



# FOOTBALL GAMEDAY

**FIU vs. UMASS**

**Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017**

**Post-Game Notes**

## **Today's Captains**

Today's captains for FIU were QB Alex McGough, OG Jordan Budwig, DE Jordan Guest and DE Newton Salisbury.

## **Mr. McGough Staying Hot Down the Stretch**

QB Alex McGough continues to settle in down the stretch for the Panthers. McGough completed 20-of-25 passes for 295 yards against UMass. He ran for a career-high 108 yards against the Minutemen on 11 carries. It was the first 100-yard rushing game of his career. He finished with 403 yards of total offense. Before McGough's rushing performance today only 2 FIU QBs had rushed for more than 100 yds in a game: Jake Medlock (144 vs Akron in 2012) & Wayne Younger (124 vs Arkansas in 2007)

## **Record Day**

- FIU set a school record with 63 points against the Minutemen eclipsing the 55 points the Panthers scored in a 2003 win against Jacksonville.
- The 674 yards of total offense broke the school record surpassing the 642 in 2003 against Jacksonville and 668 at Troy in 2010.
- The eight wins by the Panthers tie the school record set by the 2011 team.
- The 379 rushing yards is the third-most in school history just shy of the school record 448 at Troy in 2010 and 391 against Jacksonville in 2003.
- Freshman receiver Bryce Singleton set career-highs with 111 receiving yards, six catches and three touchdown receptions. The three touchdowns tied a school record set by Jonnu Smith in 2014 against Middle Tennessee.
- RB Alex Gardner and QB Alex McGough both ran for over 100 yards against UMass. It was the fifth time in FIU history that two players ran for 100 yards or more in a game.
- FIU's six rushing touchdowns against UMass was a school record. The previous FIU record was four rushing TDs in a game which was done nine times -- last in 2014 vs. FAU.

## **Red-Zone Success**

FIU continued its success in the red zone this season against UMass. The Panthers entered the game ranking second nationally in red-zone conversion percentage. FIU went 7-for-7 in red zone attempts against the Minutemen. On the season, the Panthers are now 39-of-40 (98%) in the red zone.

## **Other Game Notables**

- Sophomore receiver Darrius Scott's 72-yard reception was a career-long and FIU's second longest play of the season. Scott finished with a career-high 88 receiving yards on four receptions.
- FIU's 35 first half points were the most of the season and fell 7 points shy of tying the school record of 42 points against UTEP on Oct. 10, 2015.