

WEEK ELEVEN
FLORIDA ST AT NOTRE DAME

SOUTH BEND, Ind. -- Brandon Wimbush threw three-first half touch-down passes, Dexter Williams ran for a career-high 202 yards and No. 3 Notre Dame took advantage of Florida State turnovers to rout Florida State 42-13 on a frosty Saturday night.

With the temperature at 27 degrees -- the third-coldest game at Notre Dame Stadium since the 1980 season -- the Irish (10-0, No. 3 CFP) wore green jerseys for the fourth time in Brian Kelly's nine-year tenure at Notre Dame to honor their seniors.

Wimbush, who led the Irish to their first three victories, got the start in place of injured junior Ian Book, who suffered a rib injury last week against Northwestern.

Wimbush finished 12 of 25 for 130 yards with the scoring passes to fellow seniors -- a 3-yarder to wide receiver Miles Boykin and 6- and 15-yard tosses to tight end Alize Mack.

Williams, who sat out the first four games of his senior season because of a university-imposed suspension, piled up the 202 yards on 20 carries, including TD runs of 58 and 32 yards, as Notre Dame outgained Florida State, 495-322, including 365 on the ground.

Wimbush, however, did throw a pair of second-half interceptions that allowed coach Willie Taggart's Seminoles (4-6) to stay around after the Irish had taken a 32-6 halftime lead.

Cam Akers had two touchdown runs for Florida State, his second on a 7-yard run following Stanford Samuels' interception early in the third quarter.

But Notre Dame's defense denied points after Dontavious Jackson's third-quarter theft when senior Drue Tranquill and junior Khalid Kareem made stops after the Seminoles had reached the Irish 1. On fourth down, quarterback Deondre Francois (23-47, 216 yards) threw incomplete.

The Seminoles, who practiced in summer-like conditions in Tallahassee before flying into wintry South Bend, saw Francois' second pass of the game intercepted by senior Nick Coleman and Akers' fumble recovered by junior Daelin Hayes. The Irish converted them into 10 points while taking a 17-0 first-quarter lead.

TAKEAWAYS

Florida State: The Seminoles were their own worst enemy in the first half, surrendering 10 points after a pair of turnovers in the first quarter and another two points on Julian Love's return of a blocked conversion attempt in the second quarter. FSU's defense, which entered the game allowing just 111.1 yards per game (17th nationally), surrendered 141 yards in the first 30 minutes, 58 on Williams' touchdown run.

Notre Dame: Notre Dame's tall senior receivers dominated the banged-up Florida State secondary with three acrobatic TD catches in the first half. First, the 6-foot-4 Boykin outleaped his defender on a nicely thrown Wimbush pass. Later, the 6-foot-4 3/4 Mack kept one foot inbounds to give the Irish a 14-0 lead and then outleaped an FSU defender for a 15-yard TD in the second quarter that sent the Irish in at halftime up 32-6.

Scoring Summary -----

	FSU	ND
FIRST QUARTER		
ND TD 13:45		
Miles Boykin 3 Yd pass from Brandon Wimbush (Justin Yoon Kick)		
2 plays, 3 yards, 0:34	0	7
ND TD 6:51		
Alize Mack 6 Yd pass from Brandon Wimbush (Justin Yoon Kick)		
14 plays, 81 yards, 5:03	0	14
ND FG 5:53		
Justin Yoon 26 Yd Field Goal		
4 plays, 6 yards, 0:46	0	17
SECOND QUARTER		
FSU TD 13:17		
Cam Akers 8 Yd Run (Ricky Aguayo PAT blocked)		
16 plays, 75 yards, 7:36	6	19
ND D2P 13:17		
Julian Love Defensive PAT Conversion		
16 plays, 75 yards, 7:36	6	19
ND TD 11:37		
Dexter Williams 58 Yd Run (Justin Yoon PAT blocked)		
4 plays, 75 yards, 1:40	6	25
ND TD 6:18		
Alize Mack 15 Yd pass from Brandon Wimbush (Justin Yoon Kick)		
6 plays, 67 yards, 1:50	6	32
THIRD QUARTER		
FSU TD 13:35		
Cam Akers 7 Yd Run (Ricky Aguayo Kick)		
4 plays, 30 yards, 0:45	13	32
ND FG 10:08		
Justin Yoon 35 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 57 yards, 3:27	13	35
FOURTH QUARTER		
FSU TD 13:10		
Dexter Williams 32 Yd Run (Justin Yoon Kick)		
12 plays, 97 yards, 5:30	13	42

Team Stats	FSU	ND
First Downs	20	24
Total Yards	322	495
Total Plays	78	75
Avg Gain Per Play	4.1	6.6
Net Yards Rushing	106	365
Rushes	30	50
Yards Per Rush	3.5	7.3
Net Yards Passing	216	130
Comp-Att	23-48	12-25
Yards Per Pass	4.5	5.2
Times Sacked	1	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-12	0
Interceptions	1	2
Punts	4	2
Punt Average	39.8	39.0
Penalties	5	8
Penalty Yards	35	74
Fumbles	2	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	28:00	32:00

Individual Stats

RUSHING

FSU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Cam Akers	12	63	5.3	2	19
Jacques Patrick	16	53	3.3	0	11
Deondre Francois	2	-10	-5.0	0	2

ND	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Dexter Williams	20	202	10.1	2	58
Brandon Wimbush	12	68	5.7	0	17
Jafar Armstrong	7	44	6.3	0	22
Tony Jones Jr.	6	39	6.5	0	16
Avery Davis	4	10	2.5	0	5
Phil Jurkovec	1	2	2.0	0	2

PASSING

FSU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Deondre Francois	23	47	216	4.6	0	1	83.3
Cam Akers	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0

ND	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Brandon Wimbush	12	25	130	5.2	3	2	115.3

RECEIVING

FSU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nyqwan Murray	6	79	13.2	0	40
Tamorrion Terry	6	49	8.2	0	10
Keith Gavin	3	46	15.3	0	19
D.J. Matthews	4	31	7.8	0	14
George Campbell	2	6	3.0	0	4
Jacques Patrick	1	3	3.0	0	3
Tre' McKitty	1	2	2.0	0	2

ND	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Chris Finke	4	59	14.8	0	21
Miles Boykin	4	30	7.5	1	14
Alize Mack	3	29	9.7	2	15
Chase Claypool	1	12	12.0	0	12

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FSU	0	6	7	0	13
ND	17	15	3	7	42