

2008 GAME RECAPS

FLORIDA ST 69 W Carolina 0 - FSU started their season late and it was made later when the start was delayed 79:00 and after a PR TD, was delayed another 55:00. FSU was sluggish early as WC had a 5-2 FD edge w/8:55 left in the 2Q when they went for it on 4th & 1 at the FSU44. In the turning point of the game, WCU was SOD and FSU went 56, 50 and 61 yds for 3 TD's in the final 6:54 and despite just a 125-88 yd edge they led 28-0. FSU scored TD's on all six 2H poss w/3 drives led by Richardson and the final one by Weatherford w/1:01 left.

FLORIDA ST 46 Chattanooga 7 - It was FSU's 2nd straight game vs an FCS team and as expected, they dominated. In the 1H the Noles had a 296-102 yd edge and it would have been 296-40 but UC got a 3rd & 12, 62 yd TD pass w/3:35 left in the 1Q to make it 14-7. FSU would have scored on all six 1H poss but missed a 44 yd FG, 30-7. FSU blk'd a punt for a safety and punted on their 2nd 3Q poss but then went 59/9pl for a TD, missed a 43 yd FG, went 45/5pl for a TD, 46-7 (4:54). UC was SOD on 4th & 1 at the FSU48 and 48 on their final 2 drives.

Wake Forest 12 FLORIDA ST 3 - This was a sloppy game. FSU had 7 TO's as Ponder QB'd the 1H and Richardson the 2nd and they combined for 5 int's. Sam Swank, WF's normally reliable K, missed an amazing 3 FG's breaking a streak of 9 straight and Riley Skinner fmbld at the 2. FSU was int'd on its 1st play and fmbld on its 3rd play of the game. WF got a 48 yd FG and missed a 27 yd FG. FSU missed a 52 yd FG (7:16 2Q). WF led 3-0 with a 163-101 yd edge 1H. Each team went on a long drive for a short FG early 3Q, 6-3. WF got a 33 yd pass setting up a 49 yd FG, 9-3. WF missed a 48 yd FG (14:54). FSU was SOD at the WF37 (6:38). FSU threw int's on their 1st play of the next 2 drives and then on the 3rd play of their final drive and WF added a 31 yd FG w/2:07 left.

† Florida St 39 Colorado 21 - FSU's DL penetrated twice early and caused a fmbld at the 27 on the 3rd play. FSU's Smith ran the ball 4X for 27 yds and a TD, 7-0. CU went 82/11pl for a TD, 7-7 (7:28). Smith got a 60 yd TD run, 14-7 (2:29). FSU then blk'd a punt for a safety (1:54) and ret'd the free kick to the CU23. They had a FD at the 12 but settled for a 34 yd FG and led 19-7 1H. FSU opened the 3Q with a 6pl drive for a 52 yd FG, 22-7. Two poss later FSU went 60/13pl for a 44 yd FG, 25-7 after 3Q's. CU did go 80/8pl for a TD but Garvin ret'd the ensuing KO 94 yds for a TD, 32-14 (13:20). CU converted on 4th & 1 and 4th & 7 on a 78/11pl drive for a TD, 32-21 (9:31). FSU went 67/10pl for a TD w/3:37 left, 39-21.

Florida St 41 MIAMI 39 - FSU dominated the 1H with a 272-52 yd edge. QB Ponder rushed for 144 yds to become the 1st FSU QB to top 100 S/92. FSU drove 43/10pl (6:54 1Q), 89/7pl (10:08 2Q) and 77/9pl (3:24) for TD's. They added a 53 yd FG w/1:03 left 1H, 24-0 and UM got a 28 yd FG gaining 41 of their 52 yds on the final drive 1H. FSU fmbld to open the 3Q and UM got an 18/1pl end-around to Benjamin, 24-10. FSU went 78/7pl for a TD, 31-10. UM went 29/6pl on a drive and settled for a 29 yd FG, 31-13. FSU had a bad snap on a punt kicked out of the EZ for a safety. UM got a 51 yd pass to Benjamin, 31-22. FSU went 58/12pl for a 35 yd FG, 34-22. FSU had a pass int'd and ret'd for a TD, 34-29. UM was held to a 24 yd FG, 34-32 (8:30). FSU went 81/9pl for a TD w/3:57 left and UM converted on 4th & 3, 4th & 2, 4th & 9 and 3rd & 11 on the final drive going 78/15pl for a TD w/14 left.

Florida St 26 NC STATE 17 - Thurs night ESPN. FSU had 28-14 FD and 38:16-21:44 TOP edges. NCSt went 72/10pl for a 24 yd FG, 3-0. NCSt went 62/5pl for a TD, 10-0 (14:12). FSU went 50/8pl for a 37 yd FG then 74/18pl but settled for a 37 yd FG on the last play of the half, 10-6. FSU went 65/6pl for a TD early 3Q. NCSt got a 67 yd TD pass, 17-13 (14:51). FSU went 70/11pl for a TD and the lead (10:40) then went 35/10pl for a 44 yd FG, 23-17. NCSt was SOD at its own 29 and FSU got a 53 yd FG, 26-17 (1:53).

FLORIDA ST 30 Virginia Tech 20 - VT had a 205-75 yd edge in the 1H. They lost their starting QB Taylor on the game's 1st play and Glennon would QB the 1st 3Q's until he was inj'd. FSU punted from its own 3 & VT got a 16 yd PR to the FSU29 setting up a 41 yd FG. They then drove 64/7pl for a TD and led 10-0 after 1Q. FSU went 58/4pl for a TD, 10-7 (12:40). VT fmbld at its own 46 and FSU, 6pl later got a 50 yd FG, 10-10 (9:33). VT went 66/13pl for a 20 yd FG on the last play of the half, 13-10. FSU went 71/8pl for a TD and the lead, 17-13 (6:05). FSU went 45/5pl for a TD, 24-13. VT fmbld the KO and FSU, 6pl later, added a 29 yd FG, 27-13. 3rd string QB Holt led a 46/8pl drive for a 44 yd TD, 27-20 (8:26). FSU went 40/10pl for a 46 yd FG w/2:14 left.

GEORGIA TECH 31 Florida St 28 - The 1st 4 poss all went for scores with each team getting a TD and a FG (13:36 2Q) 10-10. GT went 62/3pl for a TD then after a 28 yd IR went 4/2pl for a TD, 24-20 (9:30). FSU went 68/3pl for a TD, 24-17 (8:05). FSU went 56/7pl for a 45 yd FG, 24-20 and had a 222-220 yd edge 1H but trailed. GT got a 66 yd TD run by Dwyer, 31-20 (13:42). GT lost QB Nesbitt to inj early 3Q and on the next play Shaw was hit for a 7 yd loss and fmbld at the FSU43. Noles, 6 plays later, fmbld at the 50 after a sk. FSU (9:14) went 70/8pl and got a 31 yd TD pass, 31-27 (6:04). On 2nd & 6 from the 14, FSU's Sims headed towards the EZ but had the ball knocked out of his hands and the fmbld was rec'd for a TB (:45). GT took a knee.

FLORIDA ST 41 Clemson 27 - CU dominated early with an 80/5pl drive for a TD and a 51/9pl drive for a 41 yd FG. The rest of the game belong to FSU. FSU nailed a 52 yd FG that bounced off the upright and in and then got an 18 yd IR TD to tie it. FSU went 56/10pl for a 37 yd FG. FSU fmbld the punt at its own 9 and CU on 2nd & gl as Harper was being sk'd, he lofted a TD pass and CU retook the lead, 17-13. Two poss later FSU went 70/10pl for a TD w/1:21 left, 20-17. FSU opened the 3Q with a 63/9pl drive for a TD, 27-17. Roughing the K allowed CU to continue on an 88 yd drive for a 20 yd FG, 27-20. FSU went on a 51/7pl drive to the CU12 but was int'd in the EZ on a tipped pass. FSU went 68/7pl for a TD, 34-20 (10:31). CU got a 97/11pl drive for a TD w/2:00 left but FSU rec'd the onside kick and got a 41 yd TD run.

Boston College 27 FLORIDA ST 17 - BC opened with a 69/6pl drive for a TD, 7-0. FSU got to the BC15 and was poised to tie it when they were int'd and ret'd 87 yds for a TD, 14-0. FSU went 57/6pl for a TD, 14-7. FSU went on a 10pl drive but settled for a 39 yd FG w/27 1H and trailed 14-10. BC went on a 15pl drive for a 19 yd FG, 17-10 3Q. FSU on 4th & 5 was SOD at the BC29 and BC went 71/8pl for a TD, 24-10 after 3Q's. FSU went 54/5pl for a TD, 24-17 and BC was int'd at the FSU17. FSU went 59/8pl but on FD from the 28 Ponder lofted it in the EZ and it was int'd. BC then went on a 66/17pl drive. On 3rd & 1 they were stopped short but a late hit on Nicholson gave them a FD to keep the drive alive and they continued on for a 30 yd FG, 27-17 w/20 left.

Florida St 37 MARYLAND 3 - MD took its 1st poss to the FSU28 but after a sk punted 39 yds for a TB. The Terps then went 34/7pl but missed a 34 yd FG. FSU went 72/16pl for a TD, 7-0 (14:44). 2 punts. FSU got a 22 yd IR TD by Nicholson, 14-0 (9:13). MD went 53/10pl to the FSU30 but on 2nd & 17 was int'd and ret'd 34 yds (2:46) and FSU went 38/4pl for a TD, 21-0 (1:35). FSU opened the 3Q with a 61/13pl drive for a 22 yd FG, 24-0. Each team drove for a 34 yd FG, 27-3 then MD fmbld at its own 43. Eight plays later FSU made it 34-3. After a 12 yd PR, FSU went 19 yds for a 48 yd FG, 37-3 (5:19). MD went 66/13pl but was SOD at the FSU10.

Florida 45 FLORIDA ST 15 - UF had 502-242 yd edge. There was a downpour prior to the game but UF was not effected scoring TD's on 5 of their 1st 7 poss. They rolled up a 312-109 yd edge at the half and led 28-9 w/FSU getting a pair of 36 yd FG's on a 5 yd drive (after 52 yd KR) and a -4 yd drive (after fmbld). UF got an int on the 1st play of the 3Q setting up a 3rd & 13, 23 yd TD pass, 35-9. UF, leading 38-15 was SOD at the FSU5 but added a TD w/11:48 left. FSU was SOD on 4th & 8 (8:48) and fmbld at its own 41 on their final 2 poss.