

### **Game Notes – Marshall at Appalachian State – September 23, 2021**

Appalachian State's offense had an interception and a lost fumble, giving Marshall a plus-two turnover margin. The Thundering Herd had won 10 consecutive games – dating back to 2015 – when having a turnover margin of plus-two or better.

The Herd has scored 30 or more points in each of the first four games of the season, the first time that has happened since 2014.

Marshall senior tight end Xavier Gaines had his first career 100-yard game, finishing with a career-best 104 receiving yards. Gaines' receiving touchdown was his first this season.

Gaines had the first 100-yard receiving game by a Thundering Herd tight end since Gator Hoskins' 104-yard output on Dec. 17, 2013 vs. Maryland.

MU freshman running back Rasheen Ali scored for the fourth consecutive game, and his 10 combined touchdowns leads the nation.

Ali's 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown was his first return of the season.

Herd receiver Shadeed Ahmed set career highs for receptions (four) and receiving yards (81).

Marshall senior receiver Willie Johnson's 41-yard catch was a season long.

The 61-yard punt by MU's Robert LeFevre tied a career long set last season.

Herd kicker Shane Ciucci saw his first action of the season, booting 3 of 4 field goals, including a career long of 46 yards.

Linebacker Eli Neal had his first career forced fumble and second career fumble recovery.

Defensive back Micah Abraham had his first interception this season (second of his career).