

FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLEES



SEASON SUMMARY

The Florida State Seminoles had one of the toughest schedules in the BCS this season with 10 games against ranked opponents, and 6 games against ranked conference opponents. The Noles were again troubled with academic and legal issues as the season progressed; however, was able to retain a top 25 ranking and a bid to play in the AT&T Cotton Bowl against MTW power house TCU. Chrisian Ponder and crew were able to light up the scoreboard and the defense held stout all season. The Class of 10 were very reminiscent of Bobby Bowden's 90's team; however, were not able to defeat it's bitter in-state rivals. The Miami Hurricanes, and the Florida Gators. The Gators were able to rally after a 14-0 deficit in the fourth quarter and won it with a risky 2 point conversion in regulation overtime.

OFFENSE

The Florida State Offense was lead by Sophomore

Chrisian Poner who made plays with his legs as well as his arms. Ponder threw for 1,892 yards and 18 TDs and rushed for 814 yards and 9 TDs. Bobby Bowden has adopted the method Florida coach Urban Meyer uses, utilizing more of the speed available in his offense. Bowden also has mimiced the "Heavy Gator" formation during a shoot-out win against the Oklahoma Sooners. Unfortunately for the Noles however, several off-the-field incidents decreased the Noles much needed fire power needed to beat Florida.

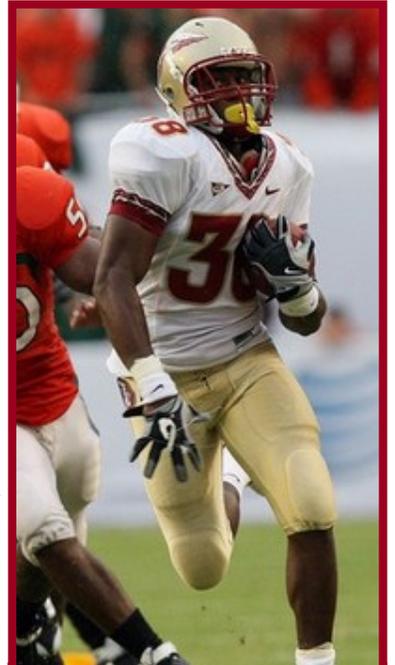
DEFENSE

FSU's defense was crucile in getting the Noles to the ACC Championship game and the AT&T Cotton Bowl. The Noles D pitched 3 shutouts, 1 against the Clemson Tigers during a crucial late season game. Though the Defense did its job for the most part, it was plagued with inconsistency during the 2nd half of games. For example the game against Okla-

homa, Florida, North Carolina, and TCU. Just when those games were all but out of reach for the opponents the Noles Defense allowed them to rally back. The Noles D gave an average of 21 points in the second half of all their games.

2010 OUTLOOK

Florida State has been placed on academic probation for the next five years for infractions made by the coaching staff. The Noles has had their scholarships cut by 31 and many of FSUs promising recruits have decommitted. Bobby Bowden has also seemed to have lost interest in persuing football after a statement made in a press confereince. "I've decided to call it quits." It certainly looks grim for Florida State especially in the midst of a recruiting war against Miami and Florida in South Florida. Florida State should enter obscurity for the next 7 to 8 years while it recovers from it's current scandals. FSU will face Oklahoma and Florida at home.



Sophomore Jermaine Thomas rushed for 982 yards and 19 TDs. He also recieved for 1,200 yards and 14 TDs. He is expected to enter the Draft.

"I'VE DECIDED TO CALL IT QUITS. IT'S ABOUT TIME TOO."

-B. Bowden



Christian Ponder passed for 1,892 yards and 18 TDs. At the same time, rushed for 814 yards and 9 TDs on the ground.

SEMINOLES 2009 RESULTS ACC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Virginia	49-0 W
@ Duke	49-0 W
@ Oklahoma #2	42-40 W
Brigham Young #10	24-21 W
NC State	14-7 W
@ Boston College #21	31-14 W
Samford	75-0 W
Miami #1	0-63 L
@ Florida #2	21-22 L
Virginia Tech #25	45-15 W
Clemson #21	35-0 W
@ North Carolina #9	42-35 W

MIAMI #1 49
FLORIDA STATE #9 0

COTTON BOWL
TCU #9 42
FLORIDA STATE #19 41

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Overall Record:	10-4
Conference Record:	6-2
AP Poll Ranking:	25
Coach's Poll Ranking:	24