



POSTGAME NOTES

UMASS MINUTEMEN 17 (1-7)

AT

LIBERTY FLAMES 62 (7-2)

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Team Notes

- Liberty remains unbeaten at home following a 62-17 win over UMass.
- Liberty extended its program-record home winning streak to 15 games, dating to Sept. 14, 2019 against Buffalo. Entering today, Liberty was tied for the fourth longest active home winning streak among FBS programs. Liberty has outscored opponents 681-267 at home during that span.
- Liberty is now 3-1 all-time against UMass in football. Since the Minutemen won the first meeting, 62-59 in three overtimes during the 2018 season, Liberty has outscored UMass 170-38 in the last three meetings. The Flames have won each of the last two meetings by exactly 45 points each (45-0 in 2020, 62-17 today).
- Liberty scored on its first drive for the fifth time this season. The Flames have scored on their first drive 19 times under Coach Freeze.
- UMass is the second team that Liberty has defeated three times since joining the FBS ranks in 2018. Liberty also owns three victories over fellow FBS independent squad New Mexico State.
- This is Liberty's 19th season in program history with seven or more wins, including its third in a row. This is the first time since 2007-11 that Liberty has posted three or more consecutive seasons of seven or more wins.
- Liberty now holds a 20-2 home record as an FBS program, including 15-1 under current head coach High Freeze.
- Today marked Coach Freeze's 25th win at Liberty, making him the fastest Flames coach to record 25 victories (in 33 games). Danny Rocco recorded his 25th win in his 36th game as Liberty's head coach.
- The Flames are now 10-2 in October under Coach Freeze.
- Liberty has scored at least 40 points in each of its last eight home games, a streak which began on Oct. 10, 2020 against ULM.
- The Flames led 41-3 at halftime. Liberty is 21-1 under Coach Freeze when leading after the first half.
- Liberty's 41 first-half points today were its most in a half since building a 49-14 halftime lead at UMass on Nov. 2, 2019.
- Liberty scored on its first play from scrimmage today. The last time Liberty scored a touchdown on its first offensive play was Sept. 28, 2013, when Josh Woodrum hit Darrin Peterson with a 55-yard touchdown pass against Kentucky Wesleyan. The next time Liberty got the ball that day was a 30-yard blocked punt return for a touchdown by Andrew Jauch.
- Liberty engineered a seven-play, 99-yard touchdown drive in the second quarter, capped by a 29-yard touchdown run by T.J. Green. The last time Liberty staged a 99-yard drive was Oct. 6, 2012 against Gardner-Webb, when Liberty capped a 10-play 99-yard drive with a 15-yard touchdown pass from Aldreakis Allen to Justin Gunn.
- Today was Liberty's 10th time scoring 60 or more points in a single game in program history, and eighth 60-point game for the Flames inside Williams Stadium. It was Liberty's third time scoring 60 or more points under Coach Freeze, and most points since a 63-21 win at UMass on Nov. 2, 2019.
- Liberty rolled to a season-high 604 total yards on 195 rushing yards and a season-high 409 passing yards. It was the eighth-most total yards in a single game in program history and most since posting 629 yards in last year's meeting with UMass. Three out of Liberty's four 600-yard games under Coach Freeze have come against UMass.
- Liberty's 409 passing yards are the eighth most in a single game in program history and most since a program-record 488 yards at UMass in 2019.
- Liberty tied a program record with six passing touchdowns today. The other three six-touchdown-pass games were in 1984 against Mars Hill, 2020 against Saint Francis (Pa.) and last year against Southern Miss.
- The Flames totaled a season-high 13 tackles for loss, three shy of the program single-game record of 16, set against Samford in 2000.
- UMass' 74 passing yards were an opponent season low and Liberty's fewest passing yards allowed since Army passed for 61 yards on Sept. 8, 2018 against the Flames.
- This was the third time this season that Liberty totaled more than double its opponent's total yards of offense.
- Liberty had six different receivers catch a touchdown today, with five of those catching their first TD of the 2021 season.

Liberty Player Notes

QB Malik Willis

- Finished with 344 total yards (19-for-27 passing for 307 yards and four touchdowns and eight carries for 37 yards). It was his ninth career game with 300 or more total yards and third game with 300 or more passing yards.
- Is the first Liberty player to be responsible for 30 touchdowns in two different seasons. He has posted 21 passing touchdowns and nine rushing scores this season after totaling a Liberty single-season record 34 TDs (20 passing/14 rushing) in 2020.
- Prior to last year, Mike Brown (32 total touchdowns in 2010) and Stephen Calvert (30 in 2017) were the only two players with 30 or more total touchdowns in a single season in program history.

RB TJ Green

- Rushed for a team-leading 60 yards on five carries, including touchdown runs of 26 and 29 yards in the first half. He is the first Liberty running back since Shedro Louis at Syracuse Oct. 17, 2020 to rush for two touchdowns in a game. In between, Malik Willis posted five multiple-rushing-touchdown games.
- Green, Shedro Louis and Joshua Mack are all tied for second on the team with three rushing touchdowns each this season. Malik Willis has as many rushing TD's (9) as those three combined.

WR Noah Frith

- Recorded 69 receiving yards on three catches, with a 49-yard touchdown catch in the second quarter.
- The touchdown was Frith's first of the season and sixth of his career.

WR DJ Stubbs

- Led Liberty with 72 yards on two catches, including a 60-yard touchdown catch. That touchdown catch, the eighth of his career, was the longest reception of his career.

WR Demario Douglas

- Caught his fifth touchdown of the season and ninth of his career, a six-yard pass from Malik Willis just 1:20 into the game that made it 14-0 Flames.

QB Kaidon Salter

- Making his first appearance as a Flame, rushed three times for 47 yards with a long rush of 38 yards. He also passed for a 39-yard touchdown pass to Brody Brumm in the fourth quarter, his first career touchdown pass.

QB Nate Hampton

- Making his first appearance as a Flame, rushed four times for 30 yards and also passed 1-for-4, connecting with Khaleb Coleman for a 63-yard catch and run touchdown in the fourth quarter.

WR Khaleb Coleman

- Caught his first pass of the season, a 63-yard catch-and-run touchdown from Nate Hampton in the fourth quarter. It was his 17th career catch. It was his second career touchdown catch, with the other one coming against Troy on Oct. 13, 2018.
- Became the 12th player this season with a touchdown catch when he crossed the goal line midway through the fourth quarter.

WR Brody Brumm

- Recorded two catches for a career-high 50 yards and a touchdown. His 39-yard touchdown catch was the second of his career and first since Oct. 3, 2020 against North Alabama.

TE Johnny Huntley

- Caught two passes for 13 yards and a touchdown, his first of the season and sixth of his career.

DE Aakil Washington

- Tied with Tyren Dupree for the team lead with 2.0 tackles for loss. Sacked Brady Olson, forcing a fumble that Stephen Sings V recovered. Liberty scored on its next play, making it 14-0 just 1:20 into the game.

DB Duron Lowe

- Recorded his second interception as a Flame, picking off a Brady Olson pass on the first play of the game, which led to a Liberty score on the very next play.

C Thomas Sargeant

- Made his 56th consecutive start. Entered the game tied for the the second-longest active consecutive starts streak in FBS football.