

WEEK EIGHT
NC STATE at BOSTON COLLEGE

Dillon’s 3 TD runs and Bailey’s pair carry BC past NC State

BOSTON -- Boston College easily showed why it’s the best rushing team in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

AJ Dillon ran for 223 yards and three touchdowns, David Bailey had two long TD runs with 181 yards and the Eagles pounded the league’s top rushing defense in a 45-24 victory over North Carolina State on Saturday.

Dillon had scores of 2, 3 and 8 yards in his fifth straight 100-yard game as BC (4-3, 2-2 ACC) ran for 429 yards on 60 attempts. The 6-foot, 245-pound Dillon is 75 yards away from passing Andre Williams’ (2010-13) mark of 3,739 yards for most in school history.

“I just kept hearing about the No. 1 rush defense in the ACC,” Dillon said. “When you’re a competitor you want to go up against the best. They’re the best rush defense, so we wanted to go with our best. I had a feeling today was going to be a great day, just the look in everybody’s eyes, but I wasn’t expecting what we did today.”

Dennis Grosel completed 6 of 15 passes for 103 yards in his first collegiate start for BC after Anthony Brown was lost for the season with a leg injury two weeks ago.

“It’s the greatest and worst practices in America,” BC linebacker Max Richardson said of facing Dillon and Bailey, who’s listed at 6-1, 240. “AJ and David are big guys, strong guys, they run hard.”

Backup QB Devin Leary was 15 of 33 for 259 yards and three TDs for the Wolfpack (4-3, 1-2).

“I don’t know where to start,” N.C. State coach Dave Doeren said. “We didn’t tackle well, we didn’t set edges, we didn’t play well enough, we didn’t have good enough technique. They did a better job than we did, is the bottom line. They pushed us around at times. Their running backs ran through contact.”

Leading 7-3, the Eagles scored on three consecutive possessions to take a 24-3 lead into halftime. They led 31-3 after Dillon’s first TD run.

Turning to the run against a defense which had allowed just 66.7 yards per game entering the day, BC ran 10 straight times for 63 yards before Aaron Boumerhi’s 27-yard field goal made it 10-3 mid-way into the second quarter.

“When we started just running the ball like that, we weren’t going to come off of that,” BC coach Steve Addazio said. “I’ve been around a fair amount of time and that was an unbelievable performance by those guys and we just had to keep feeding them the rock.”

Bailey then went to work, breaking his pair of long touchdown runs to make it 24-3.

On the first, he broke two attempted tackles near the line of scrimmage before heading up the middle for a 54-yard score. On the second, a 48-yarder, he went around the right end, escaped cornerback Malik Dunlap’s grasp a few yards from the line of scrimmage before breaking away from safety Jarius Morehead at the 10-yard line and going into the endzone.

“You can’t arm tackle either one of them,” Morehead said. “It wasn’t a surprise. They both run hard. That’s what BC’s known for.”

The Eagles had taken a 7-0 lead when corner Jason Maitre picked off Bailey Hockman at the N.C. State’s 8-yard line and went in for a TD.

OVERBLOWN NUMBERS

N.C. State entered allowing just 2.3 yards per carry, but both Dillon (116) and Bailey (113) were over 100 in the first half and the Eagles averaged 7.2 yards per carry for the game.

REVOLVING QUARTERBACKS

Hockman, who replaced Matthew McKay and started three weeks ago, was benched after missing a receiver on a 4th-and-goal from BC’s 2. Hockman finished 4 of 10 for 27 yards with the Pick-6.

THE TAKEAWAY

N.C. State: The Wolfpack head into their bye week with more problems. They already needed to figure out the QB situation before it spirals them into a rough season. Now, defensively, big holes led to bigger problems there, too.

Boston College: A rushing game like Saturday can go a long way, but the roughest part of the schedule starts next week at Clemson. After that, the Eagles are at Syracuse before hosting Florida State. They close with games at Notre Dame and Pittsburgh.

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NCST	0	3	7	14	24
BC	7	17	7	14	45

Scoring Summary -----

	NCST	BC
FIRST QUARTER		
BC TD 5:36 Jason Maitre 8 Yd Interception Return (Aaron Boumerhi Kick)		
3 plays, 2 yards, 0:45	0	7
SECOND QUARTER	NCST	BC
NCST FG 11:51 Christopher Dunn 31 Yd Field Goal	3	7
6 plays, 28 yards, 3:00		
BC FG 7:23 Aaron Boumerhi 27 Yd Field Goal		10
11 plays, 63 yards, 4:22	3	
BC TD 5:07 David Bailey 54 Yd Run (Aaron Boumerhi Kick)		17
2 plays, 47 yards, 0:56	3	
BC TD 2:51 David Bailey 48 Yd Run (Aaron Boumerhi Kick)		24
3 plays, 87 yards, 1:10	3	
THIRD QUARTER	NCST	BC
BC TD 6:02 AJ Dillon 2 Yd Run (Aaron Boumerhi Kick)		31
16 plays, 98 yards, 6:38	3	
NCST TD 3:35 Thayer Thomas 6 Yd pass from Devin Leary (Christopher Dunn Kick)	10	31
9 plays, 75 yards, 2:27		
FOURTH QUARTER	NCST	BC
BC TD 14:32 AJ Dillon 3 Yd Run (Aaron Boumerhi Kick)		38
9 plays, 67 yards, 3:57	10	
NCST TD 8:49 Thayer Thomas 6 Yd pass from Devin Leary (Christopher Dunn Kick)		38
8 plays, 50 yards, 3:21	17	
BC TD 5:28 AJ Dillon 8 Yd Run (Aaron Boumerhi Kick)		45
6 plays, 54 yards, 3:21	17	
NCST TD 2:04 Cary Angeline 15 Yd pass from Devin Leary (Christopher Dunn Kick)		45
9 plays, 65 yards, 3:24	24	

Team Stats	NCST	BC
First Downs	15	23
Passes for First	12	4
Rushes for First	2	17
Penalties for First	1	2
Third Down Efficiency	4-17	9-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	3-5	0-0
Total Yards	366	532
Total Plays	71	75
Avg Gain Per Play	5.2	7.1
Net Yards Rushing	56	429
Rushes	27	60
Yards Per Rush	2.1	7.2
Net Yards Passing	310	103
Comp-Att	20-44	6-15
Yards Per Pass	7.0	6.9
Times Sacked	0	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-20
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	6	4
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	2	12
Penalty Yards	20	164
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	27:40	32:20

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
NC STATE	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Jordan Houston	7	34	4.9	0	29		
Zonovan Knight	10	27	2.7	0	15		
Trent Pennix	2	3	1.5	0	3		
Matthew McKay	2	0	0.0	0	5		
Bailey Hockman	3	-4	-1.3	0	7		
Devin Leary	3	-4	-1.3	0	8		
BOSTON COLLEGE	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
AJ Dillon	34	223	6.6	3	28		
David Bailey	16	181	11.3	2	54		
Dennis Grosel	4	21	5.3	0	11		
Peter Stehr	3	9	3.0	0	8		
Zay Flowers	3	-5	-1.7	0	2		
PASSING							
NC STATE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Devin Leary	15	33	259	7.8	3	0	48.6
Bailey Hockman	4	10	27	2.7	0	1	2.6
Thayer Thomas	1	1	24	24.0	0	0	99.9
BOSTON COLLEGE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Dennis Grosel	6	15	103	6.9	0	0	36.4
RECEIVING							
NC STATE	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Devin Carter	6	140	23.3	0	55		
Cary Angeline	3	55	18.3	1	24		
Thayer Thomas	5	47	9.4	2	23		
Jasiah Provillon	1	38	38.0	0	38		
Emeka Emezie	2	22	11.0	0	11		
Tabari Hines	1	9	9.0	0	9		
Trent Pennix	1	4	4.0	0	4		
Keyon Lesane	1	-5	-5.0	0	0		
BOSTON COLLEGE	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Hunter Long	3	84	28.0	0	51		
Zay Flowers	2	14	7.0	0	9		
Ben Glines	1	5	5.0	0	5		