**ACC Standings** 

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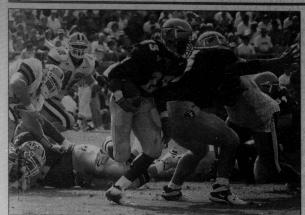
Clemson 55, Wake Forest 7 Virginia 26, Duke 10 Georgia Tech 40, Navy 13 N.C. State 41, Southern Method West Virginia 30, Maryland 17

<u>Thursday:</u> Georgia Tech at N.C. State, 8 p.m.

Duke at Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.

Clemson at Virginia, 3:30 p.m. Louisville at Florida State, 6 p.m. Middle Tennessee State at Maryland, 6 p.m.

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FSU tailback Travis Minor scoots around the right end in the third quarter, Minor gained 112 yards rushing, his second 100-yard game against UNC.

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back," UNC linebacker Brandon Spoon said. "He puts everything on the money, and we had to focus a lot on that. They took advantage of it."

Florida State had ranked 101st in rushing (65.0 ypg) before the game. North Carolina, meanwhile, strolled into Doak Campbell Stadium leading the country in rushing defense (9.5 ypg). The numbers lied in this case.

"I really don't pay attention to stats," said Minor, who has averaged 90.5 yards per game in four meetings against the Tar Heels. "It's more or less just going in with the right attitude."

For Florida State on Saturday, that meant doing everything. The running game overshadowed Weinke, but Weinke still completed 12-of-22 passes

for 262 yards and four touchdowns. He hit senior Marvin Minnis, who had five catches and led all receivers

with 132 yards, for two scores. Florida State wide receivers zipped past UNC defensive backs with astounding regularity. The Tar Heels brought a safety up to the line of scrim-mage for much of the second half to help out against the run, which created

man-to-man matchups in the secondary. The Seminoles responded with scoring strikes of 35, 46 and 24 yards over the top. UNC was without starting corner Michael Waddell, who sustained a concussion on FSU's first play, but things likely wouldn't have been different had

The Tar Heels were overmatched. You put it on the board that they scored 63 points on us, and we're supposed to be a great defense," UNC corner Errol Hood said. "Everybody knows 22 13 14

	UNC	FSU
First Downs	19	22
Rushes-Yards	44-79	41-194
Passing Yards	244	346
Comp-Att-Int	16-33-1	15-27-0
Total Yards	323	540
Punts-Avg.	7-38.9	4-46.8
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-50	10-105
Time of Possession	30:49	29:11

Individual Statistics
Rushing: UNC — Saures 8-45, Russell 12-40, Alken
1-9, Parker 5-9, Williams 2-5, Robinson 1-3, Black 4-{-8},
Cutry 11-{-24}, FSU — Minor 16-112, Chaney 5-51,
Jones 8-35, ford 3-11, Golightly 1-6, McCray 3-2,
Outzen 1-{-4}, Weinke 4-{19},
Passing: UNC — Curry 15-31-1-235, Black 1-2-0-9,
FSU — Weinte 12-22-0-262, Outzen 3-5-0-84.
Recalving: UNC — Bailey 5-82, Alken 5-77, Allen
3-65, Fingen 1-22, Curry 1-2, Parker 1-{-4},
FSU — Minnis 5-132, Bell 3-96, Maddox 2-63, Boldin
2-14, Franklin 1-22, Darling 1-21, Minor 1-{-2}).

we obviously didn't do something right. We've got to go back to the drawing board."

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Yohance Buchanan roughed UNC ters, and Curry kept the ball on the punter Blake Ferguson.

UNC quarterback Ronald Curry completed 1-of-3 passes for minus-4 yards on the first three possessions. He also fumbled for a 15-yard loss on a sack by Jamal Reynolds, who knocked Curry's helmet off on the play. Saunders proved to be UNC's most

effective runner. He carried eight times for a team-high 45 yards.

Freshman Brandon Russell started the game with a 9-yard run up the mid-dle, but he was limited to 12 carries for 40 yards. Willie Parker rushed five times for nine yards.

UNC ran 44 times for 79 yards in the loss. The Tar Heels ran the option eight times for 25 yards in the first three quar-

- FSU running back Jeff Chaney

Florida State 63, UNC 14 A LOOK INSIDE THE GAME

Hero of the Game:
Travis Minor, Florida State running back

Minor energized a Florida State running
game that had been stagnant in the first two
games of the season. He rushed for 112
yards on 16 carries, including three carries
for 50 yards on the Seminoles' first offensive
possession of the second quarter. Minor, a
senior, has averaged 90.5 yards rushing in
four career games against North Carolina.

■ FSU's decision to go for it on fourth-and-3 at the UNC 24 in the fourth quarter FSU led 49-14 with less than eight minutes left in the game, but kickers Chance Gwaltney and Bret Cimorelli missed a combined three extra points. Backup quarterback Marcus Outzen had driven FSU from its own 3 and deserved the chance to go for it. He tossed a touchdown to Nick Maddox.

Play of the Day
■ Jeff Chaney's 29-yard touchdown run in the second quarter.
Ahead 23-7 and facing a third-and-3, Chaney took a handoff from Weinke and faked out UNC safety Billy-Dee Greenwood. With Tar Heel linebacker Quincy Monk and tackle Ryan Sims closing in moments later, Chaney spun out of Monk's arms and raced down the right sideline for the touchdown.

UNC will look to avoid a possible hangover from the embarrassing loss to the Seminoles. Marshall lost quarterback Chad Pennington to the NFL. It also had the nation's longest winning streak snapped earlier this season by Michigan State. But Byron Leftwich, Pennington's successor, is very dangerous for a team that likes to throw the ball as much as the Seminoles do.

"I don't think their defense was even close to that team in '97. Their linebackers were a lot faster, and they hit a lot harder. Not taking anything away from North Carolina — they have a good team — but I just think

Up Next
■ Marshall: Saturday, Sept. 23, 6 p.m. at Kenan Stadium

option only once, gaining three yards.
"Just watching film, the ends get down on you fast. They tried to play me a little different," Curry said.

"They didn't come down on me as hard as they do other guys. They tried to funnel me, but I was just making my read. Sometimes I had to pitch it it is, and sometimes I had to go down the

Curry was sacked four times, but he slithered away from FSU defenders enough times to complete 15-of-31 passes for 235 yards. He threw one touchdown, connecting with wideout Sam Aiken for a 43-yard strike. Curry rolled all the way to the right sideline before hurling the ball across the field to the left

side of the end zone, where Aiken hauled it in.

Curry threw deep six times in North Carolina's first seven possessions, but the first five fell harmlessly to the nd. The sixth found the arms of FSU cornerback Tay Cody, who returned the interception 35 yards.

"I think we heard rumblings that this was North Carolina's year to come in and beat Florida State, and obviously we didn't like the thoughts of that," Weinke

"We played with excitement; we played with enthusiasm. The defense put us in a good position throughout the day."

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The Tar Heels, who had four turnovers in the game, lost three fumbles inside their 20-vard line. FSU scored 20

points off those fumbles. \*Our defense stepped up huge today," FSU quarterback Chris Weinke said. "We were in a situation where we were on their side of the 50 half the time

we'got the football."
Weinke finished the game 12-for-22 for 262 yards and four touchdowns. He was efficient in the red zone and productive when he had space to throw deep down the field. He completed five passes of at least 29 yards in his three quarters of work, including three that

went for touchdowns.
Florida State's rushing game opened up the passing game for Weinke in the second quarter. The Seminoles rushed eight times for 6 yards in the first quarter, but they had 94 yards on 12 carries in the next 15 minutes before halftime.

Tailback Travis Minor, who finished with 112 yards on 16 carries, rushed three times for 50 yards on FSU's open-

ing drive of the second quarter.

"A lot of people have talked about they haven't had a great run game, so we knew they were going to try and establish the run early on us," said UNC linebacker Sedrick Hodge, who had two

sacks.
"They were successful at being able

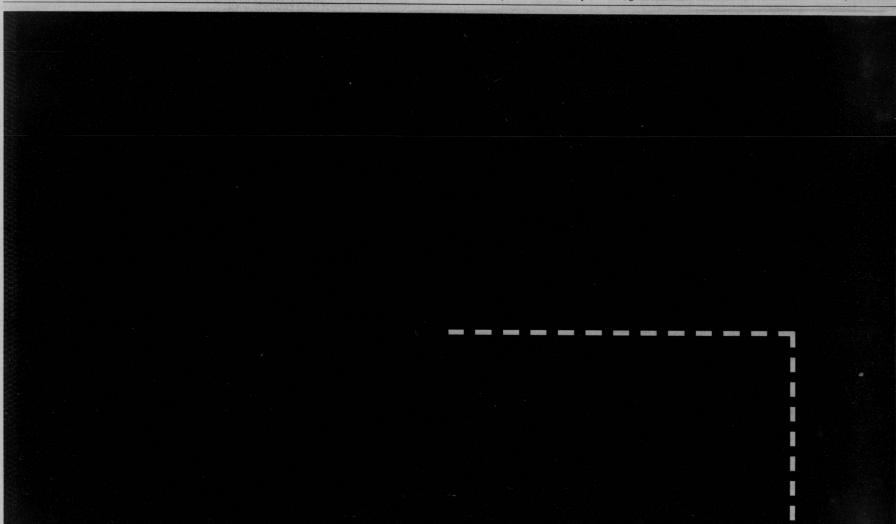
to run the ball, them an even better offense, being able to run and pass." North

Carolina's offense could do neither early in the game. UNC went threeand-out on its first three drives. Saunders finished

off a 10-play, 90-yard scoring drive on the next possession, but the Tar Heels avoided a fourth consecutive punt only after



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