

WEEK TWO
WKU at FIU

Western Kentucky stops FIU short, 20-14

MIAMI -- Gaej Walker ran for a touchdown, Steven Duncan passed for another and the Western Kentucky defense made a big goal-line stand as the Hilltoppers defeated Florida International 20-14 in a Conference USA opener on Saturday.

Late in the fourth quarter with WKU leading 20-14, FIU had 2nd-and-goal from the 2-yard line. WKU defensive back Dionte Ruffin hit Panthers quarterback Kaylan Wiggins in the backfield, forcing a fumble. Wiggins recovered the ball at the 16 but was attended to on the field after the play and was removed from the game. James Morgan, who had started the game, then threw incomplete on third and fourth downs. Western Kentucky took over and was able to run out the clock after gaining one first down.

Duncan threw 8 yards to Jahcour Pearson for a touchdown to open the scoring. FIU tied it later in the first quarter when Richard Dames scored on an 80-yard return after interception of a Duncan pass. Walker, who gained 100 yards on 27 carries, ran 2 yards for a touchdown and WKU led 14-7 at halftime.

The Hilltoppers allowed just 14 first downs, 217 yards and one offensive touchdown, a 15-yard run by Napoleon Maxwell in the third quarter that made the score 17-14 in favor of Western Kentucky. Cory Munson added his second field goal of the game, a 44-yarder early in the fourth quarter.

Duncan completed 19 of 33 passes for 241 yards with the one touchdown and two interceptions. Morgan was 3 of 11 for 25 yards; Wiggins 2 of 6 for 41 yards.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
WKU	7	7	3	3	20
FIU	7	0	7	0	14

Scoring Summary -----

	WKU	FIU
FIRST QUARTER		
WKU TD 8:53 Jahcour Pearson 8 Yd pass from Steven Duncan (Cory Munson Kick)		
4 plays, 78 yards, 2:02	7	0
FIU TD 6:06 Rishard Dames 80 Yd Interception Return (Jose Borregales Kick)		
5 plays, 27 yards, 2:47	7	7
SECOND QUARTER		
WKU TD 3:53 Gaej Walker 2 Yd Run (Cory Munson Kick)		
9 plays, 59 yards, 3:28	14	7
THIRD QUARTER		
WKU FG 8:39 Cory Munson 19 Yd Field Goal		
12 plays, 79 yards, 5:07	17	7
FIU TD 6:03 Napoleon Maxwell 15 Yd Run (Jose Borregales Kick)		
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:36	17	14
FOURTH QUARTER		
WKU FG 12:26 Cory Munson 44 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 14 yards, 3:18	20	14

Team Stats	WKU	FIU
First Downs	17	14
Passes for First	10	2
Rushes for First	6	10
Penalties for First	1	2
Third Down Efficiency	5-13	2-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	3-5
Total Yards	339	217
Total Plays	68	64
Avg Gain Per Play	5.0	3.4
Net Yards Rushing	98	151
Rushes	35	46
Yards Per Rush	2.8	3.3
Net Yards Passing	241	66
Comp-Att	19-33	5-18
Yards Per Pass	7.3	3.7
Times Sacked	0	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-8
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	6	7
Punt Average	44.2	45.1
Penalties	7	4
Penalty Yards	60	47
Fumbles	2	3
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	33:09	26:51

Individual Stats

RUSHING

WKU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Gaej Walker	27	100	3.7	1	14
Garland LaFrance	1	2	2.0	0	2
Ty Storey	1	0	0.0	0	0
Steven Duncan	4	-2	-0.5	0	5

FIU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Napoleon Maxwell	8	48	6.0	1	15
Anthony Jones	11	43	3.9	0	18
Kaylan Wiggins	15	25	1.7	0	14
D'Vonte Price	5	21	4.2	0	9
Maurice Alexander	3	11	3.7	0	5
James Morgan	4	3	0.8	0	3

PASSING

WKU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Steven Duncan	19	33	241	7.3	1	2	37.0

FIU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kaylan Wiggins	2	6	41	6.8	0	0	32.5
James Morgan	3	11	25	2.3	0	0	9.2
Maurice Alexander	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.1

RECEIVING

WKU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Lucky Jackson	6	93	15.5	0	48
Kyle Fourtenbary	5	74	14.8	0	28
Quin Jernighan	1	26	26.0	0	26
Jahcour Pearson	4	25	6.3	1	11
Jacquez Sloan	1	14	14.0	0	14
Gaej Walker	2	9	4.5	0	8

FIU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Maurice Alexander	3	47	15.7	0	40
Austin Maloney	1	12	12.0	0	12
Tony Gaiter IV	1	7	7.0	0	7