

WEEK ONE
MASSACHUSETTS at RUTGERS

Massachusetts Football Drops Season-Opener At Rutgers

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — The University of Massachusetts football program opened its 2019 season and the Walt Bell Era with a trio of first quarter touchdowns and led by as many a two scores early, but Rutgers rallied for a 48-21 win at SHI Stadium in Piscataway, New Jersey, on Friday.

Randall West made his first collegiate start at quarterback and finished the day 20-of-31 for 106 yards, one touchdown and one interception in the loss. Senior cornerback Isaiah Rodgers led the defense with two interceptions, a pass breakup and three tackles.

The Minutemen averaged 5.6 yards rushing on the game, led by Bilal Ally’s 66 yards on 10 carries (6.6 ypr) while Cam Roberson added 62 yards on nine carries (6.2). Ally and Roberson each scored once on the ground. Massachusetts spread its pass offense across nine receivers, led by 37 yards from Kyle Horn, which included a 20-yard touchdown catch.

Cole McCubrey’s 10 tackles led all UMass defensive players while Martin Mangram and Charly Timite totaled six apiece. Timite also had a four-yard sack, his first collegiate sack. Joseph Norwood also posted his first collegiate interception, which gave UMass three takeaways on the night.

Massachusetts opened the game with a 12-play, 75-yard touchdown drive, which culminated in West connecting with Horn from 20 yards away for the first collegiate touchdown pass and touchdown reception for each player.

The Maroon and White needed only two plays for its next scoring series as Roberson took a handoff on 2nd-and-five and scampered 39 yards through the middle of the Rutgers defense for a 14-0 lead less than six minutes into the game.

After the Scarlet Knights found the endzone on a Isaih Pacheco two-yard run, Massachusetts tacked on its third touchdown of the day with two seconds to go in the opening frame. Ally closed out a 13-play, 75-yard series in style with a 33-yard burst down the middle of the field for his first touchdown of the year.

Rutgers settled in during the second quarter and took the lead from the Minutemen with consecutive scores by Bo Melton and Pacheco before a Justin Davidovicz field put the Scarlet Knights in front, 24-21. It jump-started the Rutgers’ offense to 41 consecutive points en route to the 48-21 victory.

Scarlet Knights starting quarterback McLane Carter went 21-of-31 for 340 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions. Pacheco posted 156 yards rushing over 20 carries. Raheem Blackshear caught nine passes for 126 yards and one score while Melton totaled six receptions covering 127 yards and a score. Tyshon Fogg led the Scarlet Knights’ defense with 11 tackles.

Massachusetts plays its first home game of the season at McGuirk Alumni Stadium next with a Sat., Sept. 7 tilt with Southern Illinois. Kickoff is set for 3:30 p.m. The game will be broadcast by FloSports and will be available in New England via NESNplus.

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UMASS	21	0	0	0	21
RUTG	7	31	3	7	48

Scoring Summary -----				
FIRST QUARTER		UMASS	RUTG	
UMASS TD 11:32 Kyle Horn 20 Yd pass from Randall West (Cooper Garcia Kick)				
12 plays, 75 yards, 3:28		7	0	
UMASS TD 9:33 Cam Roberson 39 Yd Run (Cooper Garcia Kick)				
2 plays, 44 yards, 0:27		14	0	
RUTG TD 2:54 Isaih Pacheco 2 Yd Run (Justin Davidovicz Kick)				
13 plays, 75 yards, 6:39		14	7	
UMASS TD 0:02 Bilal Ally 33 Yd Run (Cooper Garcia Kick)				
10 plays, 75 yards, 2:52		21	7	
SECOND QUARTER		UMASS	RUTG	
RUTG TD 13:40 Bo Melton 33 Yd pass from McLane Carter (Justin Davidovicz Kick)				
4 plays, 68 yards, 1:20		21	14	
RUTG TD 9:03 Isaih Pacheco 57 Yd Run (Justin Davidovicz Kick)				
5 plays, 85 yards, 2:04		21	21	
RUTG FG 4:04 Justin Davidovicz 27 Yd Field Goal				
8 plays, 59 yards, 3:30		21	24	
RUTG TD 1:54 Raheem Blackshear 28 Yd pass from McLane Carter (Justin Davidovicz Kick)				
3 plays, 50 yards, 1:03		21	31	
RUTG TD 0:11 Isaih Pacheco 2 Yd Run (Justin Davidovicz Kick)				
4 plays, 59 yards, 0:22		21	38	
THIRD QUARTER		UMASS	RUTG	
RUTG FG 11:15 Justin Davidovicz 23 Yd Field Goal				
8 plays, 68 yards, 3:44		21	41	
FOURTH QUARTER		UMASS	RUTG	
RUTG TD 10:18 Isaih Pacheco 7 Yd Run (Justin Davidovicz Kick)				
6 plays, 31 yards, 2:22		21	48	

Team Stats	UMASS	RUT
First Downs	18	24
Passes for First	8	16
Rushes for First	6	6
Penalties for First	4	2
Third Down Efficiency	6-16	7-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-3	1-1
Total Yards	307	548
Total Plays	70	74
Avg Gain Per Play	4.4	7.4
Net Yards Rushing	186	200
Rushes	33	42
Yards Per Rush	5.6	4.8
Net Yards Passing	121	348
Comp-Att	22-37	22-32
Yards Per Pass	3.3	10.9
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-10	-4
Interceptions	2	3
Punts	5	1
Punt Average	33.4	34.0
Penalties	8	6
Penalty Yards	90	75
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	23:54	36:06

Individual Stats

RUSHING

MASSACHUSETTS

RushYdsAvgTDLONG

Bilal Ally10666.6133

Cam Roberson9566.2139

Kevin Brown7324.6010

Randall West5306.0029

Andrew Brito133.003

Jessie Britt1-1-1.000

RUTGERS

RushYdsAvgTDLONG

Isaih Pacheco201567.8457

Raheem Blackshear12393.307

Kay’Ron Adams4133.306

Bo Melton133.003

Johnny Langan2-2-1.001

McLane Carter1-4-4.000

PASSING

MASSACHUSETTS

CompAttYdsY/ATDTIntQBRat

Randall West20311063.41149.0

Andrew Brito26152.5010.5

RUTGERS

CompAttYdsY/ATDTIntQBRat

McLane Carter213134011.02392.4

Johnny Langan1188.0001.3

RECEIVING

MASSACHUSETTS

RecYdsAvgTDLONG

Kyle Horn4379.3120

Jermaine Johnson Jr.6274.5013

Brennon Dingle3206.707

Zak Simon2178.5013

Cam Roberson3144.7012

Sadiq Palmer144.004

Melvin Hill122.002

Josiah Johnson122.002

Jessie Britt1-2-2.000

RUTGERS

RecYdsAvgTDLONG

Bo Melton612721.2152

Raheem Blackshear912614.0130

Mohamed Jabbie34414.7025

Matt Alaimo23216.0017

Paul Woods11111.0011

Aaron Young188.008