

Game Notes – No. 23 Appalachian State at Marshall – September 19, 2020

The game captains for Marshall were senior offensive lineman Will Ulmer and junior running back Sheldon Evans on offense, and junior defensive lineman Koby Cumberlander and senior linebacker Tavante Beckett on defense. This is Cumberlander's first time as a captain.

Saturday was the 23rd meeting in the long-running series between Marshall and Appalachian State. After Thundering Herd's win, the Mountaineers lead the all-time series, 14-9.

Saturday's game was Marshall's 25th against a nationally ranked opponent, and the fifth time in 202 games that a Top 25 team has played at Joan C. Edwards Stadium, which opened in 1991.

Marshall won against a Top 25 team for the first time in Joan C. Edwards Stadium history, the first time anywhere since 2003 and the first time in Huntington since 1976. MU snapped a 16-game losing streak to nationally ranked teams.

Marshall junior running back Brenden Knox eclipsed 100 rushing yards in a game for the 11th time in his career.

Knox moved up three spots on the Thundering Herd all-time rushing list, passing Stew Butler (2,063 career rushing yards), Llow Turner (2,090) and Orlando Hatchett (2,143) to move into 11th place on the career rushing list.

Knox's 21-yard run to open the game is his longest this season and the 16th rush of 20 or more yards in his career.

The first half interception by Steven Gilmore is his first of the season and third of his career. Gilmore also set a career-high with three pass breakups.

Redshirt senior T.J. Johnson recorded his first career sack at Marshall in Saturday's first half.

Junior defensive end Darius Hodge had at least one sack for the second consecutive game, the first time in his career he has had a sack in back-to-back games.

Senior defensive back Brandon Drayton had his first forced fumble of the season and second of his career.

Senior defensive back Nazeeh Johnson had his first fumble recovery of the season and second of his career.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Grant Wells scored his first rushing touchdown at Marshall. Wells also established a new career-best for rushing yards with 43.

Junior defensive back Derrek Pitts had a career-high nine tackles, the most for him since 2018 at WVU.