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Florida State football hosted its annual Spring Showcase on Saturday at Doak Campbell Stadium.

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SEMINOLE SHOWCASE

Here are our takeaways from FSU's 2024 spring game

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The 2024 Florida State football spring season has ended.

The program held its annual Spring Showcase on Saturday in front of 18,061 fans in a reduced capacity Doak Campbell Stadium due to ongoing renovations.

While FSU's passing game struggled to get going under transfer quarterback DJ Uiagalelei and a pair of players left the game injured, FSU saw some silver linings in its rushing offense and defense.

Here are our takeaways from the Showcase.

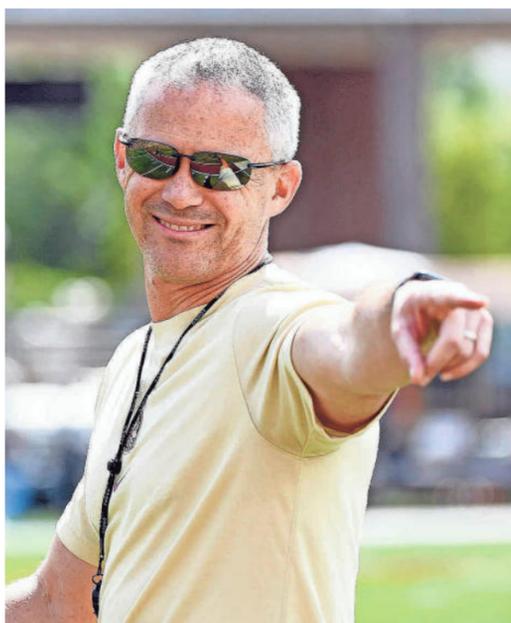
FSU could be a rush first offense

The Seminoles' running backs were the stars of the show as they rushed for multiple touchdowns and carried the offensive effort.

Indiana transfer Jaylin Lucas had a handful of big runs but didn't break free for anything too long. FSU veterans dominated on the ground, specifically red-shirt seniors Lawrance Toafili and Caziah Holmes.

The rushing effort's strong showing is a huge plus

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Florida State Seminoles head coach Mike Norvell smiles during the Spring Showcase.

New TPD HQ may cost \$135M as city unveils master plan

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The price tag for the new Tallahassee Police Department's headquarters has ballooned by \$75 million over earlier estimates, according to an agenda item for next week's regular City Commission meeting.

Initial plans in 2018 had an estimated cost of \$46.5 million. That rose to about \$60 million in 2020 when they settled on the old Northwood Mall site for the police department's new home.

According to the agenda item, the new estimates show an anticipated cost of \$135 million - or more than double the 2020 price. That's based off 60% finalization of the design documents.

City Manager Reese Goad attributed the rising cost of the new HQ, to be built at the site of the old Northwood Mall, to inflation and an expensive post-COVID construction market.

To be sure, this isn't just an issue affecting Tallahassee: Across the country and closer to home with sales-tax-funded Blueprint projects, construction inflation has been busting budgets.

"There's a range we've given," Goad told the Tallahassee Democrat in an interview. "That's not firm, that's not something I can take to contract, but that's a really good indication based on good information."

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Local organization helps hundreds of young men from falling into crime

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Opponents of gun violence recognize that a complete elimination of the issue is impossible, but they are dedicated to finding ways to limit the opportunities that make it easier for their communities to fall victim.

The Tallahassee-Leon County Council on the Status of Men and Boys aims to meet people where they're at in hopes of saving them from the perils that follow a firearm.

Last month, the organization's director Royle King stood before the city commission to present an update on its work that focuses on implementing prevention and intervention methods for men and boys who are at high-risk of falling into gun violence.

"We envision a future where all residents feel hope and are able to realize their full potential," King said during his presentation.

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