

WEEK TWO

MARYLAND AT BOWLING GREEN

Instant reactions after Maryland advanced to 2-0 with a 45-14 win over Bowling Green Saturday night...

Sleepy Start, Penalties Keep First Half Close

After beating Texas under the most emotional of circumstances, the biggest question heading into this weekend's game against Bowling Green was whether Maryland would keep its focus on the first road trip of the season.

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The answer certainly appeared to be no, at least early on, as the first half was filled with Maryland mistakes and penalties.

A Lorenzo Harrison first quarter touchdown was negated on the Terps second drive due to a couple of illegal blocks and the Falcons capitalized on the next series with a 14-play, 89-yard touchdown drive jump-started by a 15-yard facemask penalty on Byron Cowart. The mistakes continued to rack up throughout the game; by half-time, the Terps already had twice the amount of penalties, for nearly twice the amount of yards, as they were called for the entire game against Texas.

That resulted in Bowling Green, clearly inferior on paper and on the field, holding a lead for most of the first half. The Falcons entered halftime up 14-10 before the Terps talent advantage began to show in the third quarter.

Many of Maryland's 14 penalties (for 139 yards) were self-inflicted, but the officials weren't shy about throwing flags. Center Johnny Jordan was whistled for an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for a slight push on second-and-goal in the third quarter that looked like it would prove costly but ended in Hill connecting with Jahrviss Davenport for a 22-yard go-ahead score in the third quarter. The next drive left tackle Derwin Gray, who missed the season opener, was flagged for "high-fiving fans in the endzone" after Tayon Fleet-Davis put Maryland ahead 24-14.

In reality, Maryland was the more dominant throughout -- even at halftime the Terps were averaging more than three yards per play than Bowling Green -- but the sleepy start and penalty flags made the game more compelling than it could've been.

Johnson, Harrison Get Maryland's Rushing Attack Going

During his weekly press conference Tuesday, Maryland interim coach Matt Canada explained that it was the Longhorns defensive game plan that led to the Terps top two running backs combined for just 28 yards on 13 carries, not his own.

So, as expected, Maryland running backs Ty Johnson and Lorenzo Harrison had much more success in between the tackles against the Falcons defense than they did a week ago in the season opener. The veteran backs each eclipsed the century mark, combining for 226 yards on 20 carries, while looking almost unstoppable as the game went on. As a team, Maryland rushed for an eye-popping 444 yards, averaging more than eight yards per touch.

It didn't matter whether Bowling Green focused on stopping the run like Texas; the Terps offensive line, with Gray's return enabling more jumbo formations, had their way with the Falcons front seven and opened up plenty of holes for Johnson and Harrison. It made life easy for Kasim Hill, who completed only eight of his 16 passes for 121 yards and a touchdown.

After Harrison's touchdown was called back in the first quarter, the Terps got on the board with a nine-play, 77 yard drive that consisted of nothing but runs with 2:34 left in the half. Canada went back to his Wisconsin days on the drive with Hill lined up under center in power formation as Harrison and Fleet-Davis traded blows against the Falcons defense. Harrison scored from five yards out to cap off the drive after Fleet-Davis picked up 30 on the ground two plays before.

Johnson got going in the second half with a key 32 yard dash up the middle that set up Davenport's go-ahead touchdown catch with less than five minutes left in the third quarter.

The next drive Johnson had another big gain -- this time for 19 yards -- and then Fleet-Davis scored from nine yards out. That six-play, 68 yard drive didn't include a pass.

Hill connected with Anthony McFarland on a wheel route on the first play of the following series, the only pass attempt on what turned out to be an eight-play, 78 yard touchdown drive. Johnson capped off Maryland's third consecutive unanswered score with a one-yard run.

The Terps next two drives also resulted in touchdowns with Javon Leake, who didn't receive a touch against Texas, getting in on the act. Leake rushed three times for 42 yards on the fifth and final scoring drive in a row, 36 coming on the final play.

With a dominant ground attack, the Terps didn't need much of Tyrrell Pigrome, who came in for one series in the second quarter but turned it over after rushing for 18 yards on his first play. That's when Canada committed to smashmouth football with Hill under center.

The Terps were successful on the ground from the start of the game -- Johnson's first carry went for 19 yards while Harrison gained more than 50 on his first two touches -- but penalties caused them to operate behind the sticks too often in the first quarter.

Defense Slows Down Bowling Green's Uptempo Attack

The Terps defense, which was among the worst in the Big Ten last year, put together yet another strong game against the Falcons. They held Bowling Green opponent to just two first downs and 33 yards in the second half.

Linebacker Isaiah Davis, who was on the 2015 team that lost to Bowling Green, led the way with perhaps the best game of career, totaling 10 tackles and two sacks. Five other Terp defenders also had tackles behind the line of scrimmage, including Cowart, Antoine Brooks, Jesse Aniebonam, Bryce Brand and safety Qwuantrezz Knight.

The Falcons uptempo attack winded the Terps defense on the second drive of the game but they only score once more, right before halftime, which appeared to be, at least in part, a result of conservative play-calling. Bowling Green quarterback Jarrett Doege, who isn't much of a scrambler, connected with a wide open Quentin Morris for a 29-yard score on a broken play with 70 seconds left before intermission which put the Falcons up 14-7. The Terps, though, answered with a 40-yard field goal.

Bowling Green's offense -- which scored 28 unanswered points in the second half the last time the two teams met -- didn't do anything of note the rest of the game.

5COMMENTS

Redshirt freshman linebacker Ayinde Eley recorded an interception in the fourth quarter.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
MD	0	10	7	28	45
BGSU	7	7	0	0	14

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER	MD	BGSU
BGSU TD 0:33		
Scott Miller 3 Yd pass from Jarret Doege (Nate Needham Kick)		
14 plays, 89 yards, 6:41	0	7
SECOND QUARTER	MD	BGSU
MD TD 2:34		
Lorenzo Harrison III 5 Yd Run (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
9 plays, 77 yards, 4:54	7	7
BGSU TD 1:13		
Quintin Morris 29 Yd pass from Jarret Doege (Nate Needham Kick)		
5 plays, 67 yards, 1:13	7	14
MD FG 0:03		
Joseph Petrino 40 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 42 yards, 1:10	10	14
THIRD QUARTER	MD	BGSU
MD TD 4:31		
Jahrviss Davenport 22 Yd pass from Kasim Hill (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
8 plays, 64 yards, 3:41	17	14
FOURTH QUARTER	MD	BGSU
MD TD 14:55		
Tayon Fleet-Davis 9 Yd Run (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
6 plays, 68 yards, 2:38	24	14
MD TD 9:52		
Ty Johnson 1 Yd Run (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
8 plays, 78 yards, 3:32	31	14
MD TD 5:57		
Tayon Fleet-Davis 1 Yd Run (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
5 plays, 32 yards, 2:23	38	14
MD TD 3:12		
Javon Leake 36 Yd Run (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
3 plays, 42 yards, 1:14	45	14

Team Stats	MD	BGSU
First Downs	27	13
Total Yards	566	158
Total Plays	69	55
Avg Gain Per Play	8.2	2.9
Net Yards Rushing	445	15
Rushes	53	28
Yards Per Rush	8.4	0.5
Net Yards Passing	121	143
Comp-Att	8-16	17-27
Yards Per Pass	7.6	5.3
Times Sacked	5	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-42	0
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	4	9
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	14	9
Penalty Yards	140	61
Fumbles	2	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	32:28	27:32

Individual Stats

RUSHING

MD	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Ty Johnson	12	124	10.3	1	32
Tayon Fleet-Davis	15	102	6.8	2	30
Lorenzo Harrison III	8	86	10.8	1	38
Anthony McFarland	8	69	8.6	0	18
Javon Leake	3	42	14.0	1	36
Tyrrell Pigrome	2	15	7.5	0	18
Jeshaun Jones	1	11	11.0	0	11
Kasim Hill	2	-2	-1.0	0	3
Team	2	-3	-1.5	0	0

BGSU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Andrew Clair	16	44	2.8	0	16
Charles Lamar	3	7	2.3	0	5
Bryson Denley	4	6	1.5	0	6
Jarret Doege	5	-42	-8.4	0	0

PASSING

MD	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kasim Hill	8	16	121	7.6	1	0	51.0

BGSU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jarret Doege	17	27	143	5.3	2	1	31.2

RECEIVING

MD	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Anthony McFarland	2	53	26.5	0	46
Jahrviss Davenport	2	41	20.5	1	22
DJ Turner	1	14	14.0	0	14
Jeshaun Jones	1	12	12.0	0	12
Tayon Fleet-Davis	1	2	2.0	0	2
Ty Johnson	1	-1	-1.0	0	0

BGSU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Quintin Morris	5	85	17.0	1	29
Deric Phouthavong	4	32	8.0	0	15
Scott Miller	3	11	3.7	1	7
Bryson Denley	1	9	9.0	0	9
Andrew Clair	3	4	1.3	0	7
Dorian Hendrix	1	2	2.0	0	2