Pitt passes for 6 TDs, Ball State routs Fordham 57-29

MUNCIE, Ind. -- Drew Pitt passed for 439 yards and a school-re-cord-tying six touchdowns and Ball State won its 10th straight home opener with a 57-29 victory over Fordham on Saturday.

Pitt's passing yardage is the fourth highest in team history and the 57 points is the Cardinals' fourth highest total all-time. The Cardinals scored a team-record 66 points in a 1977 win over Cal Poly Pomona. Pitt's six TD passes matched the mark set by Keith Wenning in 2013 in a win over Miami (Ohio).

Fordham (0-2) jumped out to a 7-0 first-quarter lead on Zach Davis' 2-yard run. Pitt answered for Ball State (1-1), connecting with Justin Hall on a 50-yard scoring strike to knot the score at 7. The Rams reclaimed the lead when Tim DeMorat hooked up with Jack Lynch for a 5-yard score, but Walter Fletcher's 10-yard TD run with 57 seconds left in the first quarter tied the game at 14-all.

Pitt, who completed 32 of 40 passes in the game, tossed two TD passes in the second quarter -- a 3-yarder to Cody Rudy and a 40-yard scoring strike to Antwan Davis -- for a 28-14 halftime lead.

Ball State used a safety, Pitt's 3-yard TD toss to Riley Miller and a 16-yard TD run by Caleb Huntley to forge a 43-14 lead. Pitt and Miller teamed up for a 28-yard scoring strike in the third quarter and Pitt capped his performance with a 4-yard scoring strike to Antwan Davis early in the fourth quarter. Miller finished with six catches for 116 yards and Davis snagged five passes for 86 yards.

DeMorat, the reigning Patriot Football League offensive player of the week, completed 20 of 35 passes for 221 yards with one TD and two interceptions. Zach Davis carried 19 times for 85 yards for the Rams, while Trey Sneed had two short TD runs.

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 FOR TD 5:49 Trey Sneed 1 Yd Run (Tim DeMorat Pass to Fotis Kokosiou-lis for Two-Point Conversion)
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Kick) 5 plays, 75 yards, 1:48 22 FOR TD 0:59 Trey Sneed 5 Yd Run (Andrew Mevis Kick) 6 plays, 77 yards, 2:57 29 FOURTH QUARTER FOR 50 50 FOR BALL BALL TD 10:37 Antwan Davis 4 Yd pass from Drew Plitt (Ryan Rimmler Kick) 5 plays, 25 yards, 1:46 29 57 Team Stats First Downs FOR BALL. 29 17 Passes for First Rushes for First 7 18 8 9 Penalties for First 2 Third Down Efficiency 6 - 153 - 8Fourth Down Efficiency 0-1 0-0 Total Yards Total Plays 326 596 72 77 Avg Gain Per Play Net Yards Rushing 4.5 7 7 105 152 Rushes 37 35 2.8 Yards Per Rush 4.3 Net Yards Passing 221 444 Comp-Att Yards Per Pass 20 - 3533 - 426.3 10.6 Times Sacked 1 2 Yds Lost To Sacks -13 -19 Interceptions 2 1 Punts Punt Average 6 4 0.0 0.0 Penalties 6 8 68 Penalty Yards 63 Fumbles Fumbles Lost 2 2 0 1 Time of Poss 30:48 29:12 Individual Stats RUSHING FORDHAM Rush Avg 4.5 πр LONG Yds Zach Davis 19 85 1 25 Trey Sneed 10 23 2.3 2 9 0 Hamze El-Zavat 1 3 3.0 3 Naim Mayfield 2 1 0.5 0 1 Fotis Kokosioulis 1 0 0.0 0 0 Tim DeMorat -1.8 0 12 4 BALL ST Rush Yds Avg 4.9 тD LONG Caleb Huntley 13 64 1 16 Walter Fletcher 36 20 5.1 Markice Hurt Jr. 6 18 3.0 0 5 Drew Plitt 3 14 14 4.7 0 Justin Hall 2 12 6.0 0 8 Will Jones 2 0 10 11 5.5 PASSING FORDHAM TD OBRat Comp Att Yds Y/A Int Tim DeMorat 20/35 221 6.3 **Comp** 32/40 Y/A OBRat BALL ST Att Yds тD Int Drew Plitt 11.0 439 6 95.5 John Paddock 1/25 2.5 0 0 2.1 RECEIVING FORDHAM Rec Yds Avg тD LONG Fotis Kokosioulis 22.3 20.7 67 0 53 3 Hamze El-Zayat 62 36 Dequece Carter 5 47 9.4 0 15 9.3 Joe Ferraro 3 28 0 13 Jack Lynch M.J. Wright 5.0 5 1 5 0 5 5 5.0 1 Trey Sneed 3 0 5 4 1.3 Zach Davis 1 3 3.0 0 3 BALL ST Yds тD LONG Rec Avg Riley Miller Antwan Davis 19.3 17.2 116 38 6 2 2 86 40 Justin Hall 6 83 13.8 1 50 Walter Fletcher 77 19.3 0 31 4 Hassan Littles 3 29 9.7 0 14 Nolan Givan 3 22 7.3 0 14 Will Jones 2 13 6.5 0 10 Caleb Huntley Trevor Hohlt 1 6.0 0 6 6 5

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