

WEEK TWELVE
RICE at MIDDLE TENNESSEE ST

Rice gets first win, beats Middle Tennessee 31-28

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -- Tom Stewart threw three touchdown passes, Aston Walter ran for 106 yards and Rice beat Middle Tennessee 31-28 on Saturday for its first win of the season.

Stewart was 18-of-23 passing for 222 yards and threw all three of his scores to Brad Rozner, who finished with eight catches for 130 yards. Walter had 15 carries that included a 34-yard touchdown run.

Stewart threw TD passes from the 30 and 18, and his 34-yarder with 14 seconds left in the second quarter gave the Owls (1-9, 1-5 Conference USA) a 31-14 halftime lead.

Asher O'Hara threw for 338 yards and two touchdown passes and ran for another score for Middle Tennessee (3-7, 2-4).

The Blue Raiders fumbled the ball away on their first play from scrimmage but made it close with O'Hara's 7-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, and O'Hara's 20-yard touchdown pass to Jimmy Marshall with 3:22 remaining.

On the final drive, Rice converted on third-and-11 and chewed up more than three minutes of clock before punting into the Middle Tennessee end zone with 16 seconds remaining.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
RICE	10	21	0	0	31
MTSU	0	14	7	7	28

Scoring Summary -----

	RICE	MTSU
FIRST QUARTER		
RICE FG 10:50 Chris Barnes 42 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 15 yards, 4:00	3	0
RICE TD 2:11 Brad Rozner 30 Yd pass from Tom Stewart (Chris Barnes Kick)		
6 plays, 53 yards, 3:31	10	0
SECOND QUARTER		
RICE TD 11:27 Brad Rozner 18 Yd pass from Tom Stewart (Chris Barnes Kick)		
8 plays, 50 yards, 4:02	17	0
MTSU TD 8:01 Asher O'Hara 2 Yd Run (Crews Holt Kick)		
9 plays, 74 yards, 3:26	17	7
MTSU TD 5:29 Ty Lee 90 Yd pass from Asher O'Hara (Crews Holt Kick)		
1 play, 90 yards, 0:14	17	14
RICE TD 4:31 Aston Walter 34 Yd Run (Chris Barnes Kick)		
2 plays, 40 yards, 0:50	24	14
RICE TD 0:14 Brad Rozner 34 Yd pass from Tom Stewart (Chris Barnes Kick)		
9 plays, 79 yards, 2:53	31	14
THIRD QUARTER		
MTSU TD 4:19 Asher O'Hara 7 Yd Run (Crews Holt Kick)		
6 plays, 43 yards, 2:17	31	21
FOURTH QUARTER		
MTSU TD 3:22 Jimmy Marshall 20 Yd pass from Asher O'Hara (Crews Holt Kick)		
6 plays, 91 yards, 2:03	31	28

Team Stats	RICE	MTSU
First Downs	17	21
Passes for First	8	14
Rushes for First	9	3
Penalties for First	0	4
Third Down Efficiency	7-16	3-11
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	1-1
Total Yards	377	458
Total Plays	65	61
Avg Gain Per Play	5.8	7.5
Net Yards Rushing	155	120
Rushes	41	30
Yards Per Rush	3.8	4.0
Net Yards Passing	222	338
Comp-Att	18-24	22-31
Yards Per Pass	9.3	10.9
Times Sacked	0	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-6
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	7	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	7	4
Penalty Yards	56	63
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Time of Poss	35:26	24:34

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
RICE					
Aston Walter	15	106	7.1	1	34
Juma Otoviano	20	42	2.1	0	10
Zane Knipe	1	12	12.0	0	12
Tom Stewart	4	-1	-0.3	0	5
Nahshon Ellerbe	1	-4	-4.0	0	0
MIDDLE TENNESSEE					
Asher O'Hara	19	79	4.2	2	31
Terelle West	6	21	3.5	0	9
Jarrin Pierce	1	9	9.0	0	9
DJ England-Chisolm	1	5	5.0	0	5
Ty Lee	1	3	3.0	0	3
Jayy McDonald	2	3	1.5	0	4

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
RICE							
Tom Stewart	18	23	222	9.7	3	0	82.6
Team	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	--
MIDDLE TENNESSEE							
Asher O'Hara	22	31	338	10.9	2	1	73.6

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
RICE					
Brad Rozner	8	130	16.3	3	34
Jordan Myers	3	32	10.7	0	13
Juma Otoviano	2	28	14.0	0	22
Austin Trammell	3	22	7.3	0	12
Aston Walter	1	6	6.0	0	6
Jaeger Bull	1	4	4.0	0	4
MIDDLE TENNESSEE					
Ty Lee	7	154	22.0	1	90
Jimmy Marshall	7	112	16.0	1	31
Jarrin Pierce	4	39	9.8	0	26
Isiah Upton	1	20	20.0	0	0
Yusuf Ali	1	13	13.0	0	13
Terelle West	1	3	3.0	0	3
Tyrese Johnson	1	2	2.0	0	2
Asher O'Hara	0	-5	0.0	0	0