

WEEK NINE
MARYLAND at MINNESOTA

No. 17 Minnesota routs Maryland 52-10 to stay unbeaten

MINNEAPOLIS -- Rodney Smith ran for 103 yards to become Minnesota's career leader in all-purpose yards, Seth Green had two touchdowns and the No. 17 Golden Gophers routed Maryland 52-10 on Saturday.

Tanner Morgan was 12-of-21 passing for 138 yards and two touchdowns to help the Gophers (8-0, 5-0 Big Ten) reach 8-0 for the first time since 1941. Minnesota has the nation's fourth-longest winning streak at 10, trailing Clemson, Ohio State and Appalachian State.

The Gophers were national champions when they started 8-0 in 1941. The 5-0 start in conference play is their first since 1961, the last year they earned a trip to the Rose Bowl.

Maryland (3-5, 1-4) lost for the fifth time in six games while again losing a starting quarterback. Tyrrell Pigrome was injured late in the first half. He was helped off the field favoring his left leg.

Javon Leake had a team-high 44 rushing yards and the Terrapins were held to 79 yards rushing as a team. In wins over Minnesota the past two seasons, Maryland had a combined 577 yards rushing.

On the second play from scrimmage, Pigrome's pass to Dontay Demus Jr. was tipped and intercepted by Antoine Winfield Jr. Morgan capped the ensuing drive with a touchdown pass to Rashod Bateman.

Coney Durr later intercepted Pigrome's pass, on another tip by Demus, and returned it 72 yards for a touchdown.

THE TAKEAWAY

Maryland: For the second time this season against a ranked opponent, Maryland's running game was shut down. The Terrapins entered the game third in the Big Ten in rushing averaging 207.1 yards per game. Anthony McFarland Jr. returned after missing a game with an ankle injury and had 38 yards on 10 carries. The road ahead isn't any easier with two more ranked opponents the next two weeks.

Minnesota: The Gophers have taken care of their schedule to date. Now comes the challenge with home games against No. 6 Penn State and No. 13 Wisconsin and road games at No. 20 Iowa and Northwestern in the season's final month. Minnesota has a two-game lead in the Big Ten's West division and likely would appear in the conference championship game with a victory against the winner of next week's Iowa at Wisconsin game.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Another small move up the poll is likely, particularly with No. 13 Wisconsin losing its second straight game. The Gophers last ranking as high as this season was in 2004 when they reached No. 13.

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MD	0	3	0	7	10
MINN	14	14	10	14	52

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER		MD	MINN
MINN TD 13:01	Rashod Bateman 9 Yd pass from Tanner Morgan (Michael Lantz Kick)		
4 plays, 20 yards, 1:20		0	7
MINN TD 2:38	Seth Green 10 Yd Run (Michael Lantz Kick)		
13 plays, 84 yards, 7:29		0	14
SECOND QUARTER		MD	MINN
MINN TD 12:29	Tyler Johnson 16 Yd pass from Tanner Morgan (Michael Lantz Kick)		
9 plays, 81 yards, 4:14		0	21
MINN TD 3:41	Coney Durr 72 Yd Interception Return (Michael Lantz Kick)		
6 plays, 23 yards, 2:53		0	28
MD FG 0:10	Joseph Petrino 31 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 41 yards, 1:04		3	28
THIRD QUARTER		MD	MINN
MINN FG 10:19	Michael Lantz 32 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 49 yards, 4:41		3	31
MINN TD 1:37	Rodney Smith 1 Yd Run (Michael Lantz Kick)		
12 plays, 63 yards, 7:41		3	38
FOURTH QUARTER		MD	MINN
MINN TD 8:24	Seth Green 1 Yd Run (Brock Walker Kick)		
11 plays, 74 yards, 6:58		3	45
MD TD 6:48	Tayon Fleet-Davis 59 Yd pass from Tyler DeSue (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
4 plays, 75 yards, 1:36		10	45
MINN TD 3:07	Treyson Potts 2 Yd Run (Michael Tarbutt Kick)		
6 plays, 84 yards, 3:41		10	52

Team Stats	MD	MINN
First Downs	10	30
Passes for First	6	8
Rushes for First	3	21
Penalties for First	1	1
Third Down Efficiency	2-11	7-11
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	2-2
Total Yards	210	498
Total Plays	46	76
Avg Gain Per Play	4.6	6.6
Net Yards Rushing	79	321
Rushes	23	54
Yards Per Rush	3.4	5.9
Net Yards Passing	131	177
Comp-Att	10-23	13-22
Yards Per Pass	5.7	8.0
Times Sacked	2	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-18	0
Interceptions	2	1
Punts	7	1
Punt Average	39.9	29.0
Penalties	4	2
Penalty Yards	36	15
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	17:07	42:53

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
MARYLAND	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Javon Leake	7	44	6.3	0	33		
Anthony McFarland Jr.	10	38	3.8	0	10		
Tayon Fleet-Davis	2	5	2.5	0	5		
Tyrrell Pigrome	3	3	1.0	0	8		
Tyler DeSue	1	-11	-11.0	0	0		
MINNESOTA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Rodney Smith	17	103	6.1	1	19		
Shannon Brooks	10	56	5.6	0	15		
Treyson Potts	4	42	10.5	1	24		
Mohamed Ibrahim	7	37	5.3	0	12		
Seth Green	6	34	5.7	2	10		
Tanner Morgan	5	30	6.0	0	11		
Preston Jelen	3	22	7.3	0	13		
Team	2	-3	-1.5	0	0		
PASSING							
MARYLAND	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tyler DeSue	4	12	88	7.3	1	0	13.1
Tyrrell Pigrome	6	9	43	4.8	0	2	2.5
Josh Jackson	0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0.3
MINNESOTA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tanner Morgan	12	21	138	6.6	2	1	87.3
Jacob Clark	1	1	39	39.0	0	0	100.0
RECEIVING							
MARYLAND	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Tayon Fleet-Davis	1	59	59.0	1	59		
Carlos Carriere	3	31	10.3	0	11		
Dontay Demus Jr.	3	21	7.0	0	8		
Anthony McFarland Jr.	3	20	6.7	0	11		
MINNESOTA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Chris Autman-Bell	4	56	14.0	0	19		
Rashod Bateman	3	39	13.0	1	20		
Harry Van Dyne	1	39	39.0	0	39		
Tyler Johnson	4	37	9.3	1	16		
Demetrius Douglas	1	6	6.0	0	6		