

WEEK TWO
 UAB at AKRON

Johnston throws 4 TD passes, UAB beats Akron 31-20

AKRON, Ohio -- Tyler Johnston III passed for 319 yards and four touchdowns, including a 76-yarder to Myron Mitchell, and UAB held off Akron 31-20 on Saturday in the programs' first gridiron meeting.

The Blazers took a 7-6 first-quarter lead on Johnston's 49-yard TD pass to Kendall Parham, then scored 24 unanswered points before the Zips mounted a fourth-quarter comeback after stopping the Blazers on downs.

Johnston, 15-of-24 passing with one interception, hit Austin Watkins on TD passes of 28 and 40 yards before connecting with Mitchell on the 76-yarder in the third quarter. Watkins had three catches for 95 yards, Parham grabbed four for 94, and Mitchell caught two for 88 yards. Spencer Brown, who entered with 2,633 career rushing yards and is vying to become UAB's career rushing leader, was held to 35 yards on 16 carries.

Deltron Sands capped Akron's opening drive with a 1-yard TD run, but the Zips were held scoreless until the fourth quarter when Kato Nelson hit Nate Stewart on a 6-yard TD pass. The comeback stalled with a fumble on a UAB punt return before Nelson hit Timothy Scippio on a 7-yard TD pass.

Nelson completed 25 of 44 passes for 359 yards. Dustin Burkhart caught eight passes for a career-high 217 yards.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
UAB	7	10	14	0	31
AKRON	6	0	0	14	20

Scoring Summary -----

	UAB	AKRON
FIRST QUARTER		
AKRON TD 11:13 SANDS, Deltron 1 yd run (FITSCHEN, Jerry kick failed)	0	6
UAB TD 0:26 Kendall Parham 49 Yd pass from Tyler Johnston III (Nick Vogel Kick)	7	6
SECOND QUARTER		
UAB FG 12:08 Nick Vogel 39 Yd Field Goal	10	6
UAB TD 4:57 Austin Watkins 28 Yd pass from Tyler Johnston III (Nick Vogel Kick)	17	6
THIRD QUARTER		
UAB TD 12:50 Austin Watkins 40 Yd pass from Tyler Johnston III (Nick Vogel Kick)	22	6
UAB TD 9:28 Myron Mitchell 76 Yd pass from Tyler Johnston III (Nick Vogel Kick)	24	6
FOURTH QUARTER		
AKRON TD 11:04 STEWART, Nate 6 yd pass from NELSON, Kato (FITSCHEN, Jerry kick)	31	13
AKRON TD 4:42 SCIPPPIO, Timothy 7 yd pass from NELSON, Kato (FITSCHEN, Jerry kick)	31	20

Team Stats	UAB	AKRON
First Downs	15	16
Passes for First	12	11
Rushes for First	1	4
Penalties for First	2	1
Third Down Efficiency	4-14	4-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	2-3
Total Yards	402	393
Total Plays	58	73
Avg Gain Per Play	6.9	5.4
Net Yards Rushing	83	34
Rushes	34	29
Yards Per Rush	2.4	1.2
Net Yards Passing	319	359
Comp-Att	15-24	25-44
Yards Per Pass	13.3	8.2
Times Sacked	5	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-20	0
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	6	9
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	4	6
Penalty Yards	35	56
Fumbles	0	3
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Time of Poss	27:37	32:23

Individual Stats

RUSHING

UAB	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Spencer Brown	16	35	2.2	0	7
Tyler Johnston III	8	24	3.0	0	13
Jonathan Haden	8	21	2.6	0	5
Larry Wooden	1	3	3.0	0	3
AKRON	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Kato Nelson	13	31	2.4	0	13
Deltron Sands	12	9	0.8	1	5
Brandon Lee	4	-6	-1.5	0	0

PASSING

UAB	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tyler Johnston	15	24	319	13.3	4	1	
AKRON	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kato Nelson	25	44	359	8.2	2	0	

RECEIVING

UAB	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Austin Watkins	3	95	31.7	2	40
Kendall Parham	4	94	23.5	1	49
Myron Mitchell	2	88	44.0	1	76
Markus Grossman	2	14	7.0	0	11
Hayden Pittman	1	11	11.0	0	11
Thair Blakes	1	9	9.0	0	9
Larry Wooden	1	4	4.0	0	4
Gerrit Prince	1	4	4.0	0	4
AKRON	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Dustin Burkhart	8	217	27.1	0	64
Brandon Lee	4	61	15.3	0	48
Nate Stewart	4	28	7.0	1	10
Andre Williams	2	21	10.5	0	13
Timothy Scippio	2	16	8.0	1	9
Jeremiah Knight	4	15	3.8	0	5
Michael Mathison	1	1	1.0	0	1