

NAVY AT WESTERN KENTUCKY

HOUGHENS INDUSTRIES-L.T. SMITH STADIUM | BOWLING GREEN, KY. | SEPT. 10, 2011

ATTENDANCE: 19,409

Navy Postgame Notes

Navy's win today gives the Midshipmen ...

▶ an overall record of 2-0 in 2011 ... it's Navy first 2-0 start to a season since 2006 when Navy scored wins over East Carolina, Massachusetts and Stanford before dropping an overtime decision to Tulsa.

▶ an all-time record of 653-524-57 in what is the 130th year of football at the Academy.

▶ a 72-33 record over the last nine years after posting a 3-30 record from 2000-02.

▶ 38-22 record in games played away from Annapolis over the last nine seasons.

▶ a 2-0 all-time record against Western Kentucky.

Navy Head Coach Ken Niumatalolo ...

▶ is 29-14 all-time in his coaching career

2007: 0-1 (coached the Poinsettia Bowl)

2008: 8-5

2009: 10-4

2010: 9-4

2011: 2-0

▶ captured his 29th-career victory, setting the record for most wins by a Navy head coach in his first four seasons ... the record was previously held by Paul Johnson, who turned in a 28-21 record from 2002-07.

Starting Streaks

▶ Offense:

16 - Brady DeMell (C)

15 - Josh Cabral (LG)

15 - John Dowd (RG)

15 - Gee Gee Greene (SB)

11 - Ryan Basford (RT)

4 - Aaron Santiago (SB)

4 - Alexander Teich (FB)

2 - Matt Aiken (WR)

2 - Doug Furman (WR)

2 - Kriss Proctor (QB)

2 - David Sumrall (LT)

▶ Defense:

19 - Jabaree Tuani (LE)

16 - Kwesi Mitchell (ROV)

4 - Matt Warrick (ILB)

2 - Jamel Dobbs (RE)

2 - Matt Brewer (ILB)

2 - Mason Graham (OLB)

2 - David Wright (LCB)

2 - Shawn Lynch (FS)

2 - David Sperry (RCB)

1 - Jared Marks (NG) ... first career start

1 - Keegan Wetzel (OLB) ... first career start

Team Notes

▶ The Mids are now 24-2 over the last four years when scoring first ... Navy is 18-3 when leading after the first quarter, 19-3 when leading at the half and 24-0 with the lead after three quarters of play.

▶ Navy owns a 49-6 record over the last nine years when scoring 30 or more points in a game ... during the Niumatalolo era, the Mids are 19-2 when scoring 30 or more points.

▶ With its 40-14 win over Western Kentucky, it marks the first time in the Ken Niumatalolo era and the first since 2007 that a Navy team has scored 40 or more points in back-to-back games ... the Mids defeated Notre Dame, 46-44, in triple overtime and followed up with a 74-62 win over North Texas the following week.

▶ Navy finished the game with 510 yards of total offense, including 410 yards on the ground and 100 yards through the air ... the Mids are now 50-11 over the last nine years when rushing for 300-plus yards as a team.

▶ The last time the Mids rushed for 400 yards was Nov. 13, 2010, against Central Michigan when they rushed for 437 yards ... the last time Navy eclipsed 500 yards of total offense was Nov. 6, 2010, when it recorded 521 yards against East Carolina.

▶ John Howell (3-113) and Alexander Teich (15-102) each rushed for over 100 yards, marking the 37th time in program history that Navy has produced a 100-yard tandem in a game ... the last time two Navy players reached 100 rushing yards was in last year's East Carolina game when Teich carried the ball 14 times for 157 yards and Ricky Dobbs rushed for 100 yards on 17 carries.

▶ A Navy defensive player has picked off the opposition in both of the Mids' games this season ... Kwesi Mitchell recorded his second-collegiate interception in Navy's opener against Delaware and David Sperry picked off WKU's Kawaun Jakes ... Navy turned in seven interceptions a year ago.

▶ Seniors Brian Blick, John Dowd and Kriss Proctor led the team out of the tunnel each carrying an American flag.

Matt Aiken, So., WR

▶ Caught a 44-yard pass for a TD as time expired in the first quarter ... it was his first-collegiate TD and just his second-career reception ... caught his first pass in the Mids' opener last week against Delaware.

Matt Brewer, Jr., LB

▶ Turned in a career-high nine tackles in his second-collegiate start, including a tackle for a loss of five yards.

▶ Stripped WKU's RB John Evans at the WKU 30-yard line (8:27, 1Q) and the fumble was recovered by Wes Henderson.

▶ Brewer caused three fumbles in the first five quarters of action against Delaware and WKU.

Tra'ves Bush, Jr., S

▶ Recorded six tackles and an interception.

▶ Picked off WKU quarterback Brandon Doughty (9:51, 4Q) and returned it 49 yards for his first-career touchdown ... it was his second-career interception.

▶ It's the first interception returned for a touchdown by a Navy player since Ram Vela returned an interception 68 yards for a TD against Army on Dec. 6, 2008.

Wes Henderson, Jr., DE

▶ Recovered a John Evans fumble at the WKU 30-yard line (8:27, 1Q) which was caused by Matt Brewer ... it marked his first-career fumble recovery.

John Howell, Jr., SB

▶ Finished the game with a career-high 113 yards on 3 carries and 2 touchdowns ... his previous single-game rushing high was 26 yards at East Carolina last fall.

▶ His 50-yard touchdown to open the game (13:08, 1Q) was the longest run of his career ... his previous long was 15 yards against East Carolina last fall.

▶ Scored a 57-yard touchdown (run) on just his second touch of the game ... improved upon his career long set earlier in the contest.

Shawn Lynch, So., FS

▶ Finished the game with a career-high six tackles.

Gary Myers, Sr., S/PR

▶ Mishandled a WKU punt (4:33, 1Q), giving the ball back to the Hilltoppers at the Navy 35-yard line ... Navy then dodged a bullet with Casey Tinius missing a 32-yard field goal on the ensuing possession (1:34, 1Q).

Mike Patrick, So., FB

▶ Carried the ball twice for a career-best 62 yards, including a near-touchdown run of 46 yards late in the fourth quarter.

Kriss Proctor, Sr., QB

▶ Carried the ball 16 times for 23 yards and completed three of his seven passes for a career-high 100 yards and 2 TDs.

▶ Threw a 44-yard touchdown strike to sophomore WR Matt Aiken as time expired in the opening quarter ... it also marked a career-long pass.

David Sperry, Jr., CB

▶ Picked off WKU quarterback Kawaun Jakes (14:10, 3Q) on the second play of the third quarter ... it marked his first-career interception.

Darius Staten, So., SB

▶ Gained a career-high 13 yards on his lone touch of the game (14:25, 4Q) ... his previous long was an 11-yard scamper in last week's season-opener against Delaware.

Alexander Teich, Sr., FB

▶ Finished the game with 102 yards on 15 carries, eclipsing the 100-yard mark for the first time this season and the third time in his career ... he did it twice last season against Notre Dame (210) and East Carolina (157).

▶ Rumbled 38 yards for a first down (6:37, 2Q) in what was his longest run of the season.

Jabaree Tuani, Sr., DE

▶ Turned in two tackles for a loss of three yards, pushing his career total to 32 tackles for a loss ... he needs just two to tie Paul Soares (1980-82) for fifth on the Mids' all-time tackles for a loss list ... also pitched in three tackles.

Brandon Turner, Jr., WR

▶ Caught a 27-yard TD pass from Proctor (11:17, 2Q), his first of the season and second of his career ... caught a 32-yard TD pass in last year's Army victory.

Matt Warrick, Jr., ILB

▶ Paced the Mids with 12 tackles, his second-career double-digit tackle effort ... posted 13 tackles in the Mids' win over rival Army last year.

▶ Recovered a Kawaun Jakes fumble (10:36, 3Q) ... it was his first-collegiate fumble recovery ... led to a 57-yard TD run by slot back John Howell.

Keegan Wetzel, Jr., OLB

▶ Turned in a career-high six tackles in making his first-collegiate start in place of an injured Jarred Shannon ... came into the game having never made a tackle and seeing action primarily as a member of special teams.