b>Penalties</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>59</b>			
Yards Penalized	749	567			
Avg. Per Game (#/Yds)	7.1/68.1	5.4/51.5			
<b>Kickoff Returns</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>68</b>			
Yards Returned/TD	690/0	1157/0			
Average Per Return	20.3	17.0			
<b>Punt Returns</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>19</b>			
Yards Returned/TD	512/1	123/0			
Average Per Return	12.8	6.5			
<b>Interceptions</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>			
Yards Returned/TD	75/0	110/1			
Average Per Return	5.0	10.0			
<b>Fumbles/Lost</b>	<b>20/14</b>	<b>31/17</b>			
<b>Possession Time</b>	<b>356:59</b>	<b>303:01</b>			
Average Per Game	32:45	27:55			
<b>Score By Quarters</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Florida State	98	132	114	105	450
Opponents	47	32	18	38	135

Schedule and Results	FSU	OPP	Attendance
TEXAS TECH (H)	40	16	52,893
East Carolina (A)	44	3	33,937
MEMPHIS STATE (H)	41	24	50,191
Michigan State (A)	31	3	76,887
MIAMI (H)	25	26	62,561
Southern Mississippi (A)	61	10	25,853
LOUISVILLE (H)	32	9	53,114
TULANE (H)	73	14	53,210
Auburn (A)	34	6	85,170
FURMAN (H)	41	10	50,087
Florida (A)	28	14	74,613
Nebraska (A) *	31	28	72,112
*Fiesta Bowl			
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>690,628</b>	<b>(57,552 avg.)</b>
Home:	323,076	(53,846 avg.)	
Away:	296,410	(59,282 avg.)	
Neutral:	72,112	(72,112 avg.)	



Junior Marion Butts broke loose on this 56-yard run vs. Texas Tech in his first major college game

## 1987 Florida State Final NCAA Team Rankings

SCORING—2nd—40.9 ppg (450)  
 TOTAL OFFENSE—3rd—487.36 YPG (5,361)  
 RUSHING OFFENSE—9th—272.3 YPG (2,995)  
 TOTAL DEFENSE—12th—274.2 YPG (3,106)  
 SCORING DEFENSE—7th—12.3 PPG (135)  
 PASS DEFENSE—11th—142.1 YPG (1,563)  
 PUNT RETURNS—7th—12.8 YPR (512)

## Individual Statistics - Offense

Rushing	G	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	LP	(Opp)
S. Smith	10	172	1289	59	1230	7.1	7	95	(FUR)
D. Carter	11	116	728	49	679	5.8	6	74	(MSU)
Bennett	11	58	285	9	276	4.8	0	20	(AUB)
D. Williams	11	71	290	18	272	3.8	15	40	(USM)
Floyd	4	29	210	6	204	7.0	2	31	(UL)
Butts	11	35	202	3	199	5.7	1	56	(TEX)
Lewis	11	10	122	18	104	10.4	1	56	(MIC)
Dawsey	10	5	64	4	60	12.0	0	25	(TUL)
Parker	2	10	34	1	33	3.3	0	9	(TEX)
Willis	4	1	18	0	18	18.0	0	18	(MSU)
Hall	2	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	(ECU)
Jones	1	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	(TUL)
Merma	1	1	0	1	-1	0.0	0	—	
Moore	1	1	0	4	-4	0.0	0	—	
McManus	11	12	34	48	-14	0.0	1	8	(USM)
Ferguson	8	6	11	25	-14	0.0	1	10	(ECU)
Team	1	1	0	51	-51	0.0	0	—	
Florida State	11	530	3291	296	2995	5.6	34	95	(FUR)
Opponents	11	422	1808	355	1453	3.4	9	69	(USM)

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LP	(Opp)
Gainer	11	30	478	15.9	6	37	(TEX)
P. Carter	11	28	274	9.8	2	25	(TEX)
Lewis	11	23	418	18.2	4	47	(FLA)
D. Carter	11	19	216	11.4	1	37	(TEX)
D. Williams	11	12	113	9.4	0	17	(ECU)
Bennett	11	9	113	12.5	0	26	(TEX)
Anthony	11	7	137	19.6	1	32	(UL)
Dawsey	11	7	82	11.7	0	23	(MIA)
O'Malley	11	7	73	10.4	0	18	(MSU)
S. Smith	10	6	128	21.3	2	57	(TUL)
DiMare	3	5	54	10.8	0	24	(EUC)
Butts	11	4	65	16.2	0	47	(FUR)
Johnson	6	4	35	8.7	0	11	(MSU)
White	8	3	89	29.7	1	59	(ECU)
LaSane	9	2	26	13.0	0	17	(TUL)
Floyd	4	2	20	10.0	1	14	(ECU)
Roberts	8	2	14	7.0	0	8	(USM)
Parker	2	1	28	28.0	0	28	(TEX)
Ross	6	1	5	5.0	0	28	(TEX)
McManus	11	1	-2	0.0	0	—	
Florida State	11	173	2366	13.7	18	59	(ECU)
Opponents	11	129	1563	12.1	5	73	(MIA)

Passing	G	Att-Comp-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	LP	(Opp)
McManus	11	264-138-9	52.3	1964	14	59	(ECU)
Ferguson	8	44-26-2	59.1	335	3	32	(UL)
Willis	4	10-9-0	90.0	67	1	12	(USM)
Florida State	11	318-173-11	54.4	2366	18	59	(ECU)
Opponents	11	310-129-15	41.6	1563	5	73	(MIA)

Scoring	TD/Run-Pass-Return	FG-FGA	XP-XPA	Total
Schmidt	0/0-0-0	23-31	47-50	116
D. Williams	15/15-0-0	0-0	0-0	90
S. Smith	9/7-2-0	0-0	0-0	54
D. Carter	7/6-1-0	0-0	0-0	48
Gainer	6/0-6-0	0-0	*1-1	38
Lewis	5/1-4-0	0-0	0-0	36
Floyd	3/2-1-0	0-0	0-0	18
P. Carter	2/0-2-0	0-0	0-0	6
McManus	1/1-0-0	0-0	0-0	12
Ferguson	1/1-0-0	0-0	0-0	6
Butts	1/1-0-0	0-0	0-0	6
White	1/0-1-0	0-0	0-0	6
Anthony	1/0-1-0	0-0	0-0	6
D. Sanders	1/0-0-1	0-0	0-0	6
A. Williams	1/0-0-1	0-0	0-0	6
Ragans	1/0-0-1	0-0	0-0	6
Bennett	0/0-0-0	0-0	*1-1	2

\* 2-pt conversion

Field Goals	G	FG-FGA	Pct.
Schmidt	11	23-31	.742
Opponents	11	10-16	.625

Range of Field Goals	18-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Schmidt	7-8	9-13	6-8	1-2
Opponents	3-3	4-5	3-6	0-2
Schmidt's FG's:	44, 42, 40, 36, 28, 36, 41, 21, 36, 35, 21, 47, 37, 33, 37, 27, 36, 41, 26, 23, 53, 37			

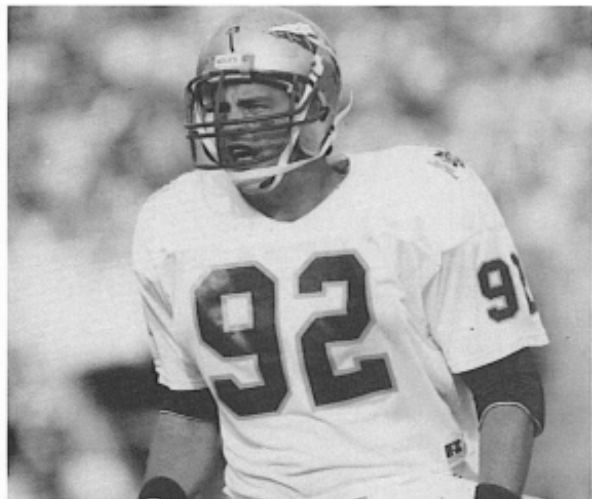
Punting	G	No.	Yds	Avg.	BL	LP	(Opp)
Tuten	11	37	1438	38.9	1	52	(USM)
Team	11	1	0	—	—	—	
Opponents	11	76	2771	36.5	6	56	(MICH)

All>Returns (No.-Yards-LP-TD)	Kickoff	Punt	Interception
D. Sanders		32-381-53-1	4-42-18-0
D. Carter	11-267-39-0		
Ross	14-277-28-0		
Butler	4-92-35-0	1-11-11-0	
Ragans	4-55-19-0	1-32-32-0	
D. Williams	1-19-19-0		
Shiver		1-11-11-0	4-23-12-0
Dodge			2-0-0-0
E. Williams		1-23-23-0*	1-0-0-0
Mayhew		1-17-17-0*	
A. Williams		2-12-7-0*	
T. Sanders			1-0-0-0
F. Hayes		1-25-25-0*	
Freeman			1-0-0-0
K. Smith		2-25-25-0*	
Hadley			1-9-9-0
Palmer			1-1-1-0

\*Indicates return on blocked punt

## 1987 NCAA Individual Rankings

**RUSHING**—Sammie Smith, 9th, 123.00 YPG (1,230 yds)  
**SCORING**—Derek Schmidt, 2nd, 10.55 PPG (23 FG, 46 XP); Dayne Williams, 16th, 8.18 PPG (15 TD)  
**ALL PURPOSE RUNNING**—Sammie Smith, 23rd, 135.80 YPG (1,230 Rushing/128 Receiving)  
**FIELD GOALS**—Derek Schmidt, 1st, 2.09 FPG (23-31)  
**PUNT RETURNS**—Deion Sanders, 14th, 11.90 YPR (32-381)



Senior Tom O'Malley goes into the fall as the starting tight end

## Individual Rushing Statistics

Game	Smith	D. Carter	D. Williams	Butts	Bennett	Floyd
Texas Tech	DNP	14-60	9-31	2-55	3-23	DNP
East Carolina	19-244	11-66	7-3	6-23	4-8	DNP
Memphis State	13-68	15-135	9-35	4-17	1-3	DNP
Michigan St.	9-19	9-28	3-10	4-17	3-11	DNP
Miami	30-189	7-8	2-6	3-6	7-31	6-16
Southern Miss	16-142	8-74	6-54	2-0	7-46	8-60
Louisville	17-119	4-26	7-36	1-8	8-45	12-124
Tulane	14-111	12-77	6-13	7-40	2-8	3-4
Auburn	22-46	11-67	6-40	1-2	9-57	DNP
Furman	15-176	6-27	8-30	2-21	4-3	DNP
Florida	17-116	19-111	8-16	3-10	10-41	DNP

## Individual Receiving Statistics

Receiver	T. Tech	ECU	Mphs. St.	Mich St	Miami	USM	U of L	Tulane	Auburn	Furman	Florida
Gainer	6-128	0-0	1-11	1-22	3-29	4-55	7-97	2-39	2-24	3-50	1-23
P. Carter	3-35	2-19	4-49	0-0	4-35	3-17	1-7	1-25	7-79	1-9	3-11
Lewis	1-15	1-14	5-107	5-85	2-21	0-0	1-26	1-32	1-18	2-30	3-68
D. Carter	4-24	0-0	4-63	2-26	3-51	0-0	1-0	2-37	0-0	2-3	0-0
D. Williams	1-15	1-17	1-12	0-0	1-15	2-12	0-0	3-21	2-18	0-0	0-0
Bennett	2-48	0-0	0-0	4-26	1-21	0-0	1-11	0-0	0-0	1-7	0-0
Anthony	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-9	0-0	3-53	2-49	0-0	0-0	1-26	0-0
Dawsey	0-0	1-6	0-0	0-0	1-23	3-34	0-0	1-5	0-0	0-0	1-14
O'Malley	2-14	1-10	2-31	0-0	0-0	1-11	0-0	1-7	0-0	0-0	0-0
Smith	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-25	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-87	0-0	0-0	1-16
DiMare	0-0	5-54	0-0	0-0	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Butts	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-18	0-0	1-47	0-0
R. Johnson	1-11	1-7	1-11	0-0	0-0	1-6	0-0	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
R. White	0-0	1-59	0-0	0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0	1-11	0-0	1-19	0DNP
LaSane	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	DNP	1-17	DNP	1-9	DNP
Floyd	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-6	1-14	0-0	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
Roberts	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-14	0-0	0-0	DNP	DNP

## Individual Passing Statistics

Game	McManus Att-Comp Yds-TD-INT	Ferguson Att-Comp Yds-TD-INT	Willis Att-Comp Yds-TD-INT
Texas Tech	34-19-275-2-0	5-3-45-0-0	DNP
East Carolina	13-5-110-1-0	8-7-66-0-1	1-1-10-0-0
Memphis State	31-16-247-0-2	4-3-42-1-0	0-0-0-0
Michigan State	28-13-187-2-1	4-1-6-0-0	DNP
Miami	24-16-201-1-1	DNP	DNP
Southern Miss	27-13-118-1-2	5-3-47-1-0	7-6-49-1-0
Louisville	28-13-161-1-0	4-1-32-0-1	DNP
Tulane	17-14-256-3-0	6-3-35-0-0	2-2-8-0-0
Auburn	27-12-139-2-3	DNP	DNP
Furman	19-8-138-0-0	8-5-62-1-0	DNP
Florida	16-9-132-0-1	DNP	DNP

## Florida State Individual 1987 Superlatives

Florida State	Opponent
Long Rush, TD	69, Warnley, Southern Miss
Long Rush, No TD	43, E. Smith, Florida
Long Rush, TD	73, Irvin, Miami
Long Rush, No TD	52, Walker, Texas Tech
Long Punt Rtn, TD	None
Long Punt Rtn, No TD	39, Broomfield, Louisville
Long Int. Rtn, TD	41, Nettles, Memphis State
Long Int. Rtn., No TD	26, Dillahunt, East Carolina
Most Int. Game	2, Briggs, Auburn
Long Punt	54, Simmons, Texas Tech
Most TDs Scored	2, Gray, Memphis State; E. Smith, Florida; Irvin, Miami
Most TDs Responsible for	3, Walsh, Miami
Most Passes Attempted	52, Gruden, Louisville
Most Passes Completed	23, Gruden, Louisville
Passing Yardage	339, Gruden, Louisville
Most Pass Receptions	8, Donaldson, Auburn
Reception Yardage	132, Irvin, Miami
Most Rushes	22, White, Michigan State
Most Rushing Yardage	126, Sterling, Furman
Lg. Kickoff Return	43, Tillman, Southern Miss

### 1987 Defensive Statistics

NAME	TKLS	ASST	TOTAL	TFL	QS	INT	CF	FR	PBU	BK
Paul McGowan	97	53	150	11	1		1	2	2	
David Palmer	49	37	86	5	1	1			1	3
Eric Hayes	35	44	79	6	4		3	3	6	
OdeLL Haggins	38	35	73	4	8		1	1	2	
Greg Newell	40	26	66	1				1	5	
Terry Warren	32	32	64	1	3		2	2		
Martin Mayhew	27	28	55	1	1				10	1(P)
Deion Sanders	29	17	46			4	1		9	
LeRoy Butler	22	19	41					1		
Kevin Grant	22	21	43		3		3	1		
Stan Shiver	23	17	40	2	2	4			2	1(P)
Steve Gabbard	9	17	26							
Kelvin Smith	14	10	24						2	(P)
Alphonso Williams	12	12	24	1	1		1		2	1(P)
Felton Hayes	8	16	24	1	1		1			
Dedrick Dodge	16	9	25			2				4
Shelton Thompson	11	13	25	1	1		1	2		
Eric Williams	10	12	22	2		1	2		3	1(P)
Bart Schuchts	8	14	22		4			1		
Thomas Harp	8	13	21							
Corian Freeman	10	9	19							
John Wyche	10	8	18							
John Hadley	11	6	17			1		1	1	
Keith Carter	9	7	16							
Tracy Sanders	9	7	16	1		1			1	
Magdi El Shahawy	3	11	14							
Bill Ragans	4	8	12				1			
Anthony Moss	3	3	6		1					
Phil Carollo	1	2	3							
Chris Nicolas	0	2	2							
Alan Stewart	0	0	0							1(FG)
Marty Riggs	0	0	0					1		

Legend: CF-Cause Fumble; FR-Fumble Recovery; TFL-Tackle For Loss; QS-Quarterback Sack; PBU Pass Broken Up; INT-Interception; BK-Blocked Kick

### Game-By-Game Leaders in Total Tackles

Texas Tech: Palmer (11), McGowan (10), Haggins (8), Sanders (7), E. Hayes (7)  
 East Carolina: McGowan (13), Newell (12), Palmer (7), Mayhew (6), Warren (6)  
 Memphis State: McGowan (16), Warren (10), E. Hayes (8), A. Williams (6), Newell (6), Dodge (6), Butler (6)  
 Michigan State: McGowan (14), Haggins (14), Mayhew (9), E. Hayes (8), Shiver (7), Krohn (7), Warren (7)  
 Miami: McGowan (10), Palmer (9), Haggins (7), Mayhew (6)  
 Southern Miss: McGowan (14), Newell (9), Warren (7), K. Smith (6)  
 Louisville: McGowan (12), Palmer (9), Grant (8), Butler (6)  
 Tulane: McGowan (11), E. Hayes (8), Grant (7), Warren (6)  
 Auburn: McGowan (14), Palmer (8), Haggins (8), Warren (8)  
 Furman: F. Hayes (22), McGowan (20), Palmer (13), Newell (10), Butler (8), Mayhew (7), Warren (7), Warren (7), Thompson (6)  
 Florida: McGowan (16), Haggins (9), E. Hayes (7)

### Sack Yardage

Haggins (8-59), Warren (3-28), Schuchts (4-34), McGowan (2-23), E. Hayes (4-26), Palmer (1-9), Shiver (2-18), Grant (3-34), Thompson (1-5), Krohn (1-4), Moss (1-4), Mayhew (1-4), Mayhew (1-1), A. Williams (1-7)

### TFL Yardage

McGowan (11-59), E. Hayes (6-17), Palmer (5-13), Haggins (4-15), E. Williams (2-3), Shiver (2-2), A. Williams (1-2), Newell (2-5), Thompson (1-2), K. Carter (1-1), Mayhew (1-1), Krohn (1-3), F. Hayes (1-1), Warren (1-1), T. Sanders (1-1)

### Florida State Honor Roll

#### BOBBY BOWDEN

Region II Coach of the Year

#### DEION SANDERS, Cornerback

Football Writers All-American (1st)  
 Kodak All-American (1st)  
 Walter Camp All-American (1st)  
 Associated Press All-American (1st)  
 Sporting News All-American (1st)  
 Football News All-American (1st)  
 United Press International All-American (1st)  
 Scripps Howard News Service All-American  
 All-South Independent (1st)  
 Jim Thorpe Award (finalist)  
 Fiesta Bowl Samaritan All-American

#### PAUL MCGOWAN, Inside Linebacker

Bulkus Award Winner (Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando)  
 Florida Amateur Athlete of the Year  
 Associated Press All-American (1st)  
 Sporting News All-American (1st)  
 Football News All-American (1st)  
 All-South Independent  
 Japan and East-West Shrine Bowl Participant  
 Independent Insurance Agents of America Senior All-American  
 W.A. Alexander Memorial Award (Touchdown Club of Atlanta)

#### PAT CARTER, Tight End

Sporting News All-American (1st)  
 Associated Press All-American (2nd)  
 All-South Independent (1st)  
 Japan and Hula Bowl Participant

#### SAMMIE SMITH, Tailback

All-South Independent (1st)  
 Associated Press All-American (HM)  
 Sports Illustrated Player of the Week (vs. East Carolina)  
 CBS - Chevrolet Most Valuable Player (vs. Miami)  
 CBS - Chevrolet Most Valuable Player (vs. Florida)

#### DEREK SCHMIDT, Kicking Specialist

NCAA Division I All-Time Leading Scorer  
 Associated Press All-American (3rd)  
 All-South Independent (1st)  
 CBS - Chevrolet Most Valuable Player (vs. Auburn)

#### PAT TOMBERLIN, Offensive Tackle

Associated Press All-American (3rd)  
 All-South Independent (1st)

#### ERIC HAYES, Defensive Tackle

Associated Press All-American (HM)  
 All-South Independent (1st)

#### TERRY WARREN, Outside Linebacker

Associated Press All-American (HM)  
 All-South Independent (1st)

#### ODELL HAGGINS, Noseguard

Associated Press All-American (HM)  
 All-South Independent (2nd)

#### HERB GAINER, Wide Receiver

Associated Press All-American (HM)  
 All-South Independent (2nd)

#### JASON KUIPERS, Offensive Guard

Associated Press All-American (HM)  
 All-South Independent (2nd)

#### DAVID PALMER, Inside Linebacker

Toyota Leadership Award (vs. Miami)  
 COSIDA Academic All-American (District 3)

#### MARTIN MAYHEW, Cornerback

Toyota Leadership Award (vs. Auburn)

#### DANNY MCMANUS, Quarterback

Fiesta Bowl MVP  
 Athletic Exemplary Player Award (New York Downtown Athletic Club)  
 Toyota Leadership Award (vs. Florida)