



Florida St. Seminoles

Newsletter



December 9, 2008

Seminoles Win 'A' Title

The Florida State Seminoles finished off their perfect 11-0 season with a 32-8 win over the North Carolina Tarheels on Saturday to win the A Division Championship.

The Seminole defense was tested early on as the Tarheels drove down to the FSU 20 yard line before turning the ball over on downs. The Seminole offense mounted a 10 play drive, culminating in a 7 yard QB draw by Matt Avila for the TD. Steven Comstock added the PAT and the Seminoles led 8-0.

Special Teams came up big on the next play, as a speedy Matt Chavez recovered the kick to give the Seminoles great field position at the Tarheel 6 yard line. On the next play, Johnny Padilla scored the first of two TD's, and Comstock added the PAT to make the score 16-0.

On the ensuing possession, the Tarheels drove the length of the field, finding themselves in a first and goal from the 4 yard line. Once again the tenacious 'Nole defense denied the Tarheels a score on four plays as the half ended. Comstock led the defense with 6 tackles, followed by Noah Rodriguez and Raymond Serrano with 5 each. Aaron McCraven had 4 tackles, while Johnny Padilla and Matt Chavez had 3 each. Rounding out the defense was Elijah Palacio, Richard Lopez, Joseph Romero and Mason DeLos Santos with two tackles, while Josh Lagal, Thomas Coupland, Joseph Guerra, Robert Flores and Joey Davis each had 1.

In the second half, the Seminoles started with the ball and mounted their third scoring drive, this time a 15 yard run by Padilla. Comstock added the PAT to make the score 24-0.

The Seminoles recovered the loose kickoff, and scored four plays later on a 19 yard Comstock run. Raymond Serrano added the PAT to make the score 32-0. The offensive line was outstanding for the 'Noles, led again by

Joseph Romero who hammered out 8 blocks. He was followed by Thomas Coupland with 7, and Serrano, Chavez, and Joey Davis with 6. Alex Alvarez, Richard Lopez, Robert Garcia, Joseph Guerra, Noah Rodriguez and Patrick Bartolotti had 5 blocks each. Elijah Palacio, Steven Comstock and Johnny Padilla each had 4 blocks.

The lone Tarheel score was made on the last play of the game, as NC speedster Elijah Jackson broke numerous tackles on a 30 yard scamper to pay dirt.

The Nole offense gained 121 yards on 26 plays, an average of 4.6 yards per carry (well below their season average of 7.5). It was a hard-nosed, grind it out offense that scored the 32 points, but it was the incredible Seminole defense that dominated the day and the season. The starting defense did not allow a score against them the entire season, and in this game forced three turnovers and had a huge goal line stand to preserve the win.

2008 Football Season Summary

Date	Opponent	Time/Location*
Sep. 20	Falcons	32-0 Win
Sep. 27	Miami	20-6 Win
Oct. 4	Georgia	32-0 Win
Oct. 11	Kentucky	35-6 Win
Oct. 18	North Carolina	33-12 Win
Oct. 25	Falcons	26-12 Win
Nov. 1	Miami	12-0 Win
Nov. 8	Kentucky	34-8 Win
Nov. 15	Georgia	48-28 Win
Nov. 22	Falcons	28-14 Win
Dec. 6	North Carolina (Championship)	32-8 Win

**Schedule and Basketball
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Activity Schedule

Thursday, December 11

Basketball Practice – 4:15-5:15 – Russell Park

Saturday, December 13

Basketball games vs. Tarheels – Russell Park
A-1's at 11:00, A's at 12:00 (non-league)

Tuesday, December 16

Practice & Meeting – 4:15-5:10 – Russell Park

Thursday, December 18

Practice – 4:15-5:10 – Russell Park

Saturday, December 20

Basketball games vs. Kentucky – Russell Park
A-1's at 11:00, A's at 12:00 (Season Opener)

Dec. 22-Jan. 3

KYL Christmas Vacation period – No Activities

Tuesday, January 6

Practice & meeting – 4:15-5:30 – Russell Park

Thursday, January 8

Practice – 4:15-5:15 – Russell Park

Saturday, January 10

Basketball games vs. Upland - Upland
A-1's at 11:00, A's at 12:00

Tuesday, January 13

Practice & meeting – 4:15-5:30 – Russell Park

Thursday, January 15

Practice – 4:15-5:20 – Russell Park

Saturday, January 17

Basketball games vs. Miami – Russell Park
A-1's at 11:00, A's at 12:00

Tuesday, January 20

Practice & Meeting – 4:15-5:30 – Russell Park

Thursday, January 22

Practice – 4:15-5:20 – Russell Park

Saturday, January 24

Games vs. Miami – Arcadia
A-1's at 11:00, A's at 12:00

Basketball Information

Basketball begins this week with non-league games on Saturday, December 13.

Boys will be split up into two teams; an "A" division and a "A-1" division. The A's will also play Saturdays at noon, the A-1's at 11:00.

The basketball uniform is now available for purchase in the office. Our uniform is a maroon basketball top, black shorts, white socks and tennis shoes. You do not need to purchase black shorts if you played in soccer or basketball last year (providing they fit). Make sure there are no stripes or visible pockets on the shorts.

Children may wear a T-shirt or long sleeve shirt under the basketball top, but it MUST match the color of the basketball top. Please do not wear sweat pants under the basketball shorts – on cold days, children may wear sweats over their shorts while they are on the bench.

The basket height is 8½ feet, and the ball size is a #5 (27.5½ inches). The free throw distance is 10 feet.

"A" division basketball is a big leap from last year. Teams are required to play a 2-1-2 zone defense (as opposed to one player out of the key last year). After the new year, teams are allowed to have one back court presser on throw-ins.

It is a much more exciting game to watch, but the first few weeks can be chaotic, as players get used to the new rules – so be prepared!

2008-09 Basketball Schedule*

Date	Opponent	Time/Location*
Dec. 13	NCU (non-league)	11:00/12:00 – Russell Park
Dec. 20	Kentucky	11:00/12:00 – Russell Park
Jan. 10	Falcons	11:00/12:00 – Upland
Jan. 17	Miami	11:00/12:00 – Russell Park
Jan. 24	Miami	11:00/12:00 – Arcadia
Jan. 29	NCU	4:15/4:45 – Russell Park
Jan. 31	Upland	11:00/12:00 – Upland
Feb. 5	NCU	4:15/4:45 – Russell Park
Feb. 7	Georgia	11:00/12:00 – Russell Park
Feb. 12	Kentucky	TBA
Feb. 28	Playoffs	TBA
March 2	Championship	TBA

* This schedule subject to change