

WEEK TEN
 BOSTON COLLEGE at SYRACUSE

Boston College beats Syracuse 58-27

SYRACUSE, N.H. -- AJ Dillon and David Bailey combined for 414 yards rushing and five touchdowns, Dennis Grosel passed for 195 yards and three more scores, and Boston College blew past Syracuse 58-27 on Saturday, the Orange's fourth straight loss.

Boston College (5-4, 3-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), which had dropped three of four, stunned the Orange with big play after big play in the decisive second quarter, racking up 294 yards and scoring 34 points.

Dillon, who scored three touchdowns, rushed for 242 yards on 35 carries to boost his season total to 1,286. He entered the game ranked fourth nationally in rushing yards and rushing yards per game (130.5) for a unit that was averaging 255.6 yards on the ground. Bailey added a career-high 172 yards rushing on 16 carries.

BC set a school record with 691 yards offensively, averaging 9.2 yards per play. The Eagles' 496 yards rushing were the most ever allowed by the Orange. The previous record was 457, set by West Virginia in 2006. BC's record for rushing yards in a game is 518 against UMass in 1973.

Grosel started the carnage with a 64-yard touchdown pass to Kobay White on the first play of the second quarter to tie the game at 17-all. Using the play-action pass to attack a defense braced for the Eagles staunch run game, Grosel hit Zay Flowers for a 50-yard score after Andre Szmyt's 20-yard field goal had given the Orange (3-6, 0-5) their last lead in the game.

Both White and Flowers were wide open behind a confused secondary, and then Dillon ripped off a 51-yard run, going untouched through the left side of the line and breaking free. Bailey followed with a 74-yard run and Grosel hit Isaiah Miranda for a 4-yard touchdown in the final minute for a 44-20 halftime lead.

BC outgained Syracuse 484-196 in the opening half, 336 of that on the ground, to easily overcome two turnovers.

Tommy DeVito hit Aaron Hackett and Trishton Jackson with touchdown passes for the Orange in the first quarter, Jackson's 26-yard catch giving the Orange a 17-10 lead in the final minute. Jackson also had an 85-yard touchdown reception late in the third.

BC entered the game tied for seventh nationally and atop the ACC with North Carolina State with just six turnovers and committed two in the first quarter as the Orange forced two fumbles to boost their season total to nine fumble recoveries. Orange safety Andre Cisco got the first and defensive back Trill Williams the second, and the offense produced 10 points off the BC miscues.

THE TAKEAWAY

Boston College: The Eagles host Florida State next week and close the season with two tough road games, at Notre Dame and Pittsburgh. With Dillon and Bailey in the backfield and Grosel operating efficiently under center -- he was 8 of 10 passing -- the Eagles need just one win to qualify for a bowl game.

Syracuse: The injury-plagued Orange get a much-needed bye week to try to get healthier before playing their last two road games of the season in succession, at Duke and Louisville. Achieving six wins to qualify for the postseason seems a longshot at best for the only team in the ACC without a conference win.

STREAK ENDS

Syracuse entered the game with 11 turnovers on the season and had not committed one in 242 offensive plays, including 172 pass attempts. The spotless span included the previous three games, the best streak since coach Dino Babers took over four years ago. The streak ended when DeVito lost a fumble late in the second quarter.

UNUSUAL STAT

The Eagles won the toss and drove 71 yards in 13 plays, taking a 3-0 lead on Aaron Boumerhi's 21-yard field goal. The Orange came right back on their first possession, with DeVito hitting tight end Aaron Hackett for a 9-yard score. That gave the Orange a 7-3 lead and was the first lead change in a Syracuse game this season. There were three more before BC took charge.

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BC	10	34	7	7	58
SYR	17	3	7	0	27

Scoring Summary -----

	BC	SYR
FIRST QUARTER		
BC FG 10:37 Aaron Boumerhi 21 Yd Field Goal		
13 plays, 71 yards, 4:23	3	0
SYR TD 8:07 Aaron Hackett 9 Yd pass from Tommy DeVito (Andre Szmyt Kick)		7
6 plays, 84 yards, 2:30	3	7
BC TD 6:19 David Bailey 29 Yd Run (Aaron Boumerhi Kick)		
7 plays, 75 yards, 1:48	10	7
SYR FG 1:43 Andre Szmyt 47 Yd Field Goal		10
4 plays, 6 yards, 1:26	10	10
SYR TD 0:29 Trishton Jackson 26 Yd pass from Tommy DeVito (Andre Szmyt Kick)		17
3 plays, 29 yards, 1:05	10	17
SECOND QUARTER		
BC TD 14:51 Kobay White 64 Yd pass from Dennis Grosel (Aaron Boumerhi Kick)		17
3 plays, 75 yards, 0:38	17	17
SYR FG 9:29 Andre Szmyt 30 Yd Field Goal		20
13 plays, 63 yards, 5:22	17	20
BC TD 7:27 Zay Flowers 50 Yd pass from Dennis Grosel (Aaron Boumerhi Kick)		20
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:02	24	20
BC TD 5:31 AJ Dillon 51 Yd Run (Aaron Boumerhi Kick)		
2 plays, 51 yards, 0:35	31	20
BC TD 3:47 David Bailey 74 Yd Run (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)		20
1 play, 74 yards, 0:12	37	20
BC TD 0:26 Isaiah Miranda 4 Yd pass from Dennis Grosel (Aaron Boumerhi Kick)		20
7 plays, 30 yards, 2:12	44	20
THIRD QUARTER		
BC TD 8:54 AJ Dillon 5 Yd Run (Aaron Boumerhi Kick)		20
9 plays, 74 yards, 3:33	51	20
SYR TD 3:33 Trishton Jackson 85 Yd pass from Tommy DeVito (Andre Szmyt Kick)		27
3 plays, 84 yards, 0:52	51	27
FOURTH QUARTER		
BC TD 13:52 AJ Dillon 2 Yd Run (Aaron Boumerhi Kick)		27
10 plays, 80 yards, 4:41	58	27
Team Stats		
	BC	SYR
First Downs	29	20
Passes for First	5	11
Rushes for First	24	8
Penalties for First	0	1
Third Down Efficiency	7-12	5-17
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	2-5
Total Yards	691	448
Total Plays	75	78
Avg Gain Per Play	9.2	5.7
Net Yards Rushing	496	159
Rushes	65	42
Yards Per Rush	7.6	3.8
Net Yards Passing	195	289
Comp-Att	8-10	25-36
Yards Per Pass	19.5	8.0
Times Sacked	3	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-19	0
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	3	4
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	3	6
Penalty Yards	25	53
Fumbles	2	2
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Time of Poss	29:51	30:09

Individual Stats

RUSHING

BOSTON COLLEGE	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
AJ Dillon	35	242	6.9	3	51
David Bailey	16	172	10.8	2	74
Zay Flowers	2	30	15.0	0	18
Andrew Strader	4	25	6.3	0	19
Dennis Grosel	4	25	6.3	0	13
Travis Levy	4	2	0.5	0	2

SYRACUSE

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Tommy DeVito	16	61	3.8	0	33
Jarveon Howard	10	33	3.3	0	15
Jawhar Jordan	4	28	7.0	0	18
Moe Neal	6	26	4.3	0	8
Abdul Adams	4	18	4.5	0	12
Sean Riley	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Rex Culpepper	1	-6	-6.0	0	0

PASSING

BOSTON COLLEGE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Dennis Grosel	8	10	195	19.5	3	0	99.7
SYRACUSE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tommy DeVito	25	36	289	8.0	3	0	63.1

RECEIVING

BOSTON COLLEGE	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Kobay White	2	83	41.5	1	64
Zay Flowers	2	59	29.5	1	50
Ethon Williams	1	28	28.0	0	28
Hunter Long	1	11	11.0	0	9
Ben Glines	1	10	10.0	0	10
Isaiah Miranda	1	4	4.0	1	4
SYRACUSE	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Trishton Jackson	8	148	18.5	2	85
Sean Riley	5	53	10.6	0	35
Aaron Hackett	2	33	16.5	1	24
Jarveon Howard	3	17	5.7	0	9
Abdul Adams	1	16	16.0	0	16
Taj Harris	3	14	4.7	0	12
Luke Benson	1	12	12.0	0	12
Moe Neal	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Nykeim Johnson	1	-3	-3.0	0	0