

WEEK ONE
BOISE ST vs FLORIDA ST

Boise St. rallies past Florida St. 36-31 behind freshman QB

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Through the uncertainty, the travel and the adversity, Boise State never lost focus.

Not even when the Broncos were down by 18 points in the second half. And they have authored the latest chapter in Boise State's history of upsets.

Hank Bachmeier tossed a third-quarter TD pass and Robert Mahone had a 1-yard touchdown run in the fourth and Boise State rallied from an 18-point deficit to knock off Florida State 36-31 on Saturday.

"The first half, it was tough," Boise State offensive lineman John Molchon said. "But we knew if we were going to just fall over it would have been an embarrassment. At the end of the day our mentality was still fast and physical."

Boise State (1-0) was quick to rally and overwhelmed Florida State on a humid afternoon. In a game moved from Jacksonville to Tallahassee due to Hurricane Dorian, Florida State squandered a 31-13 lead and lost its season opener for the third straight time.

Bachmeier, a true freshman, was pounded early by Florida State's defensive front for five sacks and eight hurries. But he threw for 407 yards as Boise State defeated a Power 5 team for the sixth time since the 2014 season. It was the most passing yards by a Boise State first-time starting quarterback.

And Bachmeier delivered on third downs, completing 8 of 12 passes for 136 yards. All eight of the completions were first downs.

"The No. 1 thing is toughness," Boise State coach Bryan Harsin said. "He took shots. ... But at the end of the day, why do you play the game? To compete. Why do you compete? To win. What I found out about our quarterback today is he wanted to win and he wanted to win so bad that he found a way to get that done."

James Blackman had three touchdown passes in the first half as Florida State took a 24-6 lead with 10:53 left. Blackman finished completing 23 of 33 passes for 327 yards but the Seminoles (0-1) were held scoreless after halftime.

His third touchdown pass, a 58-yard toss to Keyshawn Helton, put the Seminoles up 31-13 with 4:07 left in the second quarter.

The second half was all Boise State. Bachmeier connected with Khalil Shakir on an 11-yard touchdown, Eric Sachse had three second-half field goals and Mahone then put the Broncos ahead with his plunge with 12:44 to go.

Mahone had 24 carries for 142 yards, surpassing the combined 128 yards he had in 2018.

"I always knew that I could carry a game," Mahone said.

The Broncos were 8 of 8 in the red zone but settled for field goals, especially early. Sachse connected on field goals of 36, 36, 41, 26 and 30.

Florida State had two fumbles in the third quarter on back-to-back drives, both of them in Boise State's end of the field.

"Let one get away as a team," Florida State coach Willie Taggart said. "I think everybody played a part in the mistakes. But I will say one game will not define this football team. Our guys will bounce back."

GAME PLAN: RUN

Boise State's 57 rushing attempts were the second-most during Harsin's tenure as coach since 2014. The Broncos ran for 214 yards and were consistently able to build methodical scoring drives. The 57 carries was just two shy of the mark of 59 set Oct. 3, 2015 against Hawai'i.

THE TAKEAWAY

Boise State: The Broncos scored the final 23 points of the game and the defense limited the Seminoles to just 99 rushing yards on 28 carries.

Florida State: The Seminoles couldn't sustain the first-half energy and managed just 68 yards in the second half.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
BSU	6	13	7	10	36
FSU	21	10	0	0	31

Scoring Summary -----

	BSU	FSU
FIRST QUARTER		
FSU TD 12:28 Cam Akers 38 Yd Run (Ricky Aguayo Kick)		7
4 plays, 47 yards, 0:43	0	
BSU FG 7:49 Eric Sachse 36 Yd Field Goal	6	
14 plays, 56 yards, 4:39	3	7
FSU TD 7:42 Tamorrion Terry 75 Yd pass from James Blackman (Ricky Aguayo Kick)		14
1 play, 75 yards, 0:07	3	
BSU FG 3:47 Eric Sachse 36 Yd Field Goal	6	
11 plays, 56 yards, 3:55	6	14
FSU TD 1:05 Gabe Nabers 5 Yd pass from James Blackman (Ricky Aguayo Kick)		21
10 plays, 76 yards, 2:42	6	
SECOND QUARTER		
FSU FG 10:53 Ricky Aguayo 46 Yd Field Goal		24
9 plays, 61 yards, 3:21	6	
BSU TD 4:34 Robert Mahone 1 Yd Run (Eric Sachse Kick)		24
7 plays, 40 yards, 3:08	13	
FSU TD 4:07 Keyshawn Helton 58 Yd pass from James Blackman (Ricky Aguayo Kick)		31
2 plays, 75 yards, 0:27	13	
BSU FG 2:51 Eric Sachse 41 Yd Field Goal	16	
8 plays, 51 yards, 1:16	16	31
BSU FG 0:00 Eric Sachse 26 Yd Field Goal	19	
9 plays, 50 yards, 1:53	19	31
THIRD QUARTER		
BSU TD 2:50 Khalil Shakir 11 Yd pass from Hank Bachmeier (Eric Sachse Kick)		31
7 plays, 69 yards, 1:52	26	
FOURTH QUARTER		
BSU TD 12:44 Robert Mahone 1 Yd Run (Eric Sachse Kick)		31
11 plays, 60 yards, 4:09	33	
BSU FG 7:27 Eric Sachse 30 Yd Field Goal		31
8 plays, 63 yards, 3:41	36	
Team Stats	BSU	FSU
First Downs	38	19
Passes for First	22	12
Rushes for First	15	7
Penalties for First	1	0
Third Down Efficiency	10-19	1-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	1-2
Total Yards	621	426
Total Plays	108	62
Avg Gain Per Play	5.8	6.9
Net Yards Rushing	214	99
Rushes	57	28
Yards Per Rush	3.8	3.5
Stat Name		
Net Yards Passing	407	327
Comp-Att	30-51	23-34
Yards Per Pass	8.0	9.6
Times Sacked	4	6
Yds Lost To Sacks	-30	-37
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	4	7
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	6	5
Penalty Yards	35	44
Fumbles	5	4
Fumbles Lost	2	2
Time of Poss	40:03	19:57

Individual Stats

RUSHING

BOISE ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Robert Mahone	24	142	5.9	2	18
George Holani	14	70	5.0	0	24
Andrew Van Buren	5	19	3.8	0	10
John Hightower	2	7	3.5	0	7
Chase Cord	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Akilian Butler	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
Hank Bachmeier	7	-13	-1.9	0	13

FLORIDA ST

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Cam Akers	15	116	7.7	1	38
Keyshawn Helton	1	14	14.0	0	14
D.J. Matthews	1	10	10.0	0	10
Khalan Laborn	3	8	2.7	0	12
James Blackman	7	-25	-3.6	0	9

PASSING

BOISE ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Hank Bachmeier	30	51	407	8.0	1	1	57.6
FLORIDA ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
James Blackman	23	33	327	9.9	3	0	32.7
Cam Akers	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	3.1

RECEIVING

BOISE ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
CT Thomas	5	103	20.6	0	36
Khalil Shakir	8	78	9.8	1	21
Akilian Butler	5	58	11.6	0	18
John Bates	3	51	17.0	0	27
George Holani	2	33	16.5	0	21
Robert Mahone	1	27	27.0	0	27
Octavius Evans	2	25	12.5	0	18
John Hightower	2	25	12.5	0	14
Andrew Van Buren	2	7	3.5	0	6
FLORIDA ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Tamorrion Terry	4	99	24.8	1	75
Keyshawn Helton	1	58	58.0	1	58
Warren Thompson	2	50	25.0	0	51
Keith Gavin	4	39	9.8	0	14
Ontaria Wilson	3	26	8.7	0	13
D.J. Matthews	4	19	4.8	0	14
Cam Akers	2	12	6.0	0	11
Camren McDonald	1	11	11.0	0	11
Tre' McKitty	1	8	8.0	0	8
Gabe Nabers	1	5	5.0	1	5