

WEEK SIX
TULANE at ARMY

Tulane beats Army 42-33, snaps Black Knights' home streak

WEST POINT, N.Y. -- Amare Jones caught six passes for 104 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score, and Tulane beat Army 42-33 on Saturday to snap the Black Knights' 15-game home winning streak.

Tulane (4-1), which hasn't started this well since going 4-1 in 1998, outgained Army 525-363 and outrushed the Black Knights 324-193, the fourth time this season the Green Wave have gone for 250 yards on the ground. The Green Wave have gone over 500 yards offensively in all but one game this season. Army's triple option was averaging 293.5 yards. "This is big for us. It's hard to outrush them," Tulane coach Willie Fritz said. "We're excited. Our kids believe in what we're doing."

Darius Bradwell scored on a 13-yard run midway through the third quarter to snap a 21-all tie, Jones scored on a 1-yard run early in the fourth and Cameron Carroll tacked on a 41-yard scamper to give the Green Wave a comfortable lead.

Army (3-2) staged a furious late rally with two scores in the final 3 minutes, Jabari Moore's 54-yard fumble return closing the gap to nine points with 2:36 left, but Tulane recovered an onside kick and held on.

"They blocked us and kept us blocked," Army coach Jeff Monken said. "They whipped blocks on defense and made tackles. That's it. That's what made the difference. They just out-physicaled us."

"Our guys played their butts off. They played it all the way to the end. They didn't quit. Nobody flinched. I love that about our guys."

Fritz and Monken are well-schooled in the run game. Fritz succeeded Monken at Georgia Southern when Monken took the job at West Point six years ago, and the Green Wave excelled in this one, repeatedly victimizing Army with big plays.

Tulane overcame a turnover in the first minute of play that led to an Army touchdown and reeled off six plays of least 15 yards in scoring 21 straight points, Jones notching the first on a 15-yard pass from Justin McMillan.

"They know that they can count on me to make a play," said Jones, who also rushed for 65 yards on nine carries and scored on a 1-yard run early in the fourth. "We weren't really worried because of how their offense is set up. They kind of just want to kill the time, give you less possessions. If we would have got up early we would have been more comfortable."

Corey Dauphine's 30-yard run with 5 minutes left in the opening quarter gave the Green Wave a 14-7 lead and McMillan's 1-yard run early in the second boosted the lead to 21-7 before Army settled down and began pounding the ball inside.

Kelvin Hopkins Jr., who missed the previous two games with a leg injury, guided the Black Knights on a 15-play drive that took 8:39 and scored on a 1-yard run with 4:36 left before halftime. He tallied again early in the third after a 43-yard run to tie it 21-all.

Army got an early gift when McMillan simply lost the ball while running on the second play from scrimmage and Arik Smith recovered for the Black Knights at the Tulane 38. Hopkins completed a 36-yard pass to Cam Harrison on the next play and Connor Slomka scored on a 2-yard run to give Army a lead just 79 seconds into the game.

The Green Wave, whose only loss was to Auburn, were favored in the game despite Army's long home winning streak.

TRICKERY BACKFIRES

Trailing 28-21 late in third, Army executed a fake punt to perfection as linebacker Cole Christiansen scampered 31 yards for a first down at the Tulane 39. The play was nullified by a holding penalty and the Black Knights had to punt.

THE TAKEAWAY

Tulane: The Green Wave are 4-1 for just the sixth time since 1960 and only the second time since 1980. McMillan, who was 15 of 21 for 201 yards, is 9-2 as a starter and the Green Wave's up-tempo offense can strike in multiple ways. They should be a factor in the American Athletic Conference now that UCF has lost twice.

Army: The defense will have to regroup after its worst performance of the season. Hopkins gained 132 yards rushing and threw for 170 yards, showing no effects of the injury that had kept him out.

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| ARMY | 14 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 42 |
| TULANE | 7 | 7 | 7 | 12 | 33 |

Scoring Summary -----

| | TULN | ARMY |
|---|------|------|
| FIRST QUARTER | | |
| ARMY TD 13:41 Connor Slomka 2 Yd Run (David Cooper Kick) | 0 | 7 |
| 2 plays, 38 yards, 0:38 | | |
| TULN TD 10:53 Amare Jones 15 Yd pass from Justin McMillan (Merek Glover Kick) | 7 | 7 |
| 7 plays, 82 yards, 2:39 | | |
| TULN TD 5:00 Corey Dauphine 30 Yd Run (Merek Glover Kick) | 14 | 7 |
| 9 plays, 84 yards, 4:11 | | |
| SECOND QUARTER | | |
| TULN TD 13:12 Justin McMillan 1 Yd Run (Merek Glover Kick) | 21 | 7 |
| 7 plays, 90 yards, 2:52 | | |
| ARMY TD 4:26 Kelvin Hopkins Jr. 1 Yd Run (David Cooper Kick) | 21 | 14 |
| 15 plays, 77 yards, 8:39 | | |
| THIRD QUARTER | | |
| ARMY TD 11:31 Kelvin Hopkins Jr. 4 Yd Run (David Cooper Kick) | 21 | 21 |
| 7 plays, 75 yards, 3:29 | | |
| TULN TD 7:38 Darius Bradwell 13 Yd Run (Merek Glover Kick) | 28 | 21 |
| 10 plays, 77 yards, 3:46 | | |
| FOURTH QUARTER | | |
| TULN TD 10:27 Amare Jones 1 Yd Run (Merek Glover Kick) | 35 | 21 |
| 12 plays, 78 yards, 5:03 | | |
| TULN TD 5:46 Cameron Carroll 41 Yd Run (Merek Glover Kick) | 42 | 21 |
| 5 plays, 68 yards, 2:54 | | |
| ARMY TD 2:55 Camden Harrison 11 Yd pass from Kelvin Hopkins Jr. (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed) | 42 | 27 |
| 6 plays, 73 yards, 0:44 | | |
| ARMY TD 2:36 Jabari Moore 54 Yd Fumble Return (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed) | 42 | 33 |
| 2 plays, 0 yards, 0:18 | | |

| Team Stats | TULN | ARMY |
|------------------------|-------|-------|
| First Downs | 28 | 21 |
| Passes for First | 10 | 7 |
| Rushes for First | 17 | 12 |
| Penalties for First | 1 | 2 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 7-12 | 6-15 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency | 1-1 | 2-4 |
| Total Yards | 525 | 363 |
| Total Plays | 74 | 68 |
| Avg Gain Per Play | 7.1 | 5.3 |
| Net Yards Rushing | 324 | 193 |
| Rushes | 53 | 44 |
| Yards Per Rush | 6.1 | 4.4 |
| Net Yards Passing | 201 | 170 |
| Comp-Att | 15-21 | 9-24 |
| Yards Per Pass | 9.6 | 7.1 |
| Times Sacked | 1 | 2 |
| Yds Lost To Sacks | -6 | -19 |
| Interceptions | 0 | 1 |
| Punts | 4 | 4 |
| Punt Average | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Penalties | 9 | 4 |
| Penalty Yards | 79 | 34 |
| Fumbles | 2 | 0 |
| Fumbles Lost | 2 | 0 |
| Time of Poss | 31:07 | 28:53 |

Individual Stats

RUSHING

| TULANE | Rush | Yds | Avg | TD | LONG |
|-----------------|------|-----|------|----|------|
| Corey Dauphine | 9 | 75 | 8.3 | 1 | 30 |
| Darius Bradwell | 12 | 70 | 5.8 | 1 | 18 |
| Amare Jones | 9 | 65 | 7.2 | 1 | 20 |
| Cameron Carroll | 5 | 55 | 11.0 | 1 | 41 |
| Cameron Sample | 8 | 40 | 5.0 | 0 | 14 |
| Justin McMillan | 10 | 19 | 1.9 | 1 | 11 |

| ARMY | Rush | Yds | Avg | TD | LONG |
|--------------------|------|-----|------|----|------|
| Kelvin Hopkins Jr. | 24 | 132 | 5.5 | 2 | 43 |
| Connor Slomka | 10 | 47 | 4.7 | 1 | 9 |
| Sandon McCoy | 2 | 15 | 7.5 | 0 | 12 |
| Cade Barnard | 3 | 8 | 2.7 | 0 | 3 |
| Artice Hobbs IV | 2 | 7 | 3.5 | 0 | 12 |
| Jabari Laws | 1 | -1 | -1.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kell Walker | 2 | -15 | -7.5 | 0 | 0 |

PASSING

| TULANE | Comp | Att | Yds | Y/A | TD | Int | QBRat |
|-----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| Justin McMillan | 15 | 21 | 201 | 9.6 | 1 | 0 | 82.2 |

| ARMY | Comp | Att | Yds | Y/A | TD | Int | QBRat |
|----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| Kelvin Hopkins | 9 | 24 | 170 | 7.1 | 1 | 1 | 47.5 |

RECEIVING

| TULANE | Rec | Yds | Avg | TD | LONG |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Amare Jones | 6 | 104 | 17.3 | 1 | 50 |
| Jalen McCleskey | 5 | 50 | 10.0 | 0 | 13 |
| Darnell Mooney | 2 | 24 | 12.0 | 0 | 19 |
| Jaetavian Toles | 1 | 17 | 17.0 | 0 | 17 |
| Darius Bradwell | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 0 | 6 |

| ARMY | Rec | Yds | Avg | TD | LONG |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Camden Harrison | 5 | 103 | 20.6 | 1 | 36 |
| Brandon Walters | 1 | 37 | 37.0 | 0 | 37 |
| Kell Walker | 2 | 23 | 11.5 | 0 | 12 |
| Michael Roberts | 1 | 7 | 7.0 | 0 | 7 |