

ATLANTA — Florida State rediscovered a few big offensive threats in Saturday's 31-28 loss to Georgia Tech. Freshman TB **Jermaine Thomas** had a career-high 130 yards on nine carries, including a 62-yard run in the first half that set up a touchdown. That was the longest run by a Seminole this season. He had 2 yards on three carries in the past two games combined, and don't forget, he left last week's game with a concussion. Redshirt sophomore QB **D'Vontrey Richardson**, who had played sparingly the past four games, ran four times for 41 yards and, after not throwing a pass since the Wake Forest game on Sept. 20, was 1-for-2 for 39 yards (a touchdown to WR **Preston Parker**). And Parker, who didn't practice much last week because of thigh bruise, had five catches for a game-high (and season-high) 77 yards and his first touchdown of the season. "That put us back in the game. We had to have a big play somehow," FSU coach **Bobby Bowden** said of the Richardson-to-Parker connection that brought FSU to within 31-28 (after a two-point conversion, that is). "That was a big play."

All of that bodes well. "It felt good just to be out there helping the team," Richardson said. "I hope I can get out there more."

Jesuit connection: Georgia Tech continues to have a nice pipeline to Tampa Bay, specifically Jesuit, with CB **Michael Peterson**, OL **A.J. Smith**, WR **Andrew Smith**, RB/WR **Anthony Allen** and OT **Phil Smith** on the roster. Peterson had a huge game with six tackles, one for a loss, and a pass breakup that led to the interception.

Streak busted: **Christian Ponder**'s second-quarter interception by **Cooper Taylor** snapped a string of 64 consecutive passes without one.

Turnovers again: After committing no turnovers against North Carolina State and then Virginia Tech, the Seminoles had three (two lost fumbles and an interception) against the Yellow Jackets.

In case you were wondering ... : Georgia Tech had three rushing touchdowns in the second quarter. FSU hadn't allowed a team to put up that many on the ground in a half, let alone a quarter, since the 1997 Sugar Bowl loss to Florida. And FSU had allowed a total of 13 points in the second quarter in its first seven games.

All-around kicker: **Graham Gano** started for the first time as the punter, a spot he held the past two seasons. But knee surgery in August meant he was brought along slowly. By the middle of the second quarter, he took over the kickoff duties, too. He averaged 40.3 yards on three punts. Two of his kickoffs went for touchbacks, and he hit two more field goals (29- and 45-yarders) to push his streak to 15.

Streak continues: Tech senior OT **Andrew Gardner**, who was listed as questionable for the game because of a shoulder injury, started to extend his streak to 48 straight, the longest in the nation.