

WEEK FOUR
NC STATE AT MARSHALL

Finley leads NC State over Marshall 37-20

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. -- Ryan Finley threw for 377 yards and a touchdown to lead North Carolina State to a 37-20 victory over Marshall on Saturday night.

Kelvin Harmon caught six passes for 150 yards, all in the first half, and Reggie Gallaspy had two short TD runs for the Wolfpack (3-0), who never trailed in their final tuneup to next weekend's start of the ACC schedule.

Both teams were idle last week after their respective games were called off due to Hurricane Florence. In their first road trip, the Wolfpack surpassed 500 yards of offense for the second straight game.

"I think we've handled our business and that's all you can do," Wolfpack coach Dave Doeren said. "We've put ourselves in a good position going into conference play."

N.C. State's C.J. Riley fumbled after a hard hit from Jaquan Yulee on a kickoff early in the third quarter. Artis Johnson scooped up the loose ball for Marshall (2-1) and went 22 yards for a touchdown to pull the Thundering Herd within 23-17.

Finley then took the Wolfpack 75 yards in six plays, finding Emeka Emezie with a 30-yard scoring toss to push the lead back to double digits to stay.

Finley completed 23 of 40 passes.

Marshall redshirt freshman Isaiah Green, who threw five TD passes over the first two games, was under constant pressure and completed 22 of 43 passes for 270 yards. He was intercepted twice.

"You go through some growing pains with freshmen, unfortunately," Marshall coach Doc Holliday said. "He'll get better every week."

Green overthrew Obi Obialo after a long scramble at the end of the quarter and Jarius Morehead returned the interception 57 yards to put the Wolfpack on top 37-20. Green also had a first-half fumble that led to a Wolfpack field goal.

THE TAKEAWAY

North Carolina State: Finley is good and he again got the backing of his defense, which has allowed 33 points in three games.

Marshall: After losing to North Carolina State on the road in their four previous meetings, Marshall couldn't take advantage of home-field advantage and fell to 3-11 against Power 5 opponents since 2010.

RECEIVERS EXPOSED

Finley threw several high passes that forced his wide receivers to leave their feet and get exposed to hard hits. Emezie was tackled hard twice on the same drive in the second quarter, including getting flipped by Marshall safety Malik Gant. In the first quarter Thayer Thomas went high between two defenders for a pass, got hit in the shoulder and went to the ground hard. Thomas left the field on his own and did not return.

RUNNING WOES

North Carolina State's ground game didn't show a ton of improvement despite having Southern California transfer Cary Angeline, who was cleared to play at tight end. The Wolfpack entered the game averaging 3.3 yards per rush and averaged 3.5 against Marshall. Gallaspy had a team-high 81 yards on 22 carries.

Marshall was limited to 54 yards on the ground.

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NCST	3	20	14	0	37
MRSH	0	7	13	0	20

Scoring Summary -----

	NCST	MRSH
FIRST QUARTER		
NCST FG 4:45 Christopher Dunn 30 Yd Field Goal		
12 plays, 61 yards, 5:15	3	0
second Quarter	NCST	MRSH
NCST TD 14:55 Reggie Gallaspy II 1 Yd Run (Christopher Dunn Kick)		
8 plays, 80 yards, 3:48	10	0
MRSH TD 14:04 Marcel Williams 82 Yd pass from Isaiah Green (Justin Rohrwasser Kick) 2 plays, 80 yards, 0:51	10	7
NCST FG 9:20 Christopher Dunn 32 Yd Field Goal		
11 plays, 61 yards, 4:44	13	7
NCST TD 2:33 Reggie Gallaspy II 1 Yd Run (Christopher Dunn Kick)		
8 plays, 70 yards, 4:06	20	7
NCST FG 0:00 Christopher Dunn 26 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 47 yards, 0:30	23	7
third Quarter	NCST	MRSH
MRSH FG 9:20 Justin Rohrwasser 32 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 56 yards, 3:29	23	10
MRSH TD 9:11 Artis Johnson 22 Yd Fumble Return (Justin Rohrwasser Kick) 0 plays, 5 yards, 0:09	23	17
NCST TD 7:24 Emeka Emezie 30 Yd pass from Ryan Finley (Christopher Dunn Kick) 6 plays, 75 yards, 1:47	30	17
MRSH FG 3:05 Justin Rohrwasser 29 Yd Field Goal		
12 plays, 58 yards, 4:19	30	20
NCST TD 0:28 Jarius Morehead 57 Yd Interception Return (Christopher Dunn Kick) 3 plays, 1 yard, 0:56	37	20

Team Stats	NCST	MRSH
First Downs	24	15
Total Yards	502	324
Total Plays	76	65
Avg Gain Per Play	6.6	5.0
Net Yards Rushing	125	54
Rushes	36	22
Yards Per Rush	3.5	2.5
Net Yards Passing	377	270
Comp-Att	23-40	22-43
Yards Per Pass	9.4	6.3
Times Sacked	1	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-2	-6
Interceptions	0	2
Punts	4	5
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	4	4
Penalty Yards	25	20
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Possession	34:40	25:20

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
NCST					
25 Reggie Gallaspy	22	81	3.7	18	2
26 Trent Pennix	9	33	3.7	8	0
1 Stephen Louis	1	12	12.0	12	0
15 Ryan Finley	4	-1	-0.3	6	0
MRSH	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
3 Tyler King	9	30	3.3	12	0
24 Keion Davis	7	17	2.4	6	0
17 Isaiah Green	4	7	1.8	7	0
21 Anthony Anderson	1	2	2.0	2	0
1 Willie Johnson	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
NCST							
15 Ryan Finley	23	40	377	9.4	1	0	144.9
MRSH	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
17 Isaiah Green	22	43	270	6.3	1	2	102.3

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
NCST					
3 Kelvin Harmon	6	150	25.0	46	0
86 Emeka Emezie	6	69	11.5	30	1
1 Stephen Louis	3	58	19.3	32	0
87 Thayer Thomas	2	45	22.5	26	0
11 Jakobi Meyers	2	29	14.5	23	0
19 C.J. Riley	2	18	9.0	13	0
26 Trent Pennix	2	8	4.0	8	0
MRSH	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
24 Keion Davis	6	99	16.5	31	0
9 Marcel Williams	4	87	21.8	82	1
15 Armani Levias	2	26	13.0	23	0
8 Tyre Brady	3	25	8.3	13	0
7 Obi Obialo	2	12	6.0	6	0
1 Willie Johnson	1	10	10.0	10	0
11 Xavier Gaines	2	8	4.0	6	0
3 Tyler King	2	3	1.5	4	0