

WEEK TWO
SYRACUSE at MARYLAND

Jackson sharp as Maryland blows out No. 21 Syracuse 63-20

COLLEGE PARK, Md. -- Using a fast-paced offense that's racking up huge chunks of yardage and scoring at an astounding clip, Maryland isn't content merely to blow out the opposition.

The objective Saturday was to pound No. 21 Syracuse into submission.

"Our goal was to try to make them quit, and I think we did a good job at that," quarterback Josh Jackson said after the Terrapins rolled to a surprisingly lopsided 63-20 victory. Jackson threw for 296 yards and three touchdowns to anchor another prolific offensive performance by Maryland, which scored 42 first-half points and finished with a whopping 650 yards in offense.

After beating Howard 79-0 in their first game under coach Michael Locksley, the Terrapins (2-0) came up with an impressive encore against a highly regarded foe.

The 63 points were the most ever by Maryland against a ranked opponent. Although Locksley eased up after a 64-yard touchdown run by Javon Leake early in the third quarter, the Terrapins finished with 29 first downs and 354 yards rushing.

Locksley came to Maryland after serving as offensive coordinator at Alabama, and Jackson transferred from Virginia Tech in February. The two have teamed to form a quick-strike offense that is equally effective on the ground and through the air.

Jackson completed 21 of 38 passes, attempting only two throws in the fourth quarter. He has tossed seven TD passes in two games with one interception.

"Our style of play, it's hard to match it -- our tempo and the way we executed it," Jackson said. "That's kind of what we expect. None of us thought this was a surprise for us to be able to put up points."

Anthony McFarland Jr. ran for two scores and caught a 6-yard TD pass from Jackson during a sparkling first half in which the Terrapins amassed 397 yards and built a 29-point lead against a Syracuse team coming off a season-opening shutout of Liberty.

"Obviously, we're not as good as the first game, and I would like to think we're not as bad as the second game," said Orange coach Dino Babers, insisting that the defense will ultimately be the strength of the team.

Perhaps, but on this day Syracuse was constantly in pursuit of wide open receivers and trying to chase down runners past the line of scrimmage. And when they caught up to them, it often wasn't good enough.

"There were a lot of missed tackles," Babers lamented. "And when you have missed tackles on a defense, you're going to get guys extend plays."

Missed tackles aside, Maryland's offense presents plenty of problems because Jackson is a skilled passer and a threat to run, and he's got a host of capable running backs behind him.

"We run a style of offense that the defense can't be right unless they out-execute us," Locksley said.

A 7-yard touchdown pass from Jackson to Tyler Mabry, a Syracuse turnover and a 3-yard run by McFarland made it 14-0 with less than 6 minutes elapsed.

It was 14-7 before Leake ran for a score and McFarland followed a turnover by the Orange with a 20-yard TD run for a 28-7 lead.

That was enough offense to beat a Syracuse attack led by redshirt sophomore Tommy DeVito, who went 28 for 39 for 330 yards and three touchdowns. But he lost a fumble and threw an interception, turnovers that Maryland converted into scores.

PRESSURE DOWNS

Maryland went 11 for 15 in turning third downs into first downs, including 8 for 9 in the first half.

"That's an amazing statistic, no matter who you're playing," Babers said. "That is not indicative of our defense. We're normally fantastic on third down."

Syracuse was 6 for 15 on third down and failed to convert any of its three fourth-down tries.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Syracuse appears poised to exit the Top 25 after opening at No. 22 and jumping a notch last week.

"This is definitely humble pie," Babers said. "I don't know what it tastes like, but it probably tastes exactly the way I feel right now."

THE TAKEAWAY

Syracuse: The defense couldn't stop the run and was helpless against the pass. DeVito got off some decent throws when given time in the pocket but does not fare well under pressure.

Maryland: There's no denying that this offense is electric and Jackson is best suited to run it.

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SYR	7	6	7	0	20
MD	21	21	7	14	63

Scoring Summary -----

	SYR	MD
FIRST QUARTER		
MD TD 12:07 Tyler Mabry 7 Yd pass from Josh Jackson (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
5 plays, 67 yards, 1:37	0	7
MD TD 9:01 Anthony McFarland Jr. 3 Yd Run (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
5 plays, 32 yards, 2:02	0	14
SYR TD 4:40 Trishton Jackson 9 Yd pass from Tommy DeVito (Andre Szmyt Kick)		
10 plays, 91 yards, 4:21	7	14
MD TD 0:46 Javon Leake 3 Yd Run (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
11 plays, 75 yards, 3:54	7	21
SECOND QUARTER		
MD TD 9:19 Anthony McFarland Jr. 20 Yd Run (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
2 plays, 20 yards, 0:10	7	28
SYR TD 7:21 Sean Riley 15 Yd pass from Tommy DeVito (Andre Szmyt PAT failed)		
6 plays, 69 yards, 1:58	13	28
MD TD 4:53 Carlos Carriere 15 Yd pass from Josh Jackson (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
8 plays, 75 yards, 2:28	13	35
MD TD 0:56 Anthony McFarland Jr. 6 Yd pass from Josh Jackson (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
8 plays, 86 yards, 2:09	13	42
THIRD QUARTER		
MD TD 13:06 Javon Leake 64 Yd Run (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
4 plays, 75 yards, 1:54	13	49
SYR TD 10:36 Trishton Jackson 52 Yd pass from Tommy DeVito (Andre Szmyt Kick)		
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:30	20	49
FOURTH QUARTER		
MD TD 8:13 Tayon Fleet-Davis 5 Yd Run (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
9 plays, 58 yards, 4:06	20	56
MD TD 2:24 Jake Funk 10 Yd Run (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
3 plays, 92 yards, 1:40	20	63

Team Stats	SYR	MD
First Downs	18	29
Passes for First	12	16
Rushes for First	5	13
Penalties for First	1	0
Third Down Efficiency	6-15	11-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-3	0-0
Total Yards	400	650
Total Plays	70	83
Avg Gain Per Play	5.7	7.8
Net Yards Rushing	70	354
Rushes	29	45
Yards Per Rush	2.4	7.9
Net Yards Passing	330	296
Comp-Att	28-41	21-38
Yards Per Pass	8.0	7.8
Times Sacked	4	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-27	-8
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	5	3
Punt Average	39.2	31.7
Penalties	6	5
Penalty Yards	35	30
Fumbles	2	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Time of Poss	27:53	32:07

Individual Stats

RUSHING

SYRACUSE	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Moe Neal	12	47	3.9	0	10
Abdul Adams	7	37	5.3	0	13
Jarveon Howard	3	5	1.7	0	3
Tommy DeVito	7	-19	-2.7	0	4
MARYLAND					
	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Javon Leake	7	107	15.3	2	64
Jake Funk	5	94	18.8	1	54
Anthony McFarland Jr.	14	75	5.4	2	20
Tayon Fleet-Davis	11	67	6.1	1	21
Tyrrell Pigrome	2	7	3.5	0	4
Josh Jackson	4	6	1.5	0	14

PASSING

SYRACUSE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tommy DeVito	28	39	330	8.5	3	1	50.5
Clayton Welch	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.6
Taj Harris	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	2.7
MARYLAND							
	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Josh Jackson	21	38	296	7.8	3	1	84.7

RECEIVING

SYRACUSE	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Trishton Jackson	7	157	22.4	2	52
Taj Harris	5	85	17.0	0	29
Moe Neal	6	40	6.7	0	10
Sean Riley	5	38	7.6	1	15
Aaron Hackett	1	8	8.0	0	8
Nykeim Johnson	4	2	0.5	0	5
MARYLAND					
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Darryl Jones	3	70	23.3	0	40
DJ Turner	2	53	26.5	0	29
Anthony McFarland Jr.	2	45	22.5	1	39
Chigoziem Okonkwo	3	45	15.0	0	23
Carlos Carriere	2	31	15.5	1	16
Dontay Demus Jr.	3	25	8.3	0	14
Tyler Mabry	4	22	5.5	1	7
Jake Funk	2	5	2.5	0	5