

WEEK THREE
MIAMI AT TOLEDO

TOLEDO, Ohio -- A few more performances like this, and maybe Malik Rosier will win over those skeptical Miami fans.

Rosier threw for two touchdowns and ran for three more, and the No. 21 Hurricanes outlasted upset-minded Toledo 49-24 on Saturday. Rosier was booed last weekend -- during a game the Hurricanes won 77-0 over Savannah State -- and that didn't sit well with teammate DeeJay Dallas.

"Now he can stop being booed," Dallas said after rushing for 110 yards and a touchdown against Toledo. "Stop booing Malik. I don't like that. That's not something that our fans should be about."

The Hurricanes (2-1) never trailed and led 21-0 late in the first half, but Toledo (1-1) twice pulled back to within a touchdown. Even then, however, the defending Mid-American Conference champion couldn't stop Rosier and Miami.

Rosier threw for 205 yards and ran for 80, and Jeff Thomas had five catches for 105 yards and a TD. The Hurricanes lost star safety Jaquan Johnson late in the second quarter to an apparent hamstring injury. He was back on the sideline using a stationary bike during the second half, but Miami's defense was not the same without him.

Toledo scored touchdowns on its last possession of the first half and its first two of the second, but the early hole was too much to overcome. Mitchell Guadagni threw for two TDs for the Rockets.

"At times we were really rolling and everyone was doing their jobs," Toledo receiver Diontae Johnson said. "We just need to take care of the mistakes we made in the second half."

It was 21-7 at halftime, and the Hurricanes had plenty of answers when Toledo made a game of it in the third quarter. Dallas ran for a 19-yard TD to put Miami up 28-14, and Rosier's 5-yard scoring pass to Lawrence Cager made it 35-21.

"This shouldn't be like a one- or two-game wonder," Rosier said. "Our offense should score 40-plus points every game."

Toledo settled for a field goal on its next drive, and Rosier broke free for a 37-yard touchdown run to make it 42-24 with 12:18 remaining in the game.

"We beat a really good team," Miami coach Mark Richt said. "Toledo is outstanding and well coached. They are used to winning and it was a good battle until it got a little out of hand at the end."

Toledo gave the Hurricanes a tough game last year but ultimately lost 52-30 at Miami.

THE TAKEAWAY

Miami: The Hurricanes are fighting an uphill battle to get back in the national title picture after a season-opening loss to LSU. They have an obvious concern if Jaquan Johnson's injury turns out to be a nagging one, but Rosier and Thomas were more than Toledo's defense could handle.

Toledo: The Rockets aren't seeking moral victories. They've beaten teams such as Arkansas and Iowa State over the past few years, and they obviously hoped for a better showing against Miami. This was still anyone's game in the third quarter, but not so much in the fourth.

"The score isn't what we wanted, it's obviously not what we planned," Toledo coach Jason Candle said. "But there were some moments where we were taking some punches from a heavyweight opponent and staring them right back in the eyes."

CLEAN GAME

Miami was charged with zero penalties for zero yards in the final stat book -- that doesn't include a couple kickoffs that went out of bounds. The Hurricanes couldn't have asked for much more in terms of avoiding mistakes. They also had no turnovers and didn't allow any sacks.

MOVING THE CHAINS

Miami was 4 of 6 on third down in the third quarter, and after one of those two failures, the Hurricanes went for it on fourth down and converted. For the game, Miami controlled the ball for 35:29, which was emblematic of the trouble Toledo's defense had getting off the field.

CONTAINED

Diontae Johnson had six catches for 119 yards and two touchdowns, but Toledo's other two standout receivers -- Jon'Vea Johnson and Cody Thompson -- combined for only three receptions.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Teams like Miami don't play road games like this very often. There's a lot to lose and not much to gain, but it will be interesting to see if voters reward the Hurricanes for a convincing road win over a strong MAC program.

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MIAMI	7	14	14	14	49
TOLEDO	0	7	14	3	24

Scoring Summary -----

	MIAMI	TOL
FIRST QUARTER		
MIAMI TD 8:11		
Malik Rosier 5 Yd Run (Bubba Baxa Kick)		
12 plays, 76 yards, 4:29	7	0
SECOND QUARTER		
MIAMI TD 12:27		
Jeff Thomas 38 Yd pass from Malik Rosier (Bubba Baxa Kick)		
5 plays, 61 yards, 2:09	14	0
MIAMI TD 2:56		
Malik Rosier 2 Yd Run (Bubba Baxa Kick)		
7 plays, 58 yards, 2:36	21	0
TOL TD 0:37		
Diontae Johnson 7 Yd pass from Mitchell Guadagni (Jameson Vest Kick)		
8 plays, 65 yards, 2:19	21	7
THIRD QUARTER		
MIAMI TD 10:53		
Art Thompkins 5 Yd Run (Jameson Vest Kick)		
7 plays, 81 yards, 2:4	21	14
MIAMI TD 8:34		
DeeJay Dallas 19 Yd Run (Bubba Baxa Kick)		
5 plays, 75 yards, 2:19	28	14
TOL TD 7:39		
Diontae Johnson 40 Yd pass from Mitchell Guadagni (Jameson Vest Kick)		
3 plays, 65 yards, 0:55	28	21
MIAMI TD 1:28		
Lawrence Cager 5 Yd pass from Malik Rosier (Bubba Baxa Kick)		
14 plays, 70 yards, 6:11	35	21
FOURTH QUARTER		
TOL FG 14:19		
Jameson Vest 47 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 31 yards, 2:09	35	24
MIAMI TD 12:18		
Malik Rosier 37 Yd Run (Bubba Baxa Kick)		
5 plays, 75 yards, 2:01	42	24
MIAMI TD 8:54		
Trayone Gray 1 Yd Run (Bubba Baxa Kick)		
6 plays, 35 yards, 3:18	49	24
Team Stats		
First Downs	MIAMI 24	TOL 17
Total Yards	MIAMI 473	TOL 334
Total Plays	MIAMI 76	TOL 59
Avg Gain Per Play	MIAMI 6.2	TOL 5.7
Net Yards Rushing	MIAMI 268	TOL 112
Rushes	MIAMI 53	TOL 36
Yards Per Rush	MIAMI 5.1	TOL 3.1
Net Yards Passing	MIAMI 205	TOL 222
Comp-Att	MIAMI 13-23	TOL 13-23
Yards Per Pass	MIAMI 8.9	TOL 9.7
Times Sacked	MIAMI 0	TOL 4
Yds Lost To Sacks	MIAMI 0	TOL -25
Interceptions	MIAMI 0	TOL 1
Punts	MIAMI 5	TOL 6
Punt Average	MIAMI 41.6	TOL 41.7
Penalties	MIAMI 0	TOL 5
Penalty Yards	MIAMI 0	TOL 38
Fumbles	MIAMI 0	TOL 0
Fumbles Lost	MIAMI 0	TOL 0
Possession	MIAMI 35:29	TOL 24:31

Individual Stats

RUSHING

MIAMI	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
13 DeeJay Dallas	17	110	6.5	19	1
12 Malik Rosier	8	80	10.0	37	3
24 Travis Homer	16	62	3.9	10	0
4 Jeff Thomas	1	19	19.0	19	0
32 Trayone Gray	3	6	2.0	3	1
1 Lorenzo Lingard	3	4	1.3	5	0
5 N'Kosi Perry	1	-4	-4.0	0	0
TOL	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
6 Mitchell Guadagni	15	47	3.1	15	0
33 Art Thompkins	5	31	6.2	14	1
22 Bryant Koback	7	23	3.3	13	0
21 Shakif Seymour	9	11	1.2	8	0

PASSING

MIAMI	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
12 Malik Rosier	13	23	205	8.9	2	0	160.1
5 N'Kosi Perry	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
TOL	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
6 Mitchell Guadagni	13	21	222	10.6	2	1	172.6
12 Eli Peters	0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0.0

RECEIVING

MIAMI	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
4 Jeff Thomas	5	105	21.0	41	1
18 Lawrence Cager	3	67	22.3	32	1
81 Darrell Langham	2	23	11.5	15	0
7 Brian Hightower	1	8	8.0	8	0
3 Mike Harley	2	2	1.0	1	0
TOL	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
3 Diontae Johnson	6	119	19.8	40	2
21 Shakif Seymour	2	34	17.0	24	0
33 Art Thompkins	2	32	16.0	31	0
25 Cody Thompson	2	19	9.5	13	0
7 Jon'Vea Johnson	1	18	18.0	18	0
4 Danzel McKinley-Lewis	0	0	-	-	0