

2003 GAME RECAPS

MIAMI FL 16 Florida St 10 - The 1H was dominated by the D's w/UM having 7-2 FD & 134-34 yd edges. UM fmbld & FSU took over at their own 44 & nailed a 45 yd FG. UM fmbld & FSU ret'd it 61 yds for a TD, 10-0 at the half. Rix threw an int at the UM 13 yd line & UM drove 63 yd then on 4th & goal at the 1, Coker surprisingly went for the 19 yd FG, 10-3. At this point, UM had a 263-95 yd edge but trailed by 7. FSU drove to the UM 23 & could have put the game away but w/4:55 left their FG was blk'd. UM was int'd w/3:49 left & FSU appeared to have the victory. They got 1 FD but were forced to punt w/just 1:31 left. UM drove 80 yds scoring a TD on a 31 yd screen w/:30 left to tie it. In OT, on 3rd & 13 Rix fmbld & UM rec'd. UM's Gore scored on an 18 yd TD run.

FLORIDA ST 34 Uab 7 - FSU opened w/a 74 yd 6 play drive, 7-0. UAB QB Hackney was sk'd 8x's & FSU had a 489-144 yd edge. FSU settled for a 30 yd FG, 10-0. A UAB punt was blk'd & FSU rec'd at the 5. They went for it on 4th & 1 & scored a TD, 17-0. FSU fmbld & UAB went 72 yds in 12 plays & missed a FG, but a pers foul on FSU gave UAB a FD. On 3rd & 10 UAB got a 22 yd TD pass, 17-7. FSU after converting on 4th & 1 twice, FSU got a TD, 24-7. FSU went 80 yds in 7 plays & got a 2 yd TD run to put them ahead of the spread. FSU went 71 yds converting on 4th & 1 but settled for a 22 yd FG.

FLORIDA ST 41 Clemson 22 - CU's Justin Miller matched a school record w/2 KR's for TD's & set an ACC record w/282 yds on 6 rets. FSU led 17-14 at the half thanks to a 41 yd int ret for a TD after allowing a 97 yd KR TD by Miller. FSU opened the 3Q w/an 80 yd 10 play drive for a TD, 24-14. CU blk'd a punt in the EZ for a safety. Miller ret'd the free kick 86 yds for a TD & CU was suddenly back in the game, 24-22 (2 ptng). FSU went 54 yds in 4 plays for a TD, 31-22. FSU went 51 yds & got a TD w/8:45 left. FSU went 44 yds in 8 plays & got a 38 yd FG w/2:10.

FLORIDA ST 38 N Carolina 16 - NC totaled 363 yds vs FSU's tough D. FSU went 81 yds in 11 plays for a TD. NC went 78 yds but settled for a 20 yd FG. FSU went 67 yds for a TD, 14-3 & led 21-6 at the half. In the 3Q FSU nailed a 44 yd FG, 24-6. NC went 80 yds in 6 plays for a TD, 24-13. FSU went 82 yds in 9 plays for a TD w/1:27 left 3Q, 31-13. NC got a 31 yd pass to the 19 but settled for a 37 yd FG, 31-16. NC was SOD & FSU went 61 yds for a TD, 38-16.

Florida St 17 SYRACUSE 13 - Sexton got his 1st road start for FSU & SU nearly got the outright upset w/FSU playing just its 5th gm on art turf S/'94. SU went 54 yds for a 44 yd FG. FSU hit a 28 yd FG to tie. SU got a 45 yd TD pass, 10-3. SU went 77 yds & on 1st & goal w/:58 left fmbld & FSU escaped trailing just 10-3 at the half. FSU went 63 yds for a TD, to tie it at 10. FSU got a 45 yd TD run, 17-10. FSU fmbld a punt at their own 18 yd line. SU settled for a 39 yd FG, 17-13. SU got to the FSU 30 but were int'd.

FLORIDA ST 36 Virginia 3 - UVA had played a soft schedule & came in avg'ing 42.4 ppg & 493 ypg. FSU simply dominated & held UVA to 20 yds rush & 281 ttl yds & had a 19-3 halftime lead. In the 3Q UVA was int'd. FSU went 42 yds in 7 plays for a 32 yd FG. FSU went 89 yds in 9 plays for a TD & had a 23-18 FD & 470-281 yd edges.

Florida St 20 WAKE FOREST 17 - All 3 of WF's scores came after Sexton TO's as he had an int & a fmbld both ret'd for TD's & another pass was tipped & int'd which set up a WF FG. WF brought Mauk in at QB & they got to the 25 but missed a 39 yd FG. FSU was int'd & WF ret'd it 19 yds for a TD, 7-0. FSU nailed a 44 yd FG, 7-3. Sexton was sk'd & fmbld & WF ret'd it 50 yds for a TD w/4:22 left in the half, 14-3. A 49 yd PR set up FSU at the WF 13 & they got a 20 yd TD pass, 14-10. FSU went 57 yds in 6 plays & got a 46 yd TD pass to put them ahead 17-14. Sexton's pass was tipped & int'd at their own 27 & WF PK Plackemeier hit a 41 yd FG w/4:32 left in the game to tie it. FSU faced a 3rd & 10 but Booker ripped off a 47 yd run & FSU hit a 27 yd FG w/1:03 left, 20-17.

MARYLAND 20 Florida St 17 - Maryland vs FSU's excellent D, Joel Statham threw for 333 yds & MD had 387 yds of offense. After exchanging FG's in the 1Q, MD drove 54 yds for a 45 yd FG, 6-3. MD went 68 yds in 6 plays for a TD & stunningly led 13-3 at the half. In the 3Q MD was int'd by Cromartie who ran untouched 40 yds into the EZ for a TD, 13-10. MD answered on a screen pass to Allen who broke 5 tkl's & raced 72 yds for a TD, 20-10. FSU went 81 yds in 8 plays & got a 16 yd TD pass. FSU got a 31 yd pass to the MD 33 but missed a 45 yd FG game tying FG.

FLORIDA ST 29 Duke 7 - FSU struggled in the 1H w/Chris Rix hit just 9 of 15 for 94 yds, did not lead a TD drive & threw an int that set up a Duke TD so Sexton played the 2H & hit 11 of 15 for 220 yds. First time starting K Cismesia tied an FSU record w/5 FG's. FSU led just 9-0 after the 1Q on 3 short FG's by Cismesia. FSU was int'd & ret'd 26 yds to the 24 & 7 plays later Duke had a TD w/1:04 left 1H, 9-7. In the 3Q Duke fmbld & FSU settled for a 40 yd FG, 12-7. FSU went 93 yds & a 45 yd TD pass put them up 19-7. FSU then went 80 yds for a TD w/11:12 left, 26-7. FSU went 70 yds & got a 43 yd FG w/5:08 left, 29-7.

Florida St 17 NC STATE 10 - FSU finished w/a 9-7 FD edge & NCS had a 123-121 yd edge. Those were not halftime stats, those are final stats for the game. FSU had just a 21 yd punt & NCS got a 21 yd pass to the 10 but settled for a 28 yd FG. NCS' Blackman raced down the field for an 87 yd PR for a TD & they led 10-0 at the half. After a 17 yd PR, FSU drove nine plays for a TD, 10-7. FSU got a 40 yd PR to the 35 & 5 plays later got another TD, 14-10. NCS fmbld at their own 15. FSU lost 11 yds but got a 44 yd FG, 17-10.

Florida 20 FLORIDA ST 13 - This was UF's 1st win in Tallahassee since 1986. UF went 97 yds in 14 plays & got a TD w/7:56 left in the 1Q. UF went 59 yds in 10 plays & got a 38 yd FG w/9:01 left in the half, 10-0. UF fmbld at their own 35. FSU settled for a 20 yd FG w/:17 left in the half, 10-3. At the half UF had a 212-88 yd edge & 12-5 FD edge. UF drove 74 yds, but settled for a 21 yd FG, 13-3. Rix led FSU on an 80 yd drive & hit Stovall w/a 27 yd TD pass, 13-10. UF went 80 yds in 9 plays & got a TD w/4:59 left, 20-10. FSU nailed a 52 yd FG w/3:48 left. FSU was int'd at the UF 6 w/:08 left.