

WEEK TWO
EAST TENNESSEE STATE AT TENNESSEE

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Jeremy Pruitt earned his first win as a collegiate head coach in dominant fashion as the Tennessee Volunteers defeated in-state foe ETSU 59-3 Saturday evening at Neyland Stadium.

Six Vols recorded the first touchdowns of their respective Tennessee careers in the win, led by running backs Jeremy Banks and Madre London with two rushing scores apiece. Josh Palmer entered the checkerboards on a 20-yard end-around rush, and Jordan Murphy hauled in a 50-yard touchdown pass to round out UT's offensive touchdowns.

Junior defensive back Marquill Osborne found the end zone for the first time on a blocked punt return, while redshirt-junior line-backer Darrin Kirkland Jr. added a defensive touchdown with his first-career pick-six.

Redshirt-sophomore quarterback Jarrett Guarantano led the passing attack for the Big Orange, connecting on 8-of-13 passes for 154 yards. Grad transfer QB Keller Chryst saw action for the second-straight week and completed all three of his passes for 70 yards and a touchdown. Sophomore RB Tim Jordan led all players in rushing with 65 yards in 15 attempts on the ground, while Marquez Callaway logged a game-high five catches and 78 yards through the air.

Sophomore placekicker Brent Cimaglia opened the scoring for UT on a 26-yard field goal with 9:32 remaining in the first quarter. The Vols first entered the red zone on a 51-yard pass from Guarantano to Palmer — the longest play for UT this season.

Tennessee (1-1) scored its first touchdown at Neyland Stadium in 2018 on a blocked punt return by Osborne. Recovering his own block at the eight-yard line, the junior DB high-stepped into the endzone to put the Vols ahead 10-0 with 2:49 left in the opening frame.

The game entered a weather delay at the 12:01 mark of the second quarter as the clock read 4:52 p.m. Play resumed at 5:40 p.m. for a total delay of 48 minutes.

Following the delay, UT put together a quick six-play, 82-yard drive over 2:34 that was capped off by a one-yard Banks rushing TD. The touchdown was set up by a 51-yard bomb, caught by Callaway despite pass interference from ETSU defensive back Jeremy Lewis.

On the first play of the ensuing Buccaneer drive, freshman DB Bryce Thompson nabbed his first-career interception and returned it 21 yards before stepping out-of-bounds at the three-yard line. Banks went into the checkerboards on the very next play to give the Vols a 24-0 edge with 9:12 remaining in the half.

Kirkland Jr. made it a 31-0 lead for the Vols with his first-career pick-six on the next ETSU drive. The Indianapolis, Ind. native intercepted a pass at the 33-yard line, broke a tackle and sprinted into the endzone for UT's second non-offensive touchdown of the day.

Chryst entered the game with 6:04 left in the second quarter, leading the Vols on a seven-play, 69-yard touchdown drive that spanned 3:04 of game time. Chryst completed his first pass attempt as a Vol for 12 yards to tight end Dominick Wood-Anderson before the drive was finished off on a 20-yard end-around rush by Palmer. Following Cimaglia's fifth successful PAT, the Vols went up 38-0 and took that lead into the halftime locker room.

Guarantano led the opening drive of the second half as UT marched down the field for a 10-play, 75-yard touchdown series. London broke off a 34-yard rush before scoring his first TD as a Vol on a three-yard scamper, advancing Tennessee's lead to 45-0. ETSU (1-1) broke up the shutout on a 39-yard field goal from JJ Jerman at the 4:57 mark of the third quarter, and neither team was able to score for the remainder of the period.

Chryst fired the first touchdown of his UT career early in the fourth quarter, finding a wide-open Murphy down the sideline for a 50-yard scoring connection with 13:34 left in the game. London notched the final TD of the night on a four-yard rush with 3:20 remaining. The last scoring drive started following Micah Abernathy's fumble recovery on a muffed punt.

Junior newcomer Emmitt Gooden led Tennessee with eight total tackles on the defensive line, including UT's lone sack and a team-high three tackles for loss. In addition to his first-career interception, Thompson recorded two tackles for loss for the Volunteers. As a unit, the Vols held ETSU to 69 passing yards and limited the Buccaneers to 2-of-15 on third-down conversions.

Tennessee returns to action next Saturday as the UTEP Miners visit Neyland Stadium. The game is set for a noon kickoff and will be broadcast on SEC Network.

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ETSU	0	0	3	0	3
TENN	10	28	7	14	59
Scoring Summary -----					
FIRST QUARTER				ETSU	TENN
TENN FG 9:32					
Brent Cimaglia 26 Yd Field Goal					
8 plays, 58 yards, 3:07				0	3
TENN TD 2:49					
Marquill Osborne 8 Yd Return of Blocked Punt (Brent Cimaglia Kick)					
3 plays, 6 yards, 1:30				0	10
SECOND QUARTER				ETSU	TENN
TENN TD 9:27					
Jeremy Banks 1 Yd Run (Brent Cimaglia Kick)					
6 plays, 82 yards, 2:34				0	17
TENN TD 9:12					
Jeremy Banks 3 Yd Run (Brent Cimaglia Kick)					
1 play, 3 yards, 0:05				0	24
TENN TD 7:41					
Darrin Kirkland Jr. 33 Yd Interception Return (Brent Cimaglia Kick)					
3 plays, 5 yards, 1:31				0	31
TENN TD 3:00					
Josh Palmer 20 Yd Run (Brent Cimaglia Kick)					
7 plays, 69 yards, 3:04				0	38
THIRD QUARTER				ETSU	TENN
TENN TD 10:58					
Madre London 3 Yd Run (Brent Cimaglia Kick)					
10 plays, 75 yards, 4:02				0	45
ETSU FG 6:01					
JJ Jerman 39 Yd Field Goal					
11 plays, 54 yards, 4:57				3	45
FOURTH QUARTER				ETSU	TENN
TENN TD 13:34					
Jordan Murphy 50 Yd pass from Keller Chryst (Brent Cimaglia Kick)					
3 plays, 65 yards, 1:18				3	52
TENN TD 3:20					
Madre London 4 Yd Run (Brent Cimaglia Kick)					
6 plays, 19 yards, 3:40				3	59

Team Stats	ETSU	TENN
First Downs	9	23
Total Yards	194	414
Total Plays	58	60
Avg Gain Per Play	3.3	6.9
Net Yards Rushing	125	190
Rushes	29	44
Yards Per Rush	4.3	4.3
Net Yards Passing	69	224
Comp-Att	12-29	11-16
Yards Per Pass	2.4	14.0
Times Sacked	1	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-6	-6
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	7	4
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	6	3
Penalty Yards	39	19
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	29:08	30:52

Individual Stats							
RUSHING							
ETSU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Jacob Saylor	8	41	5.1	0	23		
Quay Holmes	10	35	3.5	0	18		
Austin Herink	2	27	13.5	0	33		
Logan Marchi	3	9	3.0	0	7		
Dontavius Monroe	3	9	3.0	0	4		
Matt Thompson	3	4	1.3	0	5		
TENN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Tim Jordan	15	65	4.3	0	16		
Jeremy Banks	13	62	4.8	2	15		
Madre London	8	47	5.9	2	34		
Josh Palmer	1	20	20.0	1	20		
Princeton Fant	3	7	2.3	0	6		
Team	3	-5	-1.7	0	0		
Jarrett Guarantano	1	-6	-6.0	0	0		
PASSING							
ETSU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Logan Marchi	11	26	72	2.8	0	2	50.2
Austin Herink	1	3	-3	-1.0	0	0	24.9
TENN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jarrett Guarantano	8	13	154	11.8	0	0	161.0
Keller Chryst	3	3	70	23.3	1	0	406.0
RECEIVING							
ETSU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Keith Coffee	4	30	7.5	0	16		
Jacob Saylor	2	18	9.0	0	18		
Ari Werts	3	18	6.0	0	7		
Quan Harrison	1	8	8.0	0	8		
Logan Marchi	1	-2	-2.0	0	0		
Nate Adkins	1	-3	-3.0	0	0		
TENN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Marquez Callaway	5	78	15.6	0	51		
Jordan Murphy	3	75	25.0	1	50		
Josh Palmer	1	51	51.0	0	51		
Dominick Wood-Anderson	1	12	12.0	0	12		
Jauan Jennings	1	8	8.0	0	8		