

## USF Football Post-Game Notes

### Vs. South Carolina – Birmingham Bowl – DEC. 29, 2016

#### TEAM

- USF extended the program's season wins record to 11. The Bulls headed into the Birmingham Bowl as a 10-win team for the first time in school history.
- USF improved its all-time postseason record to 5-3 with its first bowl victory since defeating Clemson, 31-26, in overtime in the 2010 Meineke Car Care Bowl.
- USF extended its nation-leading streak to 17 games with at least 30 points, scoring a Birmingham Bowl record 46.
- USF punctuated the best-ever 16-game span in program history by improving to 14-2 in that time. USF has won 18 of its last 22 games, while winning 13 of its last 15 games in the American Athletic Conference.
- USF improved to 10-1 all-time in overtime games and 2-0 in overtime bowl games.
- Thursday marked the first-career bowl victory for **T.J. Weist** as an interim head coach. Weist was an interim head coach at UConn for five games in 2013, leading the Huskies to three straight victories to finish the season. Weist is now 4-5 as an interim head coach.

#### OFFENSE

- USF finished the season setting new program records with 569 points, 77 touchdowns, 6,650 total yards, 3,714 rushing yards and 47 rushing touchdowns. USF matched the 2015 team with 26 touchdown passes this season, another school record.
- Junior QB **Quinton Flowers** finished the season with a program record 18 touchdown runs after finding the end zone three times on the ground against the Gamecocks, which also set a Birmingham Bowl record.
- Flowers finished off the top rushing season in USF history with 1,530 yards by posting 105 yards for his fifth straight 100-yard game. That string tied Marlon Mack for the most consecutive 100-yard games in school history and marked Flowers eighth on the year.
- **Quinton Flowers** totaled more than 300 total yards (366) for the ninth time this season, another USF record. Flowers finished the season with a school-record 4,337 yards.
- Senior WR **Rodney Adams** set the program's new season receptions record with 67, passing Hugh Smith (62, 2002) on the list. Adams came into the game needing three catches to break the record and finished with seven receptions for 67 yards. Adams tied his program record with 822 receiving yards this season, a feat he accomplished in 2015.
- Junior RB **D'Ernest Johnson** (Immokalee) set career highs with six catches for 95 yards. Johnson posted his fifth touchdown catch of the season from 37 yards out with seven seconds left in the first half. Johnson has 10 touchdown receptions in his career.

## DEFENSE

- USF totaled a season-best five takeaways, with three fumble recoveries in the red zone.
- The Bulls finished the year with 26 takeaways.
- USF intercepted two passes, giving the Bulls six interceptions in the final three games and 15 on the year.
- Junior S **Tajee Fullwood** returned his second interception of the season 47 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter. It marked USF's second pick-6 of the year, following Johnny Ward's at Cincinnati on Oct. 1, and the Bulls' third defensive touchdown of the year.
- **Khalid McGee** finished with a career-high two fumble recoveries, two inside the Bulls' 5 yard-line. McGee tied with **Auggie Sanchez** for the team lead of nine tackles.
- With 120 total stops, **Auggie Sanchez** fell one tackle short of USF single-season record posting the second-best mark in USF history.
- **Devin Abraham** intercepted his first pass of the season and the fourth of his career in the first quarter. The junior safety missed four games with a broken thumb this season.
- Sophomore S **Jaymon Thomas** (Immokalee) posted his second-career sack in the second quarter. Thomas has registered both of his sacks this season. Thomas recovered his second fumble of the season in the third quarter at the USF 2.
- **Mike Love** tied his career high with a sack on the final play of the game. Love has totaled a sack four times in his USF career.

## SPECIAL TEAMS

- **Brandon Behr** (Fleming Island, Fla.) was 1-for-1 on field goal attempts and his third-career field goal as a Bull extended the lead to 32-21 in the third quarter.
- **D'Ernest Johnson** returned the opening kickoff 46 yards. Johnson finished with three kick returns for 96 yards.