

WEEK TWO  
**MAINE AT WESTERN KENTUCKY**

BOWLING GREEN, Ky - WKU's 48-yard field goal to tie the game as blocked, and the Hilltoppers fell in their 2018 home opener to Maine, 31-28.

WKU jumped out to a 21-0 lead in the first five minutes of the contest, but Maine continued to compete and rallied back to go into the break down just 21-14. WKU senior quarterback Drew Eckels threw for a career-high 347 yards on 23-of-41 passing with three touchdowns including two to junior receiver Lucky Jackson.

Jackson finished the game with 115 yards on four receptions.

The two connected on the game's opening play for a 66-yard touchdown reception.

On Maine's opening drive, quarterback Chris Ferguson's pass was tipped and intercepted by sophomore safety Devon Key who raced 45 yards the other way for a score. A three-and-out by the visitors followed before Eckels again found Jackson for a 32-yard score on a scramble to put the host Hilltoppers up 21-0.

The Black Bears were able to tie the game up on a sack-fumble in the opening minutes of the third quarter as Sterling Sheffield forced it, and DeShaw Stevens recovered it for a 50-yard scoop and score. Maine built a 31-21 lead before Eckels connected with freshman back Garland LaFrance on another one-play scoring strike, this one from 75 yards away to make it 31-28.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
MAINE	0	14	14	3	31
WKU	21	0	0	7	28

**Scoring Summary** -----

	MAINE	WKU
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
WKU TD 14:42		
D. Eckels pass, to L. Jackson for 66 yds for a TD, (R. Nuss KICK)	0	7
1 play, 66 yards, 0:18		
WKU TD 13:17		
C. Ferguson pass intercepted for a TD, D. Key return for 45 yds for a TD, (R. Nuss KICK)	0	14
4 plays, 19 yards, 1:25		
WKU TD 9:57		
D. Eckels pass, to L. Jackson for 32 yds for a TD, (R. Nuss KICK)	0	21
5 plays, 57 yards, 1:00		
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
MAINE TD 10:20		
C. Ferguson pass, to R. Jefferson for 51 yds for a TD, (K. Doak KICK)	7	21
6 plays, 83 yards, 3:03		
MAINE TD 1:32		
C. Ferguson pass, to M. Wright for 32 yds for a TD, (K. Doak KICK)	14	21
3 plays, 59 yards, 0:22		
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
MAINE TD 12:41		
D. Eckels sacked by S. Sheffield for -7 yds, D. Eckels fumbled, recovered by Maine D. Stevens, return for 50 yds, (K. Doak KICK)	21	21
3 plays, -19 yards, 0:53		
MAINE TD 5:16		
C. Ferguson pass, to M. Wright for 15 yds for a TD, (K. Doak KICK)	28	21
1 play, 15 yards, 0:06		
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
MAINE FG 7:11		
K. Doak 37 yd FG GOOD	31	21
7 plays, 34 yards, 3:10		
WKU TD 7:00		
D. Eckels pass, to G. LaFrance for 75 yds for a TD, (R. Nuss KICK)	31	28
1 play, 75 yards, 0:11		

Team Stats	MAINE	WKU
First Downs	14	17
Total Yards	326	387
Total Plays	68	74
Avg Gain Per Play	4.8	5.2
Net Yards Rushing	144	40
Rushes	39	33
Yards Per Rush	3.7	1.2
Net Yards Passing	182	347
Comp-Att	12-29	23-41
Yards Per Pass	6.3	8.5
Times Sacked	6	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-47	-11
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	9	9
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	6	4
Penalty Yards	40	38
Fumbles	0	2
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	33:09	26:51

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

MAINE	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Joe Fitzpatrick	21	82	3.9	0	22
Ramon Jefferson	12	60	5.0	0	22
Devin Young	1	4	4.0	0	4
Chris Ferguson	5	-2	-0.4	0	6
Team	2	-2	-1.0	0	0
WKU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Garland LaFrance	7	33	4.7	0	13
D'Andre Ferby	3	17	5.7	0	15
Joshua Samuel	3	9	3.0	0	6
Marquez Trigg	4	7	1.8	0	5
Kevaris Thomas	1	5	5.0	0	5
Lucky Jackson	1	1	1.0	0	1
Demetrius Cain	1	1	1.0	0	1
Gino Appleberry Jr.	1	1	1.0	0	1
Masai Whyte	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Drew Eckels	11	-31	-2.8	0	7

**PASSING**

MAINE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Chris Ferguson	11	28	185	6.6	3	1	123.0
Drew Belcher	1	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	74.8
WKU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Drew Eckels	23	41	347	8.5	3	0	151.3

**RECEIVING**

MAINE	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Ramon Jefferson	1	51	51.0	1	51
Micah Wright	2	47	23.5	2	32
Julian Dunn	2	46	23.0	0	32
Drew Belcher	3	27	9.0	0	16
Jaquan Blair	2	8	4.0	0	11
Devin Young	2	3	1.5	0	5
WKU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Lucky Jackson	4	115	28.8	2	66
Garland LaFrance	4	90	22.5	1	75
Mik'Quan Deane	5	45	9.0	0	19
Quin Jernighan	5	43	8.6	0	19
Kyle Fourtenbary	1	24	24.0	0	24
D'Andre Ferby	1	13	13.0	0	13
Jacquez Sloan	2	9	4.5	0	9
Xavier Lane	1	8	8.0	0	8