

WEEK Three
TEMPLE AT MARYLAND

Temple rolls to 35-14 upset of previously unbeaten Maryland

COLLEGE PARK, Md. Desperate to get its first win of the season, Temple incorporated a defensive strategy that could be summed up in three simple words: Stop the run.

Jamming the line of scrimmage and daring unbeaten Maryland to throw, the Owls shut down the Terrapins' potent offense and pulled off a 35-14 upset Saturday.

After watching the Terrapins run over Texas and Bowling Green, Temple coach Geoff Collins knew what the Owls had to do as a 16-point underdog.

"Our defensive staff had a great plan and our defense executed that plan," Collins said. "We took away a lot of the things they had done well in the first two games, and when they changed up, our guys were able to change up."

A rushing attack that had been averaging 293.5 yards per game totaled only 50 through the first three quarters and finished with 132.

"Credit to Temple. They had a great scheme," Maryland interim coach Matt Canada said. "They had their safeties down really low and we didn't make them pay on our shots over the top. We couldn't get it going."

Maryland quarterback Kasim Hill went 7 for 17 for 56 yards, and backup Tyrrell Pigrome was 1 for 4 for 7 yards. Both threw an interception.

Ryquell Armstead rushed for 118 yards and Anthony Russo threw for 228 yards in place of injured Frank Nutile to help Temple (1-2) bounce back from losses at home to Villanova and Buffalo. The Owls took a 28-7 lead early in the third quarter and cruised to the finish.

Shaun Bradley returned an interception 78 yards for a touchdown with 4:11 left to seal it.

"I'm really proud of how they started fast, how they didn't let go of the rope and finished strong," Collins said.

Maryland (2-1) had been thriving under Canada, who also serves as offensive coordinator. The Terrapins were averaging 39.5 points and 486 yards per game, but nothing seemed to work against Temple.

"We didn't do anything on offense today, so I take full responsibility for this loss," Canada said.

Maryland totaled 195 yards, made only 11 first downs and got its touchdowns on an interception return and a blocked punt.

The sour performance took the luster from the Terrapins' home opener in a season dedicated to fallen teammate Jordan McNair, who collapsed during a training session in late May and died of heatstroke two weeks later.

There was a moment of silence for McNair before the game, his No. 79 was painted in a large circle behind one end zone and a red 79 was painted outside both 21-yard lines, each of which are 79 yards from the goal line. Many in the student section raised a sign with the No. 79 during the moment of silence.

While the university investigates the circumstances of McNair's death and the culture of the football program, coach DJ Durkin is on administrative leave. Canada has been running the team since August.

The game was scoreless late in the first quarter when Temple kept its offense on the field on fourth down at the Maryland 36. The Owls took a timeout, discussed the situation and went into punt formation.

Short man Todd Centeio took a direct snap, rolled right and threw a pass to a wide open Freddie Johnson for a touchdown.

In the second quarter, after Russo completed a 40-yard pass on a third-and-16, 330-pound defensive tackle Freddie Booth-Lloyd bulled into the end zone on fourth down from the 1.

Darnell Savage's 23-yard interception return halved the deficit, but the Owls added a touchdown just before halftime with a 65-yard drive that included Armstead's 25-yard run on a third-and-9.

Russo connected with Kenny Yeboah for a 47-yard touchdown on the opening drive on the second half.

THE TAKEAWAY

Temple: The Owls needed this victory to show themselves and their fans that those first two games won't have a bearing on the rest of the season. Beating a Big Ten team can only be a confidence booster before entering play in the American Athletic Conference.

Maryland: Maybe it was overconfidence, perhaps Temple figured out Canada's scheme or maybe the Terps aren't that good. Regardless, this is not the way Maryland wanted to play before opening in the Big Ten.

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TEM	7	14	7	7	35
MD	0	7	0	7	14

Scoring Summary -----

	TEM	MD
FIRST QUARTER		
TEM TD 2:33 Freddie Johnson 36 Yd pass from Todd Centeio (Will Mobley Kick) 9 plays, 95 yards, 3:06	7	0
second Quarter		
TEM TD 6:38 Freddie Booth-Lloyd 1 Yd Run (Will Mobley Kick) 12 plays, 76 yards, 5:00	14	0
MD TD 3:23 Darnell Savage Jr. 23 Yd Interception Return (Joseph Petrino Kick) 2 plays, 1 yard, 0:36	14	7
TEM TD 0:07 Rob Ritrovato 2 Yd Run (Will Mobley Kick) 11 plays, 65 yards, 3:16	21	7
third Quarter		
TEM TD 12:10 Kenny Yeboah 47 Yd pass from Anthony Russo (Will Mobley Kick) 6 plays, 75 yards, 2:50	28	7
fourth Quarter		
MD TD 8:21 Jesse Aniebonam 27 Yd Return of Blocked Punt (Joseph Petrino Kick) 5 plays, 19 yards, 3:33	28	14
TEM TD 4:11 Shaun Bradley 78 Yd Interception Return (Will Mobley Kick) 6 plays, 58 yards, 1:10	35	14

	TEM	MD
Team Stats		
First Downs	22	9
Total Yards	429	193
Total Plays	80	52
Avg Gain Per Play	5.4	3.7
Net Yards Rushing	165	130
Rushes	52	31
Yards Per Rush	3.2	4.2
Net Yards Passing	264	63
Comp-Att	16-28	8-21
Yards Per Pass	9.4	3.0
Times Sacked	7	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-30	0
Interceptions	1	2
Punts	5	8
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	4	5
Penalty Yards	50	35
Fumbles	0	2
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	36:33	23:27

Individual Stats

RUSHING

TEM	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
7 Ryquell Armstead	26	118	4.5	25	0
4 Rob Ritrovato	14	38	2.7	9	1
21 Jager Gardner	8	12	1.5	4	0
13 Isaiah Wright	2	2	1.0	3	0
99 Freddie Booth-Lloyd	1	1	1.0	1	1
22 Jeremy Jennings	1	-6	-6.0	0	0
MD	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
5 Anthony McFarland	11	107	9.7	34	0
24 Ty Johnson	6	23	3.8	10	0
3 Tyrrell Pigrome	7	21	3.0	19	0
8 Tayon Fleet-Davis	1	0	0.0	0	0
17 Chigoziem Okonkwo	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
11 Kasim Hill	5	-16	-3.2	2	0
20 Javon Leake	0	0	-	-	0

PASSING

TEM	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
15 Anthony Russo	15	25	228	9.1	1	1	141.8
16 Todd Centeio	1	1	36	36.0	1	0	732.4
13 Isaiah Wright	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
MD	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
11 Kasim Hill	7	17	56	3.3	0	1	57.1
3 Tyrrell Pigrome	1	4	7	1.8	0	3	10.3

RECEIVING

TEM	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
80 Freddie Johnson	3	86	28.7	44	1
84 Kenny Yeboah	1	47	47.0	47	1
1 Ventell Bryant	5	45	9.0	12	0
14 Brodrick Yancy	1	40	40.0	40	0
88 Branden Mack	3	30	10.0	13	0
85 Chris Myarick	1	23	23.0	23	0
13 Isaiah Wright	1	2	2.0	2	0
7 Ryquell Armstead	1	-9	-9.0	0	0
MD	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
1 DJ Turner	4	38	9.5	27	0
6 Jashaun Jones	1	12	12.0	12	0
12 Taivon Jacobs	2	7	3.5	7	0
21 Darryl Jones	1	6	6.0	6	0
17 Chigoziem Okonkwo	0	0	-	-	0