



FOOTBALL GAMEDAY

FIU vs. Marshall **Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017** **Post-Game Notes**

Today's Captains

Today's captains for FIU were QB Alex McGough, LG Jordan Budwig, DE Newton Salisbury, LB Fred Russ, CB Andrew Brown.

Quick Score

FIU entered the Marshall game with 12 of its 22 scoring drives coming under three minutes. Of the Panthers' seven scoring drives against Marshall, five of the seven came under three minutes and three came under two minutes. FIU had three scoring drives last less than a minute - its first scoring drive went 13 yards in four plays in 49 seconds after a turnover and its fifth drive went 70 yards in three plays in 42 seconds. The Panthers have scored in under two minutes 11 times this season and 20 times in under three minutes.

TO Again

Senior wide receiver Thomas Owens was at it again for the fourth straight game. Owens caught six passes for 103 yards in the first half against Marshall, finishing with seven catches and 114 yards. It's the fourth straight game that Owens has gone over 100 yards in a game. It's his eighth 100-yard receiving game of his career. The two touchdown catches gave him 20 for his career, which ranks third all-time in school history. He just two shy of second place all-time held by Cory McKinney (22).

My Dear Pharoah

Tight End Pharoah McKeever continued his hot streak as of late. McKeever had two catches for 38 yards in the first half including a season long 21-yard reception which was key on FIU's second scoring drive. Pharoah finished the game with a career highs in catches (4) and yards (43). In the last three games, McKeever has 10 catches for 87 yards.

Muhammad's Career Day

CB Brad Muhammad set a career-high with 10 tackles and had two interceptions. Muhammad tallied six tackles against Middle Tennessee. Muhammad also intercepted a third quarter pass and returned it 12 yards for touchdown. It was FIU's first pick-six since Isaiah Brown at Old Dominion on Nov. 26, 2016 – a 45-yard return. Muhammad picked off his second pass of the game in the fourth quarter. It was the first time since Richard Leonard had two interceptions at UAB on Sept. 27, 2014.

Napoleon Felt Dynamite

RB Napoleon Maxwell rushed for a career-high 93 yards on 11 carries against Marshall. Maxwell's previous career-high was 88 yards against Rice on Nov. 1, 2014.

Season Highs

- FIU's 28 first-half points were the most the Panthers had scored in a half this season. The 28 points ties for the seventh most points in a half. The last time, FIU scored 28 points was Nov. 3, 2012 at South Alabama.
- FIU's 41 points were a season-high and the most since the Panthers put up 48 points in a 48-31 win against Charlotte on Nov. 7, 2015. It's also the most points in a road win since FIU won at UAB, 34-20, on Sept. 27, 2014.
- FIU forced a season-high three turnovers against Marshall –two interceptions and one fumble.

Red-Zone Success

FIU continued its success in the red zone this season against Marshall. The Panthers were 4-for-4 in red zone attempts against the Thundering Herd. On the season, the Panthers are now 19-of-19 (100%) in the red zone.

First Half Highs

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- The 246 yards in the first half were the most by the Panthers this season. FIU racked up 239 yards against Alcorn and 223 yards against Charlotte.
- CB Brad Muhammad's six tackles matched a career-high. Muhammad tallied six tackles against Middle Tennessee.
- QB Alex McGough completed 10-of-12 passes for 153 yards and two touchdowns. It's the first multi-TD passing game of the season for McGough. He completed 14-of-18 passes for 210 yards in the first half against Alcorn.