WEEK FIVE
HOLY CROSS at SYRACUSE

Syracuse defeats Holy Cross 41-3 on DeVito's 4 scores

SYRACUSE, N.Y. -- Tommy DeVito passed for four touchdowns to four different receivers, the Syracuse defense held Holy Cross to 18 yards rushing and the Orange defeated the Crusaders 41-3 Saturday.

The win was Syracuse's 13th straight against the Crusaders (1-3) in the team's first meeting since 1973, when the Orange (3-2) won 5-3.

DeVito was 19 of 31 for 269 yards and had completions to eight players before leaving the game in the fourth quarter with an apparent injury. Taj Harris and Trishton Jackson led the Orange with six receptions each.

The Syracuse defense held Holy Cross to 138 yards total offense, sacked Connor Degenhardt four times and held the Crusaders quarterback to 13 of 28 and 104 yards passing. Holy Cross was averaging nine points a game entering Saturday's contest.

Aaron Hackett and Jackson, who scored two touchdowns each against Western Michigan the week before, added one each against the Crusaders. Freshman tight end Luke Benson scored his first touchdown on a 70-yard pass play and Harris took a DeVito pass 47 yards for a score.

Syracuse wasted little time getting on the board in their first possession as DeVito hit Hackett on 14-yard scoring strike for a 7-0 lead. Less than three minutes later, the Orange recovered a Jon Jon Roberts fumbled punt on the Holy Cross 17 and capitalized immediately. On the first play, DeVito hit Jackson on 17-yard pass play and a 14-0 lead. A 52-yard field goal by punter Sterling Hofrichter made it 17-0 midway through the first quarter.

Syracuse took a 24-3 halftime lead on a 23-yard run up the middle by Abdul Adams and was never threatened.

THE TAKEAWAY

Holy Cross: The Crusaders couldn't get much going against Syracuse, which has been par for the course this season. Unless Holy Cross finds some answers it could be a long season in the Patriot League.

Syracuse: Orange fans will hold their breath on DeVito's status. It's hard to take much out of the Holy Cross game, but the offense sputtered for much of the time after a quick start. On the other hand, Syracuse managed to get over .500 and has two weeks to get healthy for the resumption of ACC play.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
HC	0	3	0	0	3
SYR	17	7	10	7	41

Scoring Summary ---------------

FIRST QUARTER	HC	SYR
SYR TD 11:46 Aaron Hackett 14 Yd pass from Tommy DeVito (Andre Szmyt Kick)		
7 plays, 63 yards, 1:38	0	7
SYR TD 8:25 Trishton Jackson 17 Yd pass from Tommy DeVito (Andre Szmyt Kick)		
1 play, 17 yards, 0:05	0	14
SYR FG 2:05 Sterling Hofrichter 52 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 27 yards, 1:44	0	17
SECOND QUARTER	HC	SYR
HC FG 12:49 Derek Ng 48 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 44 yards, 4:16	3	17
SYR TD 10:09 Abdul Adams 19 Yd Run (Sterling Hofrichter Kick)		
8 plays, 58 yards, 2:40	3	24
THIRD QUARTER	HC	SYR
SYR FG 5:37 Andre Szmyt 26 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 19 yards, 2:54	3	27
SYR TD 1:15 Taj Harris 47 Yd pass from Tommy DeVito (Andre Szmyt Kick)		
5 plays, 63 yards, 1:44	3	34
FOURTH QUARTER	HC	SYR
SYR TD 14:40 Luke Benson 70 Yd pass from Tommy DeVito (Andre Szmyt Kick)		
1 play, 70 yards, 0:09	3	41

Team Stats

	HC	SYR
First Downs	10	19
Passes for First	6	13
Rushes for First	1	6
Penalties for First	3	0
Third Down Efficiency	4-18	5-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-3	1-3
Total Yards	138	429
Total Plays	67	72
Avg Gain Per Play	2.1	6.0
Net Yards Rushing	18	143
Rushes	32	36
Yards Per Rush	0.6	4.0
Net Yards Passing	120	286
Comp-Att	15-35	23-36
Yards Per Pass	3.4	7.9
Times Sacked	1	5
Yds Lost To Sacks	-2	-31
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	10	5
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	5	7
Penalty Yards	23	74
Fumbles	2	2
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Time of Poss	36:21	23:39

Individual Stats

RUSHING

HOLY CROSS	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Peter Oliver	15	41	2.7	0	10
Jordan Forrest	7	9	1.3	0	5
Domenic Cozier	3	0	0.0	0	2
Emmett Clifford	2	-10	-5.0	0	0
Connor Degenhardt	5	-22	-4.4	0	1

SYRACUSE	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Abdul Adams	6	42	7.0	1	19
Moe Neal	11	36	3.3	0	6
Tommy DeVito	9	28	3.1	0	12
Jawhar Jordan	2	18	9.0	0	11
Jarveon Howard	4	10	2.5	0	6
Markenzy Pierre	3	6	2.0	0	4
Clayton Welch	1	3	3.0	0	3

PASSING

HOLY CROSS	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Connor Degenhardt	13	28	104	3.7	0	0	--
Emmett Clifford	2	7	16	2.3	0	0	--

SYRACUSE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tommy DeVito	19	31	269	8.7	4	1	62.1
Clayton Welch	4	5	17	3.4	0	0	60.0

RECEIVING

HOLY CROSS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Tenio Ayeni	4	64	16.0	0	27
Derek Mountain	3	16	5.3	0	6
Dominik Thomas	1	14	14.0	0	14
Cole Pirwitz	1	10	10.0	0	10
Spencer Gilliam	2	9	4.5	0	6
Ayir Asante	1	8	8.0	0	8
Jordan Forrest	2	3	1.5	0	2
Domenic Cozier	1	-4	-4.0	0	0

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