



Ball State Postgame Notes

Ball State 42, Central Connecticut 6 (Aug. 30, 2018)

TEAM NOTES

- Today's game captains for Ball State were QB Riley Neal, DB Josh Miller, LB Jeremiah Jackson and DL Fred Schroeder.
- This was the first ever meeting between the two teams.
- Ball State won its ninth straight home opener.
- The Cardinals nearly earned their first shutout since Oct. 4, 2008 against Toledo. Central Connecticut scored its only points with 12 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Ball State tallied a program-record 652 yards of offense, eclipsing the previous mark set in 1977 against Cal Poly Pomona (618).
- TE Nolan Givan scored Ball State's first touchdown of 2018. He hauled in a 20-yard touchdown pass from QB Riley Neal with 45 seconds left in the first quarter. Givan also scored Ball State's first touchdown last year.
- RB Malik Dunner tallied his 10th career rushing touchdown in the second quarter, a 12-yard run to make the score, 14-0.
- QB Riley Neal notched his 11th career rushing touchdown, and first since 2016, in the second quarter.
- RB James Gilbert reached 100 yards rushing for the eighth time in his career thanks to a 35-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.
- WR Yo'Heinz Tyler recorded a 20-yard touchdown catch on his first collegiate reception. Tyler finished two touchdown catches and a team-high 83 yards receiving.
- Ball State's 316 rushing yards were the most since piling up 356 at Buffalo on Oct. 15, 2016.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- LB Jacob White tallied Ball State's first sack of the season on a third down late in the second quarter.
- Twenty-one players recorded multiple tackles led by Jeremiah Jackson, who set a personal high with seven stops.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- DB Brett Anderson caused a fumble on a Ball State kickoff in the second quarter which was recovered by DB Mitch Larsen. It was Anderson's first career forced fumble and Larsen's first career fumble recovery.