

## **Game notes – Marshall at Virginia Tech – Dec. 1, 2018**

The game captains were senior receiver Marcel Williams and senior lineman Jordan Dowrey on offense, and senior linebacker Chase Hancock, senior lineman Ryan Bee and safety Malik Gant on defense.

Attendance for Saturday's game was 31,336.

After Saturday's win, Virginia Tech leads its series with Marshall, 11-2. The Hokies have won nine consecutive games in the series, and improved to 7-0 against Marshall in Blacksburg.

Marshall had its three-game winning streak snapped.

Freshman running back Brenden Knox recorded the longest run of Marshall's season with a 67-yarder near the end of the first quarter. The run eclipsed the team's season long of 65 yards by Tyler King, and surpassed Knox's personal-best 31-yard run at FIU on Nov. 24.

Knox recorded his third 100-yard rushing game of the season (four appearances at running back).

Knox became the 10th Marshall player in history to gain 200 rushing yards in a road game, and had the ninth-most on the road all-time at MU.

Junior defensive lineman Channing Hames recorded two sacks that accounted for 21 yards of sack yardage, tied for the fifth most sack yardage by an individual in Marshall football history (Max Yates, 2.0 sacks, 21 yards at Northern Illinois in 2001).

Marshall did not allow an individual 100-yard rusher for the 13th consecutive game, dating back to last season. The Herd entered Saturday's game as one of four FBS teams that had not allowed a 100-yard rusher this season.

The Thundering Herd defense had its three-game streak of not allowing a touchdown pass snapped. Marshall had not allowed a touchdown pass in 219 minutes and 28 seconds of game clock.

Virginia Tech's first quarter touchdown was the second TD allowed by the Marshall defense in the first quarter this season, and the 10 points by the Hokies were the most by an opponent scored against the Herd in the first quarter this season.

The Marshall defense had its three-game streak of not allowing a touchdown pass snapped in the first quarter when Virginia Tech quarterback Ryan Willis connected with receiver Hezekiah Grimsley for a 46-yard touchdown. The Herd defense had not allowed a touchdown pass in 219 minutes and 28 seconds of game clock.

Sophomore tight end Xavier Gaines received his first career start in a two-tight end set. In the fourth quarter, Gaines recorded his first career touchdown reception on a 34-yard pass from freshman quarterback Isaiah Green.

Green's touchdown pass to Gaines in the fourth quarter extended his streak of consecutive games with a touchdown pass to nine games.

Junior tight end Armani Levias led Marshall in receptions (five) and receiving yards (69). Both are career highs for Levias.

Green rushed for 33 yards on six attempts, a career high in rushing yards for the quarterback. His previous best was 22 yards in the season opener at Miami.

Senior receiver Tyre Brady caught a pass for the 23rd consecutive game.