

# Seminoles slip past Gators, lead in championship chase

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The goal posts were gone, and so was a good portion of the Doak Campbell Stadium turf. Just an hour earlier, thousands of fans poured out of the stands and celebrated No. 2 Florida State's 24-21 win over No. 1 Florida.

And out of the south end zone came Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, who surveyed the scene as he walked across the field.

It seemed as if he was making his own personal victory march.

"It's just nearly too good to be true that you can end up with a 1-2 and win that darned thing in front of our home fans," Bowden said after his Seminoles (11-0) set themselves up to win the national title in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans on Jan. 2.

It was Warrick Dunn who was too good for the Gators (10-1). Dunn ran for a career-best 185 yards and Pooh Bear Williams scored on two short TD runs in the 31st meeting between teams ranked 1-2.

The Seminoles, meanwhile, slowed down the high-powered Gators, who came into the game leading the nation at 49.3 points per game.

Danny Wuerffel, who needed a good

game to enhance his Heisman Trophy hopes, was 23-of-48 for 362 yards, three TDs and three interceptions. He was sacked six times.

"It seemed like we confused them," FSU's defensive end Reinard Wilson said. "The inside guys came to play football and I think they didn't expect that."

Although the Seminoles managed only 317 yards, most came on the ground, and they managed a game-winning 75-yard drive against the wind in the fourth quarter that sealed the victory.

"We made enough plays," said Bowden, who less than a month ago publicly handicapped his team a 25-point underdog.

Florida State evened its record in 1-2 matchups at 2-2 with Saturday's win that put the Seminoles into the top spot.

Bowden says he'll give the Seminoles a week off before resuming practice, but that he's already looking to the Jan. 2 Sugar Bowl.

"Now I start thinking, yeah, let's try to win a national championship," he said.



And if the opponent is third-ranked Nebraska, Bowden knows the Cornhuskers would have plenty of motivation. Bowden is 4-0 against Nebraska in bowl games, including an 18-16 victory in the 1994 Orange Bowl that gave Florida State its only national title.

And Bowden isn't interested in a rematch with Florida should Nebraska lose in the Big 12 title game Saturday against Texas.

"You don't like to play people you've beat," he said.

### Harley runs over Wolfpack

CHARLOTTE — North Carolina State's decision to resume its series with East Carolina looked like a grave mistake after Scott Harley had finished with the Wolfpack.

Harley rushed for 351 yards and scored three touchdowns Saturday, helping East Carolina roll up 640 total yards on the way to a 50-29 victory over the Wolfpack (3-8).

"It was fun," said Harley, a sophomore fullback who broke his own school single-game record of 291 yards rushing, set earlier this season against South Carolina.

"The offensive line was happy. Everything was going right for us. It always

feels good when things are going right for you."

Harley, who carried 42 times and scored on runs of 75, 60 and 3 yards, wound up with 1,745 yards this season, also a school record.

"I'm going to have to break an NCAA rule and maybe buy Scott Harley a dinner," coach Steve Logan said. "I told him if he ever ran one over 50 yards, I'd have to buy him a dinner."

The Pirates concluded their schedule with an 8-3 mark. Because of the school's lack of bowl tie-ins, East Carolina is unlikely to get a postseason invitation.

"If there's anybody out there running a bowl who wants a damn good 8-3 football team with about 25,000 maniacs that'll come and spend a million dollars, call me," Logan said. "And we'll show up."

Logan's success at East Carolina has made him a hot commodity on the annual end-of-season job market.

His name has been mentioned in connection with several vacancies already this year, including the one at Boston College.

After Saturday's victory, Logan was asked about the possibility of leaving East Carolina.

He threw his hands up, refused to

answer the question and walked out of the interview room.

### Yellow Jackets' slide continues

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia had a new coach and endured a roller-coaster season, but some things never change: The Bulldogs always seem to beat Georgia Tech.

Mike Bobo threw a 47-yard scoring pass to Juan Daniels and the Georgia defense didn't allow a touchdown Saturday as the Bulldogs won 19-10 for their sixth consecutive victory over Tech.

"It was wonderful to go out like this," said Daniels, who caught five passes for 126 yards.

Georgia finished 5-6 in coach Jim Donnan's first season, a topsy-turvy ride that includes impressive wins over Auburn and Texas Tech and awful losses to Kentucky and Mississippi.

Tech (5-6) had the same record as the Bulldogs, but was left searching to explain its monumental collapse in the second half of the season.

The Yellow Jackets closed out with five losses in their last six games.

Coach George O'Leary pointed to the injuries which kept linebacker Ron Rogers out of uniform Saturday and Hamilton on the sideline most of the day.

### Hokies clobber Cavs

BLACKSBURG, Va. — In trying to wipe away the image of a blowout loss to

Team	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Florida State (11)	11-0	1,800	2
2. Arizona State (6)	11-0	1,800	3
3. Nebraska (11)	10-1	1,528	4
4. Florida	10-1	1,494	1
5. Ohio State	10-1	1,383	6
6. Brigham Young	12-1	1,274	7
7. Colorado	9-2	1,250	8
8. Penn State	10-2	1,233	9
9. Tennessee	9-2	1,043	9
10. Northwestern	9-2	990	11
11. Virginia Tech	10-1	947	17
12. Washington	9-2	916	12
13. North Carolina	9-2	910	13
14. Kansas State	9-2	857	14
15. Alabama	9-2	829	15
16. Michigan	8-3	657	18
17. Louisiana State	9-2	640	19
18. Notre Dame	9-3	535	10
19. Miami	9-3	454	23
20. Wyoming	10-1	450	21
21. Iowa	8-3	306	22
22. Syracuse	8-3	280	16
23. Army	9-1	144	24
24. West Virginia	8-3	95	25
25. Virginia	7-4	76	20

Others receiving votes: East Carolina 62, Texas 47, Southern Mississippi 38, Auburn 19, Navy 18, Texas Tech 12, Houston 7, Ball State 4, Stanford 4, Clemson 3, San Diego State 2, Utah 1, Wisconsin 1.

Syracuse early in the season, Virginia Tech might have saved its biggest statement of the season for the end and in-state rival Virginia.

Jim Druckenmiller threw two touchdown passes and completed a 72-yard pass to set up another score Friday as the 17th-ranked Hokies kept their Bowl Alliance hopes alive with a 26-9 victory against the No. 20 Cavaliers.

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