

WEEK FOUR  
WESTERN MICHIGAN at Syracuse

**DeVito leads Syracuse to 52-33 win over Western Michigan**

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- Tommy DeVito passed for a career-high four touchdowns and ran for one score and Syracuse broke a two-game losing streak to defeat Western Michigan 52-33 Saturday.

The Orange (2-2) raced to a 21-0 lead but had to withstand a Western Michigan (2-2) rally as the Broncos closed to 38-33. A 9-yard touchdown catch by Aaron Hackett, who had two scores on a career day of six receptions, extended Syracuse's margin to 45-33 with under nine minutes to go. Trishton Jackson, who had six receptions for 141 yards, also had two touchdown catches for the Orange. Moe Neal led Syracuse with 123 yards rushing and two scores. Syracuse had been held to a total of 50 points in its previous three games.

"I thought it was a game of different mood swings, different momentum swings. Felt like one minute we had control of the game and the next thing you know you're back in a football game," Syracuse coach Dino Babers said. "Really proud of the offense to kind of come out of their shell and put some points on the board against any defense in college football, but I'm disappointed in the turnovers. Some were unforced, and we have to do a better job if we're going to be the kind of football team we want to be."

DeVito was 27 of 35 for 287 yards for Syracuse and picked up 84 yards on the ground, including a 36-yard run. He completed passes to eight different receivers.

"I thought it was cool that he started the game and finished the game with the same number of interceptions (zero)," Babers said. "I thought he had some growth today."

Jon Wassink was 23 of 46 for the Broncos for 356 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. LeVante Bellamy, who was held in check in the first quarter, finished with 165 yards on just 15 carries before an injury sidelined him in the third quarter. Bellamy, who had 192 yards against Georgia State, had touchdown runs of 47 and 43 yards. Giovanni Ricci had a season-high eight catches for 105 yards.

"Their tailback (Bellamy) is exceptional," Babers said. "I'm not sure anybody can catch that young man."

The teams combined for more than 1,000 yards in total offense.

The game, marred by sloppy play, saw 19 penalties for nearly 200 yards and five turnovers, all fumbles. Western Michigan turned it over three times and the teams capitalized for touchdowns on four fumbles.

The game marked a homecoming for Western Michigan coach Tim Lester, who served as Syracuse offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach from 2013-2015.

"Obviously, really disappointed after all the turnovers, the guys were hanging and hanging and by end of third quarter we were in the game," Lester said. "That was the goal, stay in the game late and make a play in the last couple of drives. The offense had two or three opportunities to score to take the lead and we didn't. That's the most frustrating thing. We moved the ball, which I was proud of."

The Orange, who gained just 15 yards on the ground last week against No.1 Clemson, had 106 yards in the first quarter, led by DeVito's 63, and finished with 238.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Western Michigan: The Broncos didn't get down after falling behind 21-0 and put a scare into the Orange. With weapons like Bellamy and Ricci the Broncos will be a tough out.

Syracuse: While they scored 52 points, the Orange failed to capitalize in a couple of red-zone opportunities, which has been a recurring issue this season. Ball security will be stressed in the coming week.

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WMU	0	13	20	0	33
SYR	14	10	14	14	52

**Scoring Summary -----**

	WMU	SYR
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
SYR TD 13:23 Moe Neal 23 Yd Run (Andre Szmyt Kick)		7
4 plays, 81 yards, 1:37	0	
SYR TD 5:29 Aaron Hackett 10 Yd pass from Tommy DeVito (Andre Szmyt Kick)		14
3 plays, 17 yards, 0:46	0	
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
SYR TD 12:45 Tommy DeVito 36 Yd Run (Andre Szmyt Kick)		21
11 plays, 80 yards, 5:11	0	
WMU TD 9:09 LeVante Bellamy 47 Yd Run (Thiago Kapps Kick)		21
4 plays, 91 yards, 1:16	7	
WMU TD 4:56 Giovanni Ricci 2 Yd pass from Jon Wassink (Thiago Kapps PAT failed)		21
8 plays, 27 yards, 3:38	13	
SYR FG 2:28 Andre Szmyt 24 Yd Field Goal		24
9 plays, 44 yards, 2:28	13	
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
SYR TD 11:14 Trishton Jackson 59 Yd pass from Tommy DeVito (Andre Szmyt Kick)		31
5 plays, 83 yards, 1:16	13	
WMU TD 9:17 LeVante Bellamy 43 Yd Run (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)		31
4 plays, 69 yards, 1:57	19	
SYR TD 7:33 Trishton Jackson 46 Yd pass from Tommy DeVito (Andre Szmyt Kick)		38
5 plays, 69 yards, 1:44	19	
WMU TD 5:58 Jaylen Hall 60 Yd pass from Jon Wassink (Thiago Kapps Kick)		38
3 plays, 75 yards, 1:35	26	
WMU TD 0:49 Sean Tyler 8 Yd Run (Thiago Kapps Kick)		38
8 plays, 35 yards, 3:06	33	
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
SYR TD 8:45 Aaron Hackett 9 Yd pass from Tommy DeVito (Andre Szmyt Kick)		45
5 plays, 41 yards, 1:33	33	
SYR TD 3:04 Moe Neal 16 Yd Run (Andre Szmyt Kick)		52
4 plays, 27 yards, 0:36	33	

Team Stats	WMU	SYR
First Downs	25	25
Passes for First	13	11
Rushes for First	8	11
Penalties for First	4	3
Third Down Efficiency	7-16	8-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-5	1-1
Total Yards	557	545
Total Plays	80	82
Avg Gain Per Play	7.0	6.6
Net Yards Rushing	201	258
Rushes	34	47
Yards Per Rush	5.9	5.5
Net Yards Passing	356	287
Comp-Att	23-46	27-35
Yards Per Pass	7.7	8.2
Times Sacked	3	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-20	-15
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	3	5
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	8	11
Penalty Yards	80	103
Fumbles	3	2
Fumbles Lost	3	2
Time of Poss	29:51	30:09

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

WESTERN MICH	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
LeVante Bellamy	15	165	11.0	2	47
Sean Tyler	5	19	3.8	1	8
Davon Tucker	7	17	2.4	0	5
Jon Wassink	7	0	0.0	0	13
SYRACUSE	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Moe Neal	26	123	4.7	2	23
Tommy DeVito	9	85	9.4	1	60
Abdul Adams	8	31	3.9	0	15
Jarveon Howard	4	19	4.8	0	19

**PASSING**

WESTERN MICH	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jon Wassink	23	46	356	7.7	2	1	59.3
SYRACUSE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tommy DeVito	27	35	287	8.2	4	0	93.7

**RECEIVING**

WESTERN MICH	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Giovanni Ricci	8	105	13.1	1	24
Jaylen Hall	4	93	23.3	1	60
D'Wayne Eskridge	2	53	26.5	0	43
DaShon Bussell	1	39	39.0	0	39
Keith Mixon Jr.	1	21	21.0	0	21
Tyron Arnett	2	20	10.0	0	13
Skyy Moore	2	17	8.5	0	11
LeVante Bellamy	3	8	2.7	0	6
SYRACUSE	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Trishton Jackson	6	141	23.5	2	59
Aaron Hackett	6	48	8.0	2	12
Taj Harris	4	38	9.5	0	23
Sean Riley	4	31	7.8	0	11
Abdul Adams	2	26	13.0	0	22
Nykeim Johnson	3	4	1.3	0	4
Cameron Jordan	1	2	2.0	0	2
Moe Neal	1	-3	-3.0	0	0