

WEEK TWELVE

UMASS AT GEORGIA

Freshmen Fields, Cook power No. 5 Georgia past UMass, 66-27

ATHENS, Ga. -- Georgia's playmakers feasted as if lined up at an all-you-can-eat buffet.No worries. There was plenty of offense for everyone.

Freshman Justin Fields threw two scoring passes and ran for another touchdown, Tyler Simmons had rushing and receiving scores, and No. 5 Georgia protected its playoff hopes by overwhelming UMass 66-27 on Saturday in one of the biggest offensive games in school history.

Another freshman, James Cook ran for 76 yards on only three carries, including his first two career scoring runs, from 26 and 27 yards."Everybody gets equal opportunity," Simmons said.

Georgia gained 701 yards, the second-highest total in school history, including 426 yards on the ground. The Bulldogs never punted.Coach Kirby Smart said the Bulldogs "overpowered a team that's smaller than us."

Fields led the Bulldogs with 100 yards rushing, including a career-long run of 47 yards and a 3-yard scoring run. He completed 5 of 8 passes for 121 yards and two touchdowns, making another step in shedding his reputation as a run-first quarterback."I'm glad Justin got a chance to show he can do more than run," said tailback Elijah Holyfield, who ran for 50 yards and had a 5-yard scoring run.

Georgia (10-1) leaned on its quick-strike offense on six scoring drives lasting no more than four plays. Starter Jake Fromm and Fields shared time at quarterback as the Bulldogs avoided looking ahead to next week's state rivalry game against Georgia Tech or the Dec. 1 Southeastern Conference championship game against No. 1 Alabama.The Bulldogs led UMass (4-8) 42-13 at halftime."They're fast and they're big and the smallest mistake they will capitalize on and take advantage of it," said UMass linebacker Bryton Barr.

Highlights for the Minutemen were Andy Isabella's second-half touchdown catches of 75 and 45 yards from Ross Comis. Isabella, one of the nation's leading receivers, capped his career with 15 catches for 219 yards and two touchdowns."I know the score got a little out of hand, but we went out there and kept fighting," Isabella said.Isabella set school records with 102 catches for 1,698 yards this season.

Georgia scored touchdowns on seven of its first eight possessions. The one exception was Terry Godwin's lost fumble attempting to field a punt in the first quarter. Joseph Norwood recovered at the Georgia 16 to set up the lone touchdown of the half for the Minutemen, a 5-yard run by Marquis Young.Finally, with 9:58 remaining in the third quarter, the Georgia offense was stopped short of the end zone when Rodrigo Blankenship kicked a 40-yard field goal.

Otherwise, it was a productive half for Fields, Simmons and the Bulldogs. Simmons' 49-yard run around right end capped Georgia's three-play touchdown drive to open the game. Simmons added a 71-yard scoring catch from Jake Fromm early in the second quarter.

Fromm was 5-for-5 passing for 106 yards and a touchdown.Third-string quarterback Matthew Downing took over for Georgia to open the fourth quarter.Comis completed 23 of 31 passes for 278 yards with two touchdowns and one interception.

THE TAKEAWAY

UMass: Isabella, a semifinalist to win the Biletnikoff Award given to the nation's top receiver, left a strong impression on the Bulldogs. Even when matched against Georgia's top cover cornerback, Deandre Baker, Isabella was difficult to defend. The UMass defense also struggled in a 55-21 loss at Boston College on Sept. 1 in its only other test against a Power Five team.

Georgia: Fields continued to emerge in a more prominent role for Georgia. Known more for his running earlier this season, Fields showed impressive touch on deep passes, including his 57-yarder for a touchdown caught in stride by Mecole Hardman . "He's getting better with his vision down the field," said Smart of Fields, who also threw an 11-yard scoring pass to Riley Ridley.

BIG OFFENSE

Georgia's 701 yards trailed only its 713 yards against Florida Atlantic in 2012 on school records. The 66 points set a high mark since a 66-0 win over Troy in 2014. The 426 yards rushing are the sixth-most in school history and the most since 454 against Vanderbilt in 1987.

PREGAME INJURY

Linebacker Monty Rice did not play and finally came on the sideline midway through the first quarter on crutches, wearing a boot on his left foot. Smart said Rice was hurt while "planting and driving" during pregame warmups, and he said the severity of the injury was not known.

Georgia was without offensive linemen Kendall Baker (left knee) and Cade Mays (shoulder). Mays had started the last six games at right guard.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Favored by 41 points, Georgia delivered the lopsided win needed to likely protect its No. 5 spot in the Top 25.

WELCOME BACK

Former Georgia tailbacks Nick Chubb, now with the Cleveland Browns, and Sony Michel, now with the New England Patriots, attended the game and earned ovations when featured during first-quarter timeouts. Chubb and Michel finished second and third, respectively, on Georgia's career yards rushing, behind Herschel Walker.

Team Stats	UMASS	UGA
First Downs	16	30
Total Yards	390	701
Total Plays	54	62
Avg Gain Per Play	7.2	11.3
Net Yards Rushing	103	426
Rushes	22	45
Yards Per Rush	4.7	9.5
Net Yards Passing	287	275
Comp-Att	24-32	14-17
Yards Per Pass	9.0	16.2
Times Sacked	3	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-17	-2
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	6	0
Punt Average	40.8	0.0
Penalties	7	2
Penalty Yards	59	20
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	25:49	34:11

Final	1	2	3	4	T
UMASS	7	6	7	7	27
UGA	14	28	17	7	66

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER		UMASS	UGA
UGA	TD 13:01 Tyler Simmons 49 Yd Run (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)	0	7
3 plays, 66 yards, 0:57		0	7
UGA	TD 6:24 Elijah Holyfield 5 Yd Run (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)	7	14
10 plays, 68 yards, 4:58		7	14
UMASS	TD 1:59 Marquis Young 5 Yd Run (Cooper Garcia Kick)	7	14
4 plays, 16 yards, 2:10		7	14
second Quarter		UMASS	UGA
UGA	TD 13:55 Riley Ridley 11 Yd pass from Justin Fields (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)	7	21
7 plays, 80 yards, 3:04		7	21
UGA	TD 10:27 Tyler Simmons 71 Yd pass from Jake Fromm (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)	7	28
2 plays, 73 yards, 0:48		7	28
UMASS	FG 7:19 Cooper Garcia 34 Yd Field Goal	10	28
7 plays, 58 yards, 3:11		10	28
UGA	TD 6:13 Justin Fields 3 Yd Run (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)	10	35
3 plays, 72 yards, 1:06		10	35
UGA	TD 2:22 Mecole Hardman 57 Yd pass from Justin Fields (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)	10	42
4 plays, 81 yards, 1:01		10	42
UMASS	FG 0:00 Cooper Garcia 32 Yd Field Goal	13	42
9 plays, 60 yards, 2:22		13	42
third Quarter		UMASS	UGA
UGA	TD 12:38 James Cook 26 Yd Run (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)	13	49
4 plays, 66 yards, 2:22		13	49
UGA	FG 9:58 Rodrigo Blankenship 40 Yd Field Goal	13	52
4 plays, 7 yards, 1:23		13	52
UGA	TD 0:01 Brian Herrien 6 Yd Run (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)	13	59
9 plays, 80 yards, 5:24		13	59
UMASS	TD 0:00 Andy Isabella 75 Yd pass from Ross Comis (Cooper Garcia Kick)	20	59
1 play, 75 yards, 0:00		20	59
fourth Quarter		UMASS	UGA
UGA	TD 10:50 James Cook 27 Yd Run (Rodrigo Blankenship Kick)	20	66
6 plays, 75 yards, 4:10		20	66
UMASS	TD 8:55 Andy Isabella 45 Yd pass from Ross Comis (Theo Yongue Kick)	27	66
4 plays, 75 yards, 1:55		27	66

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
UMASS	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
4 Brennon Dingle	1	42	42.0	42	0		
8 Marquis Young	7	32	4.6	12	1		
20 Jordan Fredericks	5	19	3.8	5	0		
5 Andy Isabella	2	10	5.0	8	0		
17 Michael Curtis	1	3	3.0	3	0		
2 Ross Comis	6	-3	-0.5	7	0		
UGA	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
1 Justin Fields	7	100	14.3	47	1		
6 James Cook	3	76	25.3	27	2		
35 Brian Herrien	6	53	8.8	24	1		
13 Elijah Holyfield	6	50	8.3	15	1		
7 D'Andre Swift	9	49	5.4	20	0		
87 Tyler Simmons	1	49	49.0	49	1		
33 Ian Donald-McIntyre	4	14	3.5	7	0		
16 Demetris Robertson	1	12	12.0	12	0		
17 Matthew Downing	2	11	5.5	7	0		
24 Prather Hudson	2	9	4.5	7	0		
19 Willie Erdman	1	7	7.0	7	0		
29 Lofton Tidwell	1	-2	-2.0	0	0		
PASSING							
UMASS	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Ross Comis	23	31	278	9.0	2	1	164.4
Michael Curtis	1	1	9	9.0	0	0	175.6
UGA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
1 Justin Fields	5	8	121	15.1	2	0	272.1
11 Jake Fromm	5	5	106	21.2	1	0	344.1
Matthew Downing	4	4	48	12.0	0	0	200.8

RECEIVING						
UMASS	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
5 Andy Isabella	15	219	14.6	75	2	
81 Samuel Emilus	2	24	12.0	13	0	
20 Jordan Fredericks	2	15	7.5	14	0	
8 Marquis Young	3	13	4.3	9	0	
11 Zak Simon	1	12	12.0	12	0	
6 Sadiq Palmer	1	4	4.0	4	0	
UGA	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
87 Tyler Simmons	2	81	40.5	71	1	
4 Mecole Hardman	3	68	22.7	57	1	
18 Isaac Nauta	1	54	54.0	54	0	
6 James Cook	1	23	23.0	23	0	
5 Terry Godwin	2	16	8.0	9	0	
24 Prather Hudson	1	15	15.0	15	0	
14 Trey Blount	1	12	12.0	12	0	
8 Riley Ridley	1	11	11.0	11	1	
19 Willie Erdman	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	
25 Ahkil Crumpton	1	-3	-3.0	0	0x	