

**WEEK FOURTEEN**  
**FLORIDA ST at FLORIDA**

**Swamp success: No. 8 Florida ends 4-game home skid vs FSU**

GAINESVILLE, Fla. -- Florida receiver Kadarius Toney stopped in the end zone, struck a pose and pointed to the scoreboard as Florida State players walked by.

He was taunting the rival Seminoles -- at halftime. The game was essentially over at that point, and everyone knew it.

Kyle Trask threw three first-half touchdown passes, including two to Freddie Swain, and the eighth-ranked Gators hammered the Seminoles 40-17 to end a four-game, home losing streak in the series.

"That's bragging rights for your neighbors," said Florida's Dan Mullen, who improved to 6-0 in his coaching career against FSU.

The Gators (10-2, No. 11 CFP) locked up consecutive 10-win seasons for the first time in a decade, finished unbeaten at home for the first time in four years and celebrated their first winning streak against FSU since 2009.

Florida scored touchdowns on four of its first five possessions, needing two fourth-down conversions to get the first two, and was able to start celebrating long before the final seconds ticked off the clock.

"I think it was just a big statement for us," Trask said. "We haven't been getting a whole lot of respect around the country."

Pass-happy and pretty much one-dimensional, Florida picked apart FSU's beleaguered defense -- a rarity in a series that typically features stout defenses.

Trask completed 30 of 41 passes for 343 yards, including two short ones to Swain that went for scores. One of 22 seniors recognized before their home finale, Swain caught a screen pass, waited for a block, split two defenders and sprinted 19 yards to cap the opening drive. He made it 20-7 in the second quarter when he broke a tackle near the sideline, outran one defender and bowled through another at the goal line.

Swain watched the second half from the sideline in street clothes because of a sprained knee. He finished with five receptions for 62 yards.

"He's done a great job," Mullen said. "He's a great leader for us."

Fellow senior Van Jefferson also had two TD catches, one from Trask and another from backup Emory Jones. Another senior, graduate transfer Jon Greenard, had three of Florida's eight sacks.

"It gets you choked up," Greenard said. "It's bittersweet."

The sold-out Swamp was rocking most of the night, and the home crowd got something it hadn't seen since Tim Tebow's senior season in 2009 -- a victory over FSU in Gainesville. The Gators had lost four in a row at home in the series by a combined 85 points. The stadium was packed until Evan McPherson's field goal on the first play of the fourth quarter. That put Florida up 23 and sent thousands scrambling for the exits.

No one really expected the Seminoles (6-6) to keep it close; oddsmakers had them as 17 1/2-point underdogs.

Longtime assistant and interim head coach Odell Haggins had hoped to strengthen his case to replace fired coach Willie Taggart. But the Seminoles showed some of the same issues that plagued Taggart's tenure.

"We didn't perform the way we wanted to, doing the little things right," Haggins said. "I articulated to my team: the lesson we learned tonight is bigger than football by creating great habits throughout your life."

FSU was flagged for being offside after stopping a fourth-down run and was later penalized for illegal formation before the Seminoles recovered a muffed punt. The Gators scored after both miscues.

The 'Noles had a few highlights, but one stood out. James Blackman threw a backward pass to receiver D.J. Matthews, who ran across the field, eluded two defenders, slipped out of an ankle tackle and then flipped an underhanded pass to Tamorrion Terry for a 25-yard gain that set up a field goal.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Florida State: The Seminoles gave up eight sacks and finished with 250 yards, resulting in another lopsided loss in the series. Whoever the next coach is will inherit a program with plenty of deficiencies.

Florida: Mullen stated his team's case to make a New Year's Six bowl. He tried to run up the score late when he called a fake punt on a fourth-and-1 play at his own 19. Punter Tommy Townsend was tackled short of the markers.

**POLL IMPLICATIONS**

Florida should remain in the top 10 of the AP college football poll, especially with No. 5 Alabama, No. 9 Minnesota and 10th-ranked Michigan all losing.

**KEY INJURIES**

Florida State: Safety Hamsah Nasirildeen, the team's top tackler, left the field on a cart and with an air cast on his left leg in the second quarter. Nasirildeen notched his 100th tackle of the season before getting hurt. He became the fourth FSU defender since 2000 to accomplish that feat and first defensive back.

Florida: Defensive end and fifth-year senior Jabari Zuniga, one of the team's most disruptive pass-rushers, missed his seventh game of the season. Zuniga should be able to play in Florida's bowl game.

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FSU	7	0	10	0	17
FLA	7	23	7	3	40

**Scoring Summary -----**

	FSU	FLA
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
FLA TD 10:19 Freddie Swain 19 Yd pass from Kyle Trask (Evan McPherson Kick)		7
11 plays, 75 yards, 4:41	0	7
FSU TD 5:59 Jordan Travis 1 Yd Run (Ricky Aguayo Kick)	7	
10 plays, 75 yards, 4:20	7	7
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
FLA TD 13:46 Dameon Pierce 1 Yd Run (Evan McPherson PAT failed)		13
13 plays, 75 yards, 7:13	7	13
FLA TD 10:55 Freddie Swain 23 Yd pass from Kyle Trask (Evan McPherson Kick)		20
3 plays, 85 yards, 1:30	7	20
FLA TD 5:06 Van Jefferson 13 Yd pass from Kyle Trask (Evan McPherson Kick)		27
5 plays, 40 yards, 1:23	7	27
FLA FG 0:10 Evan McPherson 50 Yd Field Goal		30
8 plays, 51 yards, 1:32	7	30
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
FSU FG 12:13 Ricky Aguayo 48 Yd Field Goal	10	30
10 plays, 44 yards, 2:47	10	30
FLA TD 6:34 Van Jefferson 6 Yd pass from Emory Jones (Evan McPherson Kick)		37
11 plays, 75 yards, 5:39	10	37
FSU TD 4:53 Cam Akers 50 Yd Run (Ricky Aguayo Kick)	17	37
5 plays, 75 yards, 1:36	17	37
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
FLA FG 14:56 Evan McPherson 21 Yd Field Goal		40
11 plays, 52 yards, 4:51	17	40

Team Stats	FSU	FLA
First Downs	13	26
Passes for First	8	16
Rushes for First	5	5
Penalties for First	0	5
Third Down Efficiency	5-14	8-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	2-3
Total Yards	250	467
Total Plays	56	73
Avg Gain Per Play	4.5	6.4
Net Yards Rushing	69	77
Rushes	31	25
Yards Per Rush	2.2	3.1
Net Yards Passing	181	390
Comp-Att	16-25	35-48
Yards Per Pass	7.2	8.1
Times Sacked	8	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-56	0
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	6	2
Punt Average	43.8	39.0
Penalties	13	3
Penalty Yards	97	25
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	26:06	33:54

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

FLORIDA ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Cam Akers	17	102	6.0	1	50
Jordan Travis	5	7	1.4	1	4
James Blackman	9	-40	-4.4	0	11
FLORIDA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Emory Jones	7	33	4.7	0	15
Lamical Perine	4	18	4.5	0	10
Kyle Trask	4	16	4.0	0	8
Dameon Pierce	5	5	1.0	1	3
Josh Hammond	1	5	5.0	0	5
Malik Davis	2	1	0.5	0	1
Tommy Townsend	1	0	0.0	0	0
Kadarius Toney	1	-1	-1.0	0	0

**PASSING**

FLORIDA ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
James Blackman	14	23	150	6.5	0	0	22.4
D.J. Matthews	1	1	25	25.0	0	0	100.0
Jordan Travis	1	1	6	6.0	0	0	27.1
FLORIDA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kyle Trask	30	41	343	8.4	3	0	92.3
Emory Jones	5	6	47	7.8	1	0	83.5
Kadarius Toney	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	3.0

**RECEIVING**

FLORIDA ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Tamorrion Terry	7	131	18.7	0	45
Gabe Nabers	3	22	7.3	0	9
Keith Gavin	1	16	16.0	0	16
D.J. Matthews	3	10	3.3	0	12
Cam Akers	2	2	1.0	0	7
FLORIDA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Kadarius Toney	4	65	16.3	0	47
Freddie Swain	5	62	12.4	2	23
Van Jefferson	5	48	9.6	2	19
Tyrie Cleveland	4	44	11.0	0	25
Kyle Pitts	5	44	8.8	0	13
Lamical Perine	3	40	13.3	0	30
Josh Hammond	3	39	13.0	0	31
Jacob Copeland	3	19	6.3	0	17
Lucas Krull	1	15	15.0	0	15
Trevon Grimes	2	14	7.0	0	9