

Game Notes – ECU at Marshall – September 5, 2020

The game captains for Marshall were senior offensive lineman Alex Mollette and junior running back Sheldon Evans, and senior defensive back Nazeem Johnson and senior linebacker Tavante Beckett on defense. This is Evans' first time serving as a game captain.

After Saturday's win, Marshall leads the all-time series 12-8-1. The Thundering Herd has won four consecutive games in the series.

Saturday's win is Marshall's 10th in a row in home openers.

Two offensive players made their first career start for Marshall: Redshirt freshman quarterback Grant Wells and senior offensive lineman Alex Salguero.

Four defensive players made their first career start for the Herd: Junior defensive tackle Jamare Edwards, sophomore linebacker Eli Neal, junior linebacker Abraham Beauplan and junior safety Derrek Pitts.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Grant Wells became the first Marshall quarterback with 300-plus passing yards in a debut, passing for 307 yards. The previous record: Stan Hill vs Miami (Ohio) on Nov. 11, 2002 (292 passing yards).

Wells tied the record for most passing touchdowns in a debut with four, equaling the mark set by Hill vs. Miami and Chase Litton vs. Norfolk State in 2015.

Junior running back Brenden Knox reached a career milestone in the first half, surpassing 2,000 rushing yards. Knox also passed Keion Davis for No. 14 on the program's career rushing list.

Senior tight end Garet Morrell hauled in a 45-yard pass in the first half, a career long.

Sophomore receiver Talik Keaton established a new career-high for receiving yards in a single game. Keaton's 47-yard reception in the second quarter is a career long.

Sophomore running back Knowledge McDaniel made his debut carrying the ball, rushing for a team-high 93 yards.

Senior receiver Jaron Woodyard caught his first collegiate touchdown.

Freshman tight end Amir Richardson caught his first collegiate touchdown.

Sophomore quarterback Luke Zban completed his first career pass and touchdown.

Junior defensive tackle Rodney Croom combined on a sack, the first of his career.

Sophomore linebacker Eli Neal set a new single game career high for tackles with eight (previous best: four vs. Cincinnati in 2019).

Junior defensive end Koby Cumberland established a new single game career high for tackles with five (previous best: four – accomplished three times in 2019).

Sophomore defensive end Owen Porter set a new single game career high with five tackles (previous best: two – twice in 2019).

Marshall tied the school record for fewest punts with zero, which has now been accomplished seven times. The most recent occurrence before Saturday: UAB in 2006.