

Massachusetts Footballalters At Louisiana Tech

RUSTON, La. - University of Massachusetts football redshirt junior running back Bilal Ally reached 1,000 career rushing yards and the Minutemen recovered three Louisiana Tech turnovers, but the Maroon and White fell to the Bulldogs, 69-21 at Joe Aillet Stadium in Ruston, Louisiana on Saturday evening.

Redshirt senior Michael Curtis started at quarterback and went 8-for-14 with 49 yards and one interception. Curtis' classmate Randall West took over under center in the second quarter and finished 17-of-29 with 172 yards, one passing touchdown and one interception. West also ran for one touchdown.

Ally capped the night with 10 carries for 92 yards, including one for a touchdown. It pushed Ally over 1,000 yards for his career. Ally reached quadruple digits via 212 carries, an average of 4.7 per rush.

Curtis and West spread the football to 10 receivers, led by red-shirt sophomore Zak Simon with four catches for 43 yards. Redshirt senior tight end Kyle Horn added four receptions for 22 yards, including his second touchdown of the year.

On defense, freshman cornerback Josh Wallace recorded a career-high eight tackles while he also forced and recovered a fumble.

Senior Isaiah Rodgers posted two tackles and a pass breakup at cornerback while he spearheaded the UMass return game with 187 yards over eight kick returns. It included a career-long 87-yard run-back in the second quarter which set up Massachusetts in the red zone during its first touchdown drive.

Louisiana Tech recorded touchdowns on its opening six drives before Massachusetts generated two scoring series.

Rodgers shortened the field for the offense with the longest kick return of his career, juking a host of LA Tech defenders and shedding multiple tackles before he was finally tripped up at the 11 yard line. Three plays later, West rumbled in from one yard out for the first UMass points of the night.

Two LA Tech fumbles helped Massachusetts reach paydirt again.

On the ensuing LA Tech drive, DeAndre Marcus broke through the UMass defense and was headed for the endzone before Wallace and Elijah Johnson converged on him at the five yard line. As Johnson dragged Marcus down from the right, Wallace ripped the football out from Marcus' arms and scooped it up in the endzone for a touchback.

After the ensuing offensive series stalled, George Georgopoulos booted a 40-yard punt to the LA Tech 36 yard line. Return man Smoke Harris muffed the punt, which Tanner Davis dove on top of to regain possession for the offense.

West stepped back onto the field and guided the team to its second touchdown with a five-play series that ended in a 12-yard pass to Horn.

Ally ran for Massachusetts' third touchdown of the night during the third quarter. Having already secured 1,000 career yards with his final carry in the first quarter, Ally broke free for his longest run of the night for the score. Facing a third-and-12 at the UMass 49 yard line, Ally bounced to his right and raced down the LA Tech bench sideline 51 yards for the tally.

LA Tech reached the final score when it added a 30-yard touchdown run in the third and 13-yard TD reception in the fourth.

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MASS	0	14	7	0	21
LAT	28	24	10	7	69

Scoring Summary -----

	MASS	LAT
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
LAT TD 14:05 Amik Robertson 42 Yd Interception Return (Bailey Hale Kick)	0	7
4 plays, 14 yards, 0:55		
LAT TD 10:27 Justin Henderson 74 Yd Run (Bailey Hale Kick)	0	14
3 plays, 91 yards, 1:40		
LAT TD 8:52 Justin Henderson 4 Yd Run (Bailey Hale Kick)	0	21
3 plays, 61 yards, 0:48		
LAT TD 2:24 Justin Henderson 3 Yd Run (Bailey Hale Kick)	0	28
12 plays, 67 yards, 4:03		
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
LAT TD 14:15 Griffin Hebert 17 Yd pass from J'Mar Smith (Bailey Hale Kick)	0	35
6 plays, 28 yards, 1:44		
LAT TD 10:57 Justin Henderson 1 Yd pass from J'Mar Smith (Bailey Hale Kick)	0	42
5 plays, 44 yards, 1:16		
MASS TD 9:40 Randall West 1 Yd Run (Cooper Garcia Kick)	7	42
3 plays, 11 yards, 1:17		
MASS TD 6:58 Kyle Horn 12 Yd pass from Randall West (Cooper Garcia Kick)	14	42
5 plays, 36 yards, 1:47		
LAT TD 2:20 Cee Jay Powell 2 Yd pass from J'Mar Smith (Bailey Hale Kick)	14	49
4 plays, 72 yards, 1:51		
LAT FG 0:00 Bailey Hale 42 Yd Field Goal	14	52
4 plays, 29 yards, 0:20		
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
LAT FG 10:40 Bailey Hale 23 Yd Field Goal	14	55
12 plays, 78 yards, 4:20		
MASS TD 7:04 Bilal Ally 51 Yd Run (Cooper Garcia Kick)	21	55
3 plays, 49 yards, 1:12		
LAT TD 6:49 DeAndre Marcus 30 Yd Run (Bailey Hale Kick)	21	62
1 play, 30 yards, 0:15		
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
LAT TD 11:28 Tahj Magee 13 Yd pass from Aaron Allen (Bailey Hale Kick)	21	69
11 plays, 95 yards, 6:12		

Team Stats	MASS	LAT
First Downs	19	28
Passes for First	12	12
Rushes for First	6	14
Penalties for First	1	2
Third Down Efficiency	9-21	5-10
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-2	1-1
Total Yards	352	689
Total Plays	84	73
Avg Gain Per Play	4.2	9.4
Net Yards Rushing	126	385
Rushes	41	38
Yards Per Rush	3.1	10.1
Net Yards Passing	226	304
Comp-Att	25-43	19-35
Yards Per Pass	5.3	8.7
Times Sacked	1	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-3	-8
Interceptions	2	1
Punts	9	2
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	5	4
Penalty Yards	46	35
Fumbles	1	2
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Time of Poss	29:33	30:27

Individual Stats

RUSHING

MASSACHUSETTS	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Bilal Ally	10	92	9.2	1	51
Gilberto Torres	11	23	2.1	0	11
Randall West	6	7	1.2	1	5
Cam Roberson	8	7	0.9	0	5
Michael Curtis	6	-3	-0.5	0	4
LOUISIANA TECH	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Justin Henderson	11	137	12.5	3	74
DeAndre Marcus	8	99	12.4	1	39
J'Mar Smith	5	69	13.8	0	34
Israel Tucker	6	34	5.7	0	8
Elijah Hines	3	29	9.7	0	14
Jaqwis Dancy	3	12	4.0	0	7
Smoke Harris	1	8	8.0	0	8
Westin Elliott	1	-3	-3.0	0	0

PASSING

MASSACHUSETTS	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Randall West	17	29	172	5.9	1	1	
Michael Curtis	8	14	49	3.5	0	1	
LOUISIANA TECH	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
J'Mar Smith	16	28	239	8.5	3	0	
Aaron Allen	2	2	49	24.5	1	0	
Westin Elliott	1	3	16	5.3	0	1	
Team	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	
Adrian Hardy	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	

RECEIVING

MASSACHUSETTS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Zak Simon	4	43	10.8	0	18
Josiah Johnson	3	40	13.3	0	23
Brennon Dingle	3	29	9.7	0	24
Jermaine Johnson Jr.	3	28	9.3	0	11
Samuel Emilus	2	27	13.5	0	23
Cam Roberson	2	23	11.5	0	17
Kyle Horn	4	22	5.5	1	12
Sadiq Palmer	1	4	4.0	0	4
Melvin Hill	1	4	4.0	0	4
Bilal Ally	2	1	0.5	0	3
LOUISIANA TECH	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Cee Jay Powell	4	70	17.5	1	55
Adrian Hardy	3	58	19.3	0	23
Isaiah Graham	3	43	14.3	0	21
Joshua Matthews	1	36	36.0	0	36
Justin Henderson	2	31	15.5	1	30
Tahj Magee	2	29	14.5	1	16
Griffin Hebert	1	17	17.0	1	17
Malik Stanley	1	13	13.0	0	13
Smoke Harris	2	7	3.5	0	6