

2002 GAME RECAPS

ILLINOIS 20 Maryland 13 (OT) - NI beat its highest ranked team ever (MD #15) and had 21-12 FD and 325-222 yd edges. MD took its opening drive 58 yds 8 plays for a TD but NI nailed a 52 yd FG after a fmb! and drove 83 yds 5 plays for a TD w/7:15 left 1H to lead 10-7. MD tied it on the opening drive of the 3Q w/a 46 yd FG. MD added a 50 yd FG for the lead w/9:10 left. NI went 84 yds 18 plays but settled for a 26 yd FG on 4th & 2 w/1:12 left to tie it. After a MD punt, NI had a 43 yd FG blk'd on the final play of regulation. In OT NI got a TD and MD was int'd 2 plays later.

FLORIDA ST 35 Maryland 10 - MD got a 58 yd int ret for a TD and 44 yd FG, 10-0 w/10:06 left 1Q. FSU dominated from there with TD drives of 75, 64 and 94 yds, 21-10 at the half. FSU drove 86 and 11 yds (after fmb!) for TD's to make it 35-10. MD gained 83 yds of their 197 yds on their final 2 drives including a meaningless 22 yd pass on the final play.

MARYLAND 61 The Citadel 0 - MD simply dominated. At the half MD had 395-41 yd and 21-2 FD edges and led 44-0 with the 24 pts at the end of the 1Q being more than they'd scored in their first 2 games. They played their backups in the 2H.

MARYLAND 34 W Virginia 7 - MD had 28-11 FD and 498-156 yd edges and didn't punt until 10:48 was left in the game. They led 20-0 at the half and WV had just 3 FD's in the 1H. WV's only score came when they drove 50 yds after rec'ing a MD fmb! for a garbage TD with 4:02 left.

Maryland 37 E MICHIGAN 13 - MD had a 44 yd int return for a TD early but EM got a 30 yd pass on 3rd & 10 to set up a 42 yd FG and trailed 6-3 after 1Q. MD drove 70 yds for a TD but then fmb!d a punt at their own 28 and EM got a TD w/23 left 1H, 13-10. MD got a 31 yd KR and 45 yd pass to set up a 27 yd FG w/02 left, 16-10. EM opened the 3Q with a 64 yd drive for a 25 yd FG but MD answered with 83, 87 and 79 yd drives for TD's to lead 37-13. MD fmb!d at the EM 39 with 4:51 left and finished with a 465-265 yd edge.

MARYLAND 21 Clemson 7 - CU missed a 48 yd FG & MD drove 68 & 44 yds for TD's on their first 2 poss to lead 14-0. CU got a 69 yd TD pass with 2:33 left in the half and MD missed a 48 yd FG on the final play and MD only led 14-7 despite 12-6 FD and 186-119 yd edges. In the 3Q MD added a 69 yd TD pass, 21-7. CU took over with 4:29 left and drove 62 yds but were int'd w/16 left & MD ran out the clock.

MARYLAND 33 Duke 20 - At the half Duke had a 10-5 FD edge. After 1Q Duke had a 92-18 yd edge but MD's Novak tied a school record w/a 54 yd FG after an int and MD led 3-0. MD added a 34 yd FG and drove 64 yds for a TD 13-0. MD drove 80 yds for a TD in the 3Q, missed a 40 yd FG but after a fmb! drove 10 yds for a TD, 27-0. Duke drove 68 yds for a TD and MD drove 67 yds for a 31 yd FG, 30-7. Duke drove 80 yds 15 plays for a TD. MD rec'd the onside kick and nailed a 48 yd FG. Duke drove 80 yds for a garbage TD w/1:37 left.

GEORGIA TECH 7 Maryland 3 - The story of this Thurs Night game was MD losing starting QB McBrien late 2Q. The backup Evans did not make the trip which meant rFr Statham, who had 1 career pass, was forced to play. McBrien was int'd on their 1st poss and fmb!d at the GT 28. Later MD missed a 38 yd FG, 0-0 at half. MD drove 61 yds 11 plays for a 35 yd FG w/3:14 left in the 3Q but on the next drive Statham was sk'd & fmb!d and GT got the ball at the MD 18. That would set up their only TD of the game which came on 3rd & 4, 7-3. MD was int'd at their own 28 w/ 3:36 left. GT was SOD w/30 left at the 11.

MARYLAND 59 N Carolina 21 - MD settled for 24 and 20 yd FG's on their 1st 2 poss and NC drove 73 yds for a TD and got a 96 yd KR for a TD, 14-6. MD drove 80 yds 15 plays for a TD (2 pt conv) to tie it but NC got a 52 yd TD rec to lead 21-14. MD got a 67 yd KR and drove 33 yds for a TD. MD added a 28 yd drive for a FG and after an int got a 42 yd screen pass for a TD. MD got a 67 yd TD pass w/57 left 2Q and after NC fmb!d the KO, they drove 20 yds for another TD, 45-21 and their 39 2Q pts set an ACC record. In the 3Q MD drove 92 yds for a TD and NC was SOD at the MD 11. After NC fmb!d a punt, MD drove 20 yds for a TD, 59-21.

MARYLAND 27 Virginia 17 - Thurs Night ESPN. MD's Josh Allen rushed for a career high 257 yds and 2 TD's. MD opened driving 84 yds 13 plays for a TD with the help of 2 key pen's on UVA after 3rd down plays came up short. MD then went 61 yds for a TD, 14-0. UVA thanks to a 62 yd screen pass, drove 82 yds 9 plays for a TD but Allen immediately ripped off an 80 yd TD run, 21-7. MD settled for a 34 yd FG after a 44 yd drive and led 24-7 at the half w/a 293-151 yd edge. UVA drove 75 yds for a TD and after MD had a 47 yd FG blk'd, UVA got a 43 yd FG w/9:15 left to pull within 24-17. MD drove 44 yds nailing a 45 yd FG w/3:52 left and after forcing a UVA punt, drove to the 14 yd line but took a knee.

Maryland 26 NC STATE 24 - MD fmb!d on its opening drive and NCS needed 2 plays to go 38 yds for a TD, 7-0. MD was int'd at its 28 but NCS, on the first play, was int'd in the EZ. NCS drove 69 yds for a TD w/6:28 left 1H, 14-0. MD answered w/an 80 yd drive for a TD and then got a 51 yd PR w/36 left setting up a 29 yd FG, 14-10. The Pack got an 83 yd PR for a TD & drove 61 yds for a 32 yd FG, 24-10. MD drove 80 and 78 yds for TD's with the later coming with just 2:29 left, 24-23 (xp ng). NCS were trying to run out the clock but McClendon fmb!d at his own 46. MD got 1 FD & Novak hit a 43 yd FG w/23 left for the win.

Maryland 41 WAKE FOREST 28 - For the 1st time in ACC history (and 5th in NCAA) opposing RB's topped 200 yds rushing with Perry having 237 for MD and Barclay 243 for WF. Barclay got an early 53 yd TD run but MD drove 75 yds for a TD, 7-6 (xpng). WF drove 80 yds 15 plays for a TD, 14-6. WF went 95 yds 13 plays for a TD w/4:21 left 2Q, 21-6. MD went 77 yds for a TD w/1:02 left, 21-13. MD missed a 41 yd FG early 3Q and WF was int'd at the MD 13. Perry ripped off a 49 yd TD run 3 plays later. WF was int'd and MD drove 32 yds for a TD and a 28-21 lead. Barclay got a 74 yd TD run and Perry an 80 yd TD run on the next 2 plays, 35-28. WF had a punt blk'd at their own 28 and MD needed 7 plays for a TD, 41-28 w/11:10 left. WF was SOD at their own 49 w/ 5:17 left and MD went on a 9 play drive to run out the clock.