

WEEK TWELVE

COLGATE AT ARMY

Woolfolk scores 3 times, Army holds off Colgate 28-14

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Army coach Jeff Monken breathed a sigh of relief after the Black Knights finished their second straight unbeaten season at home. Now, he has three weeks to prepare for archrival Navy.

Fullback Darnell Woolfolk rushed for three touchdowns, the 10th time in his career with multiple scores, and Kelvin Hopkins Jr. ran for another score as Army held off Championship Subdivision foe Colgate 28-14 on Saturday to snap the Raiders' 14-game winning streak.

Army (9-2), which just missed breaking into the AP Top 25 this week, has won seven in a row and 13 straight at Michie Stadium over two seasons. The last time the Black Knights accomplished back-to-back unbeaten seasons at home was in the mid-1980s.

"I think it's really important to win at home," Monken said. "When we play here, we're going to be hard to beat. Credit to our guys. They have a good defense. They held us down. We didn't run as effectively as we normally do and we certainly didn't stop the run as well as we have this year."

This one wasn't so easy against the sixth-ranked Raiders, who had dominated in winning their first nine games with a stalwart, gang-tackling defense that had allowed only 29 points in nine games. That defense limited the second-ranked rushing team in the nation to 261 yards rushing, 46 below its average, as Army only outgained Colgate 286-251.

Raiders tailback James Holland was a big part of that, rushing for 166 yards and averaging 9.2 yards per carry against the ninth-best run defense in the Bowl Subdivision. Army was allowing just under 100 yards a game. Holland's 10-yard TD run in the fourth quarter narrowed Army's lead to 21-14.

"That's a good football team," Monken said. "I told our team it was going to be a battle. They made us earn every yard."

Army's triple option never gave the Raiders the chance to tie, keeping the ball for over 7 minutes. Woolfolk secured the victory with a 3-yard score with 2:06 left, his 37th career TD rushing to tie Mike Mayweather for third all-time at West Point.

"Our kids kept fighting," Colgate coach Dan Hunt said. "They weren't playing, 'Oh, let's just hope they kill it at 21-14 so the score looks good. They were trying to get a stop and get the ball back. Army made a play when they had to. Hats off to them."

"We just couldn't get the stop. That's what they do."

The Raiders had not allowed a point in the first quarter all season. That changed the first time the Black Knights got the ball.

After forcing Colgate into a three-and-out on the first possession of the game, Army drove 49 yards in eight plays. Hopkins had four carries for 37 yards, scoring on 3-yard run for a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter.

"We talked about it all week. If we got out ahead, we've got to try to put it away," Woolfolk said. "They've got a great defense. They fought back."

The Black Knights forced another punt and drove 76 yards in 16 plays to score again. Hopkins kept the drive going with a fourth-down conversion, Army's 30th in 33 tries, and Kell Walker's 10-yard gain off a pitch left set up Woolfolk's first touchdown.

Unfazed by the step up on competition and playing with a senior quarterback making just his second career start, Colgate proved a stubborn foe. Raiders safety Alec Wisniewski slammed Hopkins on a run right, forcing a fumble that was scooped up by Tyler Castillo and returned 35 yards for a touchdown to cut Army's lead to 14-7 with 5:52 left in the third. It was the first lost fumble by the Army offense since the season opener at Duke.

THE TAKEAWAY

Colgate: The Raiders excelled in a down year for the Patriot League. The other six teams behind Colgate were a combined 16-44 before Saturday and ranked at the bottom of the national statistics offensively. Still, the Raiders acquitted themselves well against Army and Holland is a real force in the backfield. He boosted his season total to 1,065 yards rushing with 12 TDs and likely will be an important factor in the NCAA playoffs.

Army: The Black Knights managed to hold off the Raiders and now have a nice respite to get healthy before the season finale against Navy.

CLOSE BUT

Colgate held its own statistically in the first half despite trailing 14-0 at the break as Army outgained the Raiders just 138-128 and was helped by two big penalties. In the first quarter, a third-down reception by Owen Buscaglia gave the Raiders a first down at the Army 40, but it was nullified by a pass interference penalty, and later a 58-yard catch-and-run by Thomas Ives off a flanker screen was wiped out by a holding call.

REMEMBERING BRANDON

Army honored 25 seniors in pregame ceremonies, including the late Brandon Jackson, who was killed in a single-car crash after a big home victory two years ago. Jackson's mother, Morna Davis, was on the field to represent him.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
COLG	0	0	7	7	14
ARMY	7	7	0	14	28

Scoring Summary -----

	COLG	ARMY
FIRST QUARTER		
ARMY TD 8:14 Kelvin Hopkins Jr. 3 Yd Run (John Abercrombie Kick)		7
8 plays, 51 yards, 4:39	0	7
second Quarter		
ARMY TD 8:05 Darnell Woolfolk 2 Yd Run (John Abercrombie Kick)		14
16 plays, 76 yards, 9:27	0	14
third Quarter		
COLG TD 5:52 Tyler Castillo 35 Yd Fumble Return (Chris Puzzi Kick)	7	14
6 plays, 6 yards, 3:28	7	14
fourth Quarter		
ARMY TD 14:58 Darnell Woolfolk 1 Yd Run (John Abercrombie Kick)		21
11 plays, 63 yards, 5:45	7	21
COLG TD 9:26 James Holland 10 Yd Run (Chris Puzzi Kick)	14	21
10 plays, 79 yards, 5:24	14	21
ARMY TD 2:06Darnell Woolfolk 3 Yd Run (John Abercrombie Kick)		28
13 plays, 75 yards, 7:20	14	28

	COLG	ARMY
Team Stats		
First Downs	13	21
Total Yards	251	286
Total Plays	44	65
Avg Gain Per Play	5.7	4.4
Net Yards Rushing	188	261
Rushes	28	59
Yards Per Rush	6.7	4.4
Net Yards Passing	63	25
Comp-Att	11-16	2-6
Yards Per Pass	3.9	4.2
Times Sacked	0	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	0
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	3	2
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	7	3
Penalty Yards	55	25
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Possession	24:04	35:56

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
COLG					
2 James Holland Jr.	18	166	9.2	34	1
11 Sage Attwood	4	15	3.8	21	0
24 Malik Twyman	4	4	1.0	3	0
44 Alex Mathews	2	3	1.5	2	0
ARMY					
8 Kelvin Hopkins Jr.	19	90	4.7	19	1
33 Darnell Woolfolk	23	89	3.9	8	3
5 Kell Walker	8	32	4.0	10	0
40 Andy Davidson	5	23	4.6	8	0
3 Jordan Asberry	1	16	16.0	16	0
25 Connor Slomka	3	11	3.7	5	0

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
COLG							
11 Sage Attwood	11	16	63	3.9	0	0	101.8
ARMY							
Kelvin Hopkins Jr. 2	6	25	4.2	0	0	68.3	

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
COLG					
5 Thomas Ives	3	27	9.0	21	0
82 Owen Buscaglia	1	12	12.0	12	0
87 Owen Rockett	1	9	9.0	10	0
1 Tysean Sizer	2	7	3.5	4	0
2 James Holland Jr.	3	4	1.3	8	0
83 Mike Bevino	1	4	4.0	4	0
ARMY					
3 Jordan Asberry	1	17	17.0	17	0
5 Kell Walker	1	8	8.0	8	0