

ULM WARHAWK FOOTBALL



POSTGAME NOTES: OHIO 45, ULM 14

TEAM/GAME NOTES

- ULM Captains: Kolton Browning (Co-Offense), Brent Leonard (Co-Offense), DaCorris Ford (Defense) and Brandon Hardy (Special Teams)... The four individuals (Browning, Leonard, Ford and Hardy) were selected as the 2012 Permanent Captains.
- The Warhawks were the home team, Ohio won the toss and deferred to the second half.
- Official Attendance: 41,853
- ULM trailed 24-7 at halftime, the biggest halftime deficit of the season
- The Warhawks allowed 45 points, tying the most since the Nov. 8 loss at Arkansas State
- Ohio's 31 point margin of victory was the largest in Independence Bowl history.
- The Bobcats' 45 points tied a bowl record.
- Ohio's Beau Blankenship rushed for four touchdowns, setting an Independence Bowl record.
- The 45-14 defeat was the worst loss by a Warhawk squad since dropping a 45-17 loss at Iowa two seasons ago.
- ULM finishes the 2012 season at 8-5, the best record in the FBS era.

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Kolton Browning's two INTs in the first quarter were his eighth and ninth of the season and it was the second time this season he has thrown two picks.
- ULM finished the first quarter with 104 total yards.
- Tavares Maye caught a 14-yard TD to put the Warhawks on the board. It was Maye's fourth score of the season and 10th of his career.
- Brent Leonard caught his second pass in the second quarter to give him 204 career receptions, a program record, passing Mark Vincent.
- Browning threw his third INT (10th of the season) at ULM's four-yard line after it was tipped at the line on the Warhawks' first play after the fake FG. The three INTs is a career-high.
- With 45 seconds left, ULM went for it on 4th-and-12 and Browning found Rashon Ceasar for the first down at Ohio's one-yard line. The Warhawks faced another 4th down with five seconds left in the half and were unable to get any points.
- ULM had 216 total yards in the first half.
- Kevin Steed collected his third TD of the season (fourth career) on a one-yard reception from Browning.
- Brayle Brown appeared at quarterback in the fourth quarter and was 0-1 passing.
- Kolton Browning ended the day 21-for-39 and 219 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions.
- Browning was also the Warhawks leading rusher (47 yds on 24 attempts).
- ULM's 24 first downs were three shy of the Independence Bowl record.
- The Warhawks ran 78 plays for 314 yards of offense.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- Ohio collected TDs on its first two drives before a three-and-out after Tyler Tettleton's first incompleting of the game.
- Ray Stovall recovered a fumble to give ULM possession on a bad shotgun snap to Tettleton.
- Tettleton gained 21 yards on a third down scramble to keep an Ohio drive moving.
- Ohio collected 290 total yards including 221 through the air.
- The Bobcats opened the second half with a two-yard TD from Beau Blankenship, giving Ohio a 31-7 advantage.
- Ohio tied an Independence Bowl record with 45 points (most scored on ULM this season), on Blankenship's bowl record fourth rushing TD.
- Cordero Smith picked off Tettleton in the fourth quarter, his first career INT.
- Ohio eclipsed the previous Independence Bowl record of 533 total yards of offense (Auburn, vs. Army, 1996) with 556 yds.
- C. Smith led the Warhawks with 8 total tackles, including 5 solo.
- Henry Mitchell recorded 5 solo tackles, including 1 tackle for loss.

SPECIAL TEAM NOTES

- Justin Manton's 43-yard FGA in the second quarter was blocked by Josh Kristoff.
- Ohio faked 28-yard FG and looked to pick up the first down but an illegal receiver down field penalty flag was thrown. ULM declined the penalty and took over possession.
- Manton had 5 punts on the day, with a long of 42 yards and one inside the 20 yard line.
- Cortney Davis had four kickoff returns for a total of 96 yards, including a long of 34.