

# College football Florida State, Nebraska, Georgia win

By The Associated Press

Florida State stayed in the race for the national championship with a victory over Florida, but a lot of things must fall into place for the third-ranked Seminoles to have a chance to finish No. 1.

First, South Carolina must upset No. 2 Miami next Saturday in the regular-season finale for those teams. Next, Florida State would have to defeat Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day. Finally, Miami would have to upend top-ranked Oklahoma later that night.

"If it happens, it happens," Coach Bobby Bowden said Saturday after his team defeated Florida 28-14 to finish the regular season with a 10-1 record. "Right now, 10-1 means more to me."

Just as meaningful, though, is the victory over Florida, a team the Seminoles hadn't beaten since 1980. Coincidentally, Florida State was also 10-1 that season with a one-point loss to Miami the lone blemish on FSU's record.

"We own Florida Field now," Seminoles wide receiver Herb Gainer proclaimed after the come-from-behind triumph before a crowd of 74,613. "They have just been renting it from us for the past six years. Today, we evicted them. It's all ours."

The victory was Florida State's first in Gainesville since 1979 when the Seminoles captured the third of four consecutive victories over the Gators.

A nine-point favorite Saturday, Bowden's team simply wore down Florida with superior depth. The Seminoles amassed 411 yards total offense, including 279 rushing, and held a sizeable advantage in time of possession: 38:47 to 21:13.

"They played tough in the first half, but they are only one man deep at every position," Dexter Carter, a backup FSU tailback who gained 111 yards on 19 carries, said. "We knew if we kept

pushing them around, they'd get tired because they had no subs."

Sammie Smith, the Seminoles' starting tailback, compiled the better statistics in a much-ballyhooed matchup between him and Emmitt Smith, Florida's talented freshman.

Sammie, a sophomore, gained 116 yards on 17 carries, and Emmitt produced 100 yards on 20 carries, including two touchdowns that helped Florida to a 14-3 lead.

"We wanted to get on the scoreboard early, and that's what we did," Kerwin Bell, Florida's senior quarterback, said. "But the numbers game took over."

They kept shuttling in fresh players and wore us down."

Florida managed just six first downs after the first quarter and finished with just 207 yards total offense. Florida State, which got four field goals from Derek Schmidt and a pair of 1-yard touchdown runs from Dayne Williams, attempted only three passes in the second half after throwing on seven of 13 plays in the first quarter.

"We got the good lead on them and I hoped they would come back and keep throwing the ball around the field," said Florida Coach Galen Hall. "But they came back and hammered the ball at us, which I was afraid of all along."

"I think the turning point was when we couldn't make first downs in the second and third quarters," Hall added. "I think that got them control of the game."

In other games involving ranked teams, No. 2 Miami beat No. 10 Notre Dame (see story on Page 17), No. 5 Nebraska downed Colorado 24-7, No. 14 Georgia defeated Georgia Tech 30-16 and No. 16 Tennessee edged Vanderbilt 38-36.

In the Division III playoffs, Augustana College had its 60-game unbeaten streak and bid for a fifth straight national title ended by Dayton, 38-36, in a quarterfinal game. The Rock Island, Ill.,

school had gone 59-0-1 since losing to West Georgia in 1982.

## No. 5 Nebraska 24, Colorado 7

Keith Jones rushed for 248 yards and scored on runs of 50 and 44 yards as Nebraska avenged a 20-10 loss to Colorado last year.

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said the Cornhuskers were "beaten up both physically and mentally" after last week's 17-7 loss to Oklahoma.

"This was probably the toughest psychological situation I've been in with a football team in 15 years," he said.

Nebraska rushed for 419 yards in the game.

## No. 14 Georgia 30, Georgia Tech 16

Georgia's Lars Tate scored two touchdowns and became only the 11th running back in Southeastern Conference history to top the 3,000-yard mark in his career.

Tate's 34-yard scoring early in the first half gave Georgia a 23-9 lead. He finished with 99 yards on 20 carries, giving him 3,017 yards in his career.

Georgia, 8-3, will play Arkansas in the Liberty Bowl.

## No. 16 Tennessee 38, Vanderbilt 36

The Volunteers trailed 28-3 before rallying to beat their intra-state rival.

Tennessee's Chris Treece recovered a fumbled kickoff return by Jeff Mays to set up the go-ahead touchdown by William Howard with 9:45 left in the third period.

Howard's 6-yard TD run gave the Volunteers a 32-28 lead, and another Vanderbilt fumble set up one of three field goals by Phil Reich with 6:59 left in the third quarter.

Tennessee, 9-2-1, will play Indiana in the Peach Bowl.

# Warner, Seahawks set to face Raiders

By JIM COUR  
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SEATTLE — Curt Warner is hurting physically but he'll be shooting for his third straight 100-yard rushing game tonight when the Seattle Seahawks play the slump-ridden Los Angeles Raiders.

The Seahawks, who have aspirations of winning the AFC West, are looking for their third win in a row and fifth victory in six games since the 24-day NFL players' strike ended.

Seattle, 7-3, is favored by nine points to pin the eighth consecutive loss on the Raiders, 3-7, in the game which begins at 9 p.m. EST.

Despite a painful turf toe, the franchise running back from Penn State played a key role in Seattle's 24-13 victory over Green Bay and 34-3 defeat of division-leading San Diego.

Against the Packers, he carried 25 times for 123 yards. Against the Chargers, he had 23 carries for 119 yards.

Warner's big toe on his right foot was badly sprained in Seattle's 28-17 victory over Minnesota in the Kingdome on Nov. 1. His toe was so swollen that he had to use crutches following a 30-14 Seattle loss to the New York Jets at the Meadowlands Nov. 9.

Warner will wear a plastic sleeve on his toe to help protect and support the injured joint. His toe problem has kept him from practicing.

"It always helps when you go out and practice because you can see things a lot better," said Warner.

"Sometimes you have to wing it. That's what I've had to do."

Warner says he enjoys playing.

"It's the next day that's not so much fun," he said.

After the 10th week of NFL play, Warner ranked second in the AFC in rushing. With three 100-yard rushing games this season to give him 19 for his five-year pro career, he has rushed for 654 yards on 147 carries this season, an average of 4.4 yards per carry. The Seahawks are 16-3 in his 100-yard rushing games.

Warner will be matched against the Raiders' running back tandem of rookie Bo Jackson and Marcus Allen, former Heisman Trophy winners.

Jackson, who has his teammates excited, has been brought along slowly since he ended his baseball season with the Kansas City Royals and joined the Raiders.

In a 23-17 loss to Denver in Los Angeles last weekend, Jackson ran over Broncos' defender Mike Harden in a 35-yard touchdown burst.

"For the first time in a long time, I got tingles down my back when I saw that run," said Raiders defensive end Howie Long. "It's exciting. It pumps a whole team up."

"He's God's gift to halfbacks," said Raiders cornerback Lester Hayes. "He's a godsend. He's unreal. He was destined to be a football player."

"The future may be now but we have something to look forward to," said Allen.

"Every week Bo gets a little better," said Raiders Coach Tom Flores.

"With him and Marcus in the same backfield, we're obviously trying to utilize both of their talents. I think it's a pretty good combination. Obviously, you'd like to have Bo for the whole year, meaning the pre-season and mini-camp and training camp so you can refine the combination."



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