

WEEK NINE
ARMY AT EASTERN MICHIGAN

YPSILANTI, Mich. -- After battling through a 2-10 season as a freshman, Jordan Asberry knows the depth of where the Army football program was when coach Jeff Monken took over in 2014.

Now bowl eligible after Saturday's rainy 37-22 win at Eastern Michigan, the senior running back should close his career in the postseason for a third straight year -- a first for the Black Knights.

"Coach Monken and the staff have turned this program around," said Asberry, who caught a touchdown and ran for another. "We worked real hard, but we didn't really see the fruit of our labor [in 2015]."

"That sets the stage for finishing this year strong, but also the next season for the guys that are going to be playing next year."

The streak of three bowl-eligible seasons is the longest in program history for Army, who controlled the clock against Eastern Michigan by outgaining the Eagles 289-34 on the ground, earning its fourth straight win.

Army (6-2), which led the nation averaging 39 minutes of possession per game, had the ball for 45 minutes, 42 seconds on Saturday.

Eastern Michigan (4-5) did not have a first down in the first half of its homecoming game, going three-and-out on its first four possessions and running one play on its fifth before halftime.

"That's definitely our game plan, that's definitely what we do," said quarterback Kelvin Hopkins Jr., who missed last week's double-overtime win against Miami (Ohio) with a hip injury. "But we couldn't finish drives early, which kind of hurt us."

Army took a 16-0 lead at halftime on three field goals by John Abercrombie and Asberry's first score, a 3-yard touchdown run with 18 seconds left in the half.

Eastern Michigan closed the deficit to 16-14 on touchdown passes from Tyler Wiegiers to Mathew Sexton and Blake Banham in the third quarter. Wiegiers finished 19-of-29 passing for 201 yards.

Asberry's 26-yard touchdown reception from Hopkins, and a Kell Walker 2-yard touchdown catch put Army up 30-14.

After Army took a 23-14 lead on Asberry's second touchdown, the Black Knights got the only turnover of the game, as Chandler Ramirez recovered a Wiegiers fumble that was forced by James Nachtigal.

Hopkins was 7-of-8 passing for 126 yards and two touchdowns, and rushed 23 times for 105 yards.

Banham added a 1-yard touchdown for Eastern Michigan, which was outgained 415-235 in total offense.

Army's Darnell Woolfolk had a 9-yard touchdown run in the game's final minute. He had 89 yards on 24 carries.

Army had 27 first downs compared with 10 for Eastern Michigan.

"We made it a football game, but in the end, just didn't have enough," Eastern Michigan coach Chris Creighton said. "Offensively we couldn't get a first down."

MAC CHAMPS?

The win gives Army a 3-0 record against Mid-American Conference teams this season. The Black Knights have won five straight games against MAC teams.

STILL PERFECT

Abercrombie, a senior from Phoenix, is perfect during his career, going 5 for 5 on his field goals and 26 for 26 on extra points.

FOURTH-DOWN FUN

Army was 4 for 4 on fourth down and are now 26 of 29 (89.7 percent) on the season.

HARD HOMECOMING

Eastern Michigan has not won on homecoming since 2014.

QUOTEABLE

"In that locker room in there is a bunch of soldiers," Monken said. "Soldiers don't care what the weather is, they don't care what the conditions are, they are trained to fight. And I think that's what our guys do. No matter what, they show up and they fight. They're soldiers. I think it's just one of those things that, maybe other people assume that when it's wet and rainy that somehow our attitude is going to change, our effort is going to change. But that's not going to change for the American soldier."

THE TAKEAWAY

Army: Army is playing typical Black Knights football headed into Air Force week. The Dec. 8 game against Navy also looms.

Eastern Michigan: Creighton should have his team's attention as three winnable Mid-American Conference games remain. Two wins would make the Eagles eligible for a bowl game. The Eagles have played in two bowls since joining Division I in 1976.

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ARMY	3	13	7	14	37
EMU	0	0	14	8	22

Scoring Summary -----

	ARMY	EMU
FIRST QUARTER		
ARMY FG 2:56		
John Abercrombie 24 Yd Field Goal		
19 plays, 64 yards, 10:28	3	0
SECOND QUARTER		
ARMY FG 8:37		
John Abercrombie 23 Yd Field Goal		
12 plays, 74 yards, 6:43	6	0
ARMY FG 2:25		
John Abercrombie 27 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 48 yards, 4:40	9	0
ARMY TD 0:18		
Jordan Asberry 3 Yd Run (John Abercrombie Kick)		
5 plays, 62 yards, 1:17	16	0
THIRD QUARTER		
EMU TD 11:20		
Mathew Sexton 4 Yd pass from Tyler Wiegiers (Isaac Holder Pass to Tyler Wiegiers for Two-Point Conversion)		
6 plays, 46 yards, 1:44	16	8
EMU TD 11:20		
I. Holder pass to T. Wiegiers for 3 yds for a TD, (I. Holder pass to T. Wiegiers for Two-Point Conversion)		
6 plays, 46 yards, 1:44	16	6
EMU TD 9:00		
Blake Banham 58 Yd pass from Tyler Wiegiers (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)		
3 plays, 58 yards, 0:20	16	14
ARMY TD 3:40		
Jordan Asberry 26 Yd pass from Kelvin Hopkins Jr. (John Abercrombie Kick)		
10 plays, 75 yards, 5:20	23	14
FOURTH QUARTER		
ARMY TD 11:26		
Kell Walker 2 Yd pass from Kelvin Hopkins Jr. (John Abercrombie Kick)		
11 plays, 43 yards, 6:49	30	14
EMU TD 7:03		
Blake Banham 1 Yd Run (Tyler Wiegiers Pass to Blake Banham for Two-Point Conversion)		
11 plays, 75 yards, 4:23	30	22
ARMY TD 0:45		
Darnell Woolfolk 9 Yd Run (John Abercrombie Kick)		
12 plays, 84 yards, 6:18	37	22

Team Stats	ARMY	EMU
First Downs	27	10
Total Yards	415	235
Total Plays	81	40
Avg Gain Per Play	5.1	5.9
Net Yards Rushing	289	34
Rushes	73	11
Yards Per Rush	4.0	3.1
Net Yards Passing	126	201
Comp-Att	7-8	19-29
Yards Per Pass	15.8	6.9
Times Sacked	0	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-6
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	2	4
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	3	8
Penalty Yards	25	75
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	45:42	14:18

Individual Stats

RUSHING

ARMY	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Kelvin Hopkins Jr.	23	105	4.6	0	13
Darnell Woolfolk	24	89	3.7	1	13
Andy Davidson	13	45	3.5	0	7
Malik Hancock	1	29	29.0	0	29
Jordan Asberry	7	15	2.1	1	10
Kell Walker	3	8	2.7	0	4
Connor Slomka	1	0	0.0	0	0
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
EMU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Tyler Wiegiers	5	26	5.2	0	17
Shaq Vann	3	7	2.3	0	4
Willie Parker	1	2	2.0	0	2
Blake Banham	1	1	1.0	1	1
Breck Turner	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

PASSING

ARMY	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kelvin Hopkins Jr.	7	8	126	15.8	2	0	88.5
EMU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tyler Wiegiers	19	29	201	6.9	2	0	72.9

RECEIVING

ARMY	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jordan Asberry	2	57	28.5	1	31
Christian Hayes	2	45	22.5	0	39
Quinten Parker	1	14	14.0	0	14
Kjetil Cline	1	8	8.0	0	8
Kell Walker	1	2	2.0	1	2
EMU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Blake Banham	7	104	14.9	1	58
Line Latu	4	52	13.0	0	25
Dylan Drummond	4	28	7.0	0	12
Gunnar Oakes	2	17	8.5	0	14
Mathew Sexton	1	4	4.0	1	4
Arthur Jackson III	1	-4	-4.0	0	0