

WEEK TWO  
UL MONROE at FLORIDA ST

**Akers helps Florida St. hold off ULM in overtime**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Cam Akers had a program-record 36 carries, the final one a 4-yard touchdown, as Florida State defeated Louisiana Monroe 45-44 in overtime on Saturday.

Caleb Evans had a 5-yard touchdown run just moments later and the Warhawks went for the one-point conversion that would force a second overtime period, but Jacob Meeks missed the kick, setting off a celebration on the Seminoles' sideline and in the stands.

Akers, a junior tailback, ran for a career-high 193 yards and scored two rushing touchdowns. He also had a 44-yard TD reception for Florida State (1-1).

James Blackman completed 30 of 40 passes for 282 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions for the Seminoles. He connected with nine receivers, throwing touchdowns to D.J. Matthews, Tre'Shaun Harrison and Akers.

But Blackman's mistakes were costly. The redshirt sophomore quarterback and receiver Tamorrion Terry miscommunicated on a third-quarter pass play as ULM's Corey Straughter jumped in front of a pass and ran 57 yards for a touchdown as the Warhawks cut the FSU lead to 24-14.

ULM (1-1) had four touchdowns and a field goal on its final six opportunities in regulation to force overtime. Meeks' 24-yard field-goal attempt with 1:30 left tied the game at 38.

Evans completed 23 of 38 passes for 241 yards and two touchdowns. Josh Johnson ran 26 times for 126 yards and a touchdown.

Blackman had a pair of first-half touchdown passes as Florida State had scored on its first three drives and led 24-7 at the half.

FSU was 10 of 19 on third-down conversions after converting on just 1 of 12 in the opener vs. Boise State.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

ULM: The Warhawks made adjustments, accumulated 419 offensive yards and had Florida State on the ropes until the missed kick in overtime.

Florida State: The Seminoles escaped with a victory in a game where the school paid ULM \$1.65 million to make the trip to Tallahassee.

| Final | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | OT | T  |
|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| ULM   | 0  | 7  | 14 | 17 | 6  | 44 |
| FSU   | 14 | 10 | 0  | 14 | 7  | 45 |

**Scoring Summary -----**

|   | ULM | FSU |
|---|-----|-----|
| <b>FIRST QUARTER</b>  |     |     |
| FSU TD 11:51 Cam Akers 9 Yd Run (Ricky Aguayo Kick)                               | 0   | 7   |
| 9 plays, 70 yards, 2:21   |     |     |
| FSU TD 4:06 Tre'Shaun Harrison 19 Yd pass from James Blackman (Ricky Aguayo Kick) | 0   | 14  |
| 13 plays, 80 yards, 4:42  |     |     |
| <b>SECOND QUARTER</b>   |     |     |
| FSU TD 14:26 James Blackman 6 Yd Run (Ricky Aguayo Kick)                          | 0   | 21  |
| 7 plays, 40 yards, 2:37   |     |     |
| ULM TD 3:43 Josh Pederson 33 Yd pass from Caleb Evans (Jacob Meeks Kick)          | 7   | 21  |
| 5 plays, 44 yards, 1:34   |     |     |
| FSU FG 0:00 Ricky Aguayo 36 Yd Field Goal   | 7   | 24  |
| 9 plays, 31 yards, 3:36   |     |     |
| <b>THIRD QUARTER</b>  |     |     |
| ULM TD 8:55 Corey Straughter 57 Yd Interception Return (Jacob Meeks Kick)         | 14  | 24  |
| 3 plays, 15 yards, 0:35   |     |     |
| ULM TD 2:59 Caleb Evans 10 Yd Run (Jacob Meeks Kick)                              | 21  | 24  |
| 7 plays, 46 yards, 3:39   |     |     |
| <b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>   |     |     |
| FSU TD 13:22 D.J. Matthews 7 Yd pass from James Blackman (Ricky Aguayo Kick)      | 21  | 31  |
| 12 plays, 78 yards, 4:33  |     |     |
| ULM TD 9:47 Xavier Brown 2 Yd pass from Caleb Evans (Jacob Meeks Kick)            | 28  | 31  |
| 9 plays, 60 yards, 3:35   |     |     |
| ULM TD 7:41 Josh Johnson 1 Yd Run (Jacob Meeks Kick)                              | 35  | 31  |
| 4 plays, 33 yards, 1:16   |     |     |
| FSU TD 6:09 Cam Akers 44 Yd pass from James Blackman (Ricky Aguayo Kick)          | 35  | 38  |
| 5 plays, 75 yards, 1:32   |     |     |
| ULM FG 1:30 Jacob Meeks 24 Yd Field Goal  | 38  | 38  |
| 13 plays, 68 yards, 4:39  |     |     |
| <b>OVERTIME</b>   |     |     |
| FSU TD Cam Akers 4 Yd Run (Ricky Aguayo Kick)                                     | 38  | 45  |
| 6 plays, 25 yards   |     |     |
| ULM TD Caleb Evans 5 Yd Run (Jacob Meeks PAT failed)                              | 44  | 45  |
| 3 plays, 25 yards   |     |     |

| Team Stats             | ULM   | FSU   |
|------------------------|-------|-------|
| First Downs            | 26    | 30    |
| Passes for First       | 15    | 9     |
| Rushes for First       | 7     | 19    |
| Penalties for First    | 4     | 2     |
| Third Down Efficiency  | 6-15  | 10-19 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency | 1-2   | 0-0   |
| Total Yards            | 419   | 501   |
| Total Plays            | 79    | 90    |
| Avg Gain Per Play      | 5.3   | 5.6   |
| Net Yards Rushing      | 178   | 219   |
| Rushes                 | 41    | 50    |
| Yards Per Rush         | 4.3   | 4.4   |
| Net Yards Passing      | 241   | 282   |
| Comp-Att               | 23-38 | 30-40 |
| Yards Per Pass         | 6.3   | 7.1   |
| Times Sacked           | 2     | 1     |
| Yds Lost To Sacks      | -10   | -4    |
| Interceptions          | 0     | 2     |
| Punts                  | 6     | 5     |
| Punt Average           | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Penalties              | 9     | 11    |
| Penalty Yards          | 74    | 108   |
| Fumbles                | 2     | 1     |
| Fumbles Lost           | 1     | 1     |
| Time of Poss           | 30:41 | 29:19 |

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

| Player          | Rush | Yds | Avg | TD | LONG |
|-----------------|------|-----|-----|----|------|
| UL MONROE       |      |     |     |    |      |
| Josh Johnson    | 26   | 126 | 4.8 | 1  | 22   |
| Caleb Evans     | 10   | 32  | 3.2 | 2  | 10   |
| Austin Vaughn   | 4    | 17  | 4.3 | 0  | 7    |
| Isaiah Phillips | 1    | 3   | 3.0 | 0  | 3    |
| FLORIDA ST      |      |     |     |    |      |
| Cam Akers       | 36   | 193 | 5.4 | 2  | 24   |
| Khalan Laborn   | 6    | 19  | 3.2 | 0  | 15   |
| James Blackman  | 6    | 5   | 0.8 | 1  | 7    |
| D.J. Matthews   | 2    | 2   | 1.0 | 0  | 2    |

**PASSING**

| Player         | Comp | Att | Yds | Y/A | TD | Int | QBRat |
|----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| UL MONROE      |      |     |     |     |    |     |       |
| Caleb Evans    | 23   | 38  | 241 | 6.3 | 2  | 0   | 77.4  |
| FLORIDA ST     |      |     |     |     |    |     |       |
| James Blackman | 30   | 40  | 282 | 7.1 | 3  | 2   | 78.2  |

**RECEIVING**

| Player             | Rec | Yds | Avg  | TD | LONG |
|--------------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| UL MONROE          |     |     |      |    |      |
| Josh Pederson      | 6   | 85  | 14.2 | 1  | 33   |
| Xavier Brown       | 5   | 55  | 11.0 | 1  | 20   |
| Markis McCray      | 6   | 52  | 8.7  | 0  | 19   |
| Jonathan Hodoh     | 2   | 26  | 13.0 | 0  | 16   |
| Tyler Lamm         | 1   | 8   | 8.0  | 0  | 8    |
| Zach Jackson       | 1   | 7   | 7.0  | 0  | 7    |
| Brandius Batiste   | 1   | 5   | 5.0  | 0  | 5    |
| Josh Johnson       | 1   | 3   | 3.0  | 0  | 3    |
| FLORIDA ST         |     |     |      |    |      |
| Tamorrion Terry    | 6   | 57  | 9.5  | 0  | 18   |
| Cam Akers          | 5   | 55  | 11.0 | 1  | 44   |
| D.J. Matthews      | 7   | 47  | 6.7  | 1  | 18   |
| Tre'Shaun Harrison | 3   | 43  | 14.3 | 1  | 19   |
| Ontaria Wilson     | 3   | 36  | 12.0 | 0  | 13   |
| Tre' McKitty       | 2   | 21  | 10.5 | 0  | 13   |
| Keith Gavin        | 2   | 16  | 8.0  | 0  | 11   |
| Warren Thompson    | 1   | 7   | 7.0  | 0  | 7    |
| Camren McDonald    | 1   | 0   | 0.0  | 0  | 0    |