

## **Game Notes – Middle Tennessee at No. 16/15 Marshall – November 14, 2020**

The game captains for Marshall were junior running back Brenden Knox, junior running back Sheldon Evans and senior lineman Alex Mollette on offense; and senior linebacker Tavante Beckett and senior defensive back Nazeeh Johnson on defense.

Marshall now leads the all-time series with Middle Tennessee, 6-4.

The Thundering Herd has won nine consecutive games at Joan C. Edwards Stadium and nine consecutive Conference USA home games.

Marshall improved its record to 21-3 all-time playing as a Top 25 team. MU head coach Doc Holliday is 8-1 all-time as the coach of a ranked team.

Senior linebacker Tavante Beckett recovered his fourth fumble of the season, which is tied for the second most in a single season in Marshall history. Beckett is tied with Larry McCloud (1996) and Pete Diabo (1971), and is one away from tying Ken Green, who had five fumble recoveries in 1987. Beckett's six career fumble recoveries is tied for third most in program history with Donahue Stephenson (1990-93) and Johnathan Goddard (2001-04).

The first quarter touchdown by senior receiver Willie Johnson was his first of the season and ninth of his career. Johnson established new career highs for receptions (eight), receiving yards (137) and receiving touchdowns (two).

Freshman quarterback Grant Wells set new single game career highs for completions (25), passing yards (336) and passing touchdowns (five). This is the 20th time a Herd quarterback has passed for at least five touchdown passes in a game.

Wells has thrown a touchdown pass in four consecutive games.

Sophomore receiver Corey Gammage had his first career game with two touchdown receptions.

Sophomore tight end Hayden Hagler recorded his first career touchdown reception. He is the fourth different Marshall tight end to score this season.

Senior safety Nazeeh Johnson tied a career high with 13 tackles (Cincinnati, 2019). Johnson also forced his first career fumble and recovered his third career fumble.

Sophomore defensive back Micah Abraham recorded a forced fumble, the first of his career.

The fumble recovery by junior defensive back Joshua Bowers on a muffed punt is the first of his FBS career.

Junior defensive lineman Darius Hodge forced a fumble in the second quarter, the first of his collegiate career. Hodge also recorded his sixth sack this season and had his first career forced fumble.

Junior defensive back Steven Gilmore posted a season high eight tackles.

Junior running back Brenden Knox had his five-game streak of 100-plus rushing yards snapped. Knox also did not score rushing or receiving for the first time this season.

Senior offensive lineman Will Ulmer made his 42nd career start, tying him with five others for 23rd place on the all-time games started list at Marshall.