Team Notes

- The Florida defense limited ECU to (-13) rushing yards, the fewest surrendered since UF held UL-Monroe to (-36) rushing yards on Sept. 12, 1998
- Before tonight, Florida’s last interception return touchdown also came against East Carolina (Brian Poole – 2015 Birmingham Bowl)
- The Gators now have 20 interception return touchdowns since 2008—tied with TCU for the most during that span
- This was Florida’s fourth consecutive game with an interception
- Following ECU’s opening drive (8 plays, 75 yards, three first downs), Florida’s defense allowed just 48 total yards, three first downs (with one coming via penalty) and forced one turnover on a fumble the rest of the first half
  - The Pirates averaged just 1.85 yards per play during that stretch
- For the first time since 2013 (Jan. 2 vs. Louisville; Aug. 31 vs. Toledo), Florida’s tight ends caught a touchdown pass in consecutive games
- Florida tight ends combined for 100 yards in consecutive games for the first time since 2009 (Sept. 5 against Troy, Sept. 12 against Charleston Southern)
- Gator tight ends have three touchdowns this season, matching their total for the entire 2014 campaign
- This is Florida’s 10th 2-0 start in the last 11 seasons
- Florida is now 3-0 against East Carolina and 31-12 against American Athletic Conference members
- The Gators have defeated East Carolina twice in the same calendar year, marking the first time since 2000 (Auburn) it has accomplished that feat

Individual Notes

- DeAndre Goolsby became the first Gator tight end with two 30-yard receptions in a game since Jordan Reed had a pair of 30-yard catches against Louisiana-Lafayette on Nov. 10, 2012
- Demarcus Robinson accounted for 37 yards on Florida’s 57-yard touchdown drive in the third quarter
- Marcus Maye’s forced fumble in the second quarter was the third of his career
  - Brian Poole’s fumble recovery on the same play was the second of his career
- Joey Ivie recorded the first multi-sack game of his career by notching his second and third sacks as a Gator tonight
- Austin Hardin’s 37-yard field goal in the first quarter was his sixth consecutive make from inside of 40 yards
- Will Grier made the 69th start at quarterback by a freshman (true or redshirt) in program history; the Gators are now 43-25-1 in those games
- Big Plays Saturday:
  - Jordan Cronkrite: 11-yard run, first quarter
  - Brandon Powell (from Grier): 26-yard reception, first quarter
  - DeAndre Goolsby (from Grier): 34-yard reception, first quarter
  - DeAndre Goolsby (from Grier): 32-yard touchdown reception (first career TD), first quarter
  - Jordan Cronkrite: 18-yard run, second quarter
  - Treon Harris: 14-yard run, second quarter
  - Will Grier: 19-yard rush, third quarter
  - Brandon Powell: 39-yard kickoff return (career long), third quarter
  - Jalen Tabor: 39-yard interception return for touchdown (second career INT, first career TD), third quarter
  - DeAndre Goolsby: 28-yard reception, fourth quarter
  - Treon Harris: 22-yard rush, fourth quarter

Other

- Today’s attendance: 88,034
- Game Captains: Alex Anzalone, Josh Grady, Antonio Morrison, Valdez Showers
- Weather at Kickoff: Overcast, 75 degrees, Wind: SSW 5 mph
- ECU won the opening coin toss and elected to receive; UF opened the game defending the south endzone.
- Tonight is the first time since Nov. 18, 1989 versus Kentucky the Gators are wearing orange jerseys and pants
- At the end of the first quarter, former Gator wide receiver and 11-year NFL veteran Wes Chandler, was recognized for becoming a member of the College Football Hall of Fame, which was announced on Jan. 9, 2015
- As part of an SEC initiative in honor of former Commissioner Mike Slive, Florida has made tonight its “Prostate Awareness Game”; the Gators are wearing a ribbon on their helmets in support of the cause.