

ALBANY EMPIRE

WEEKLY GAME NOTES

ALBANY EMPIRE (7-4)

Vs

Philadelphia Soul (7-4)

6:00 p.m. Saturday July 7th 2018 Times Union Center

QUICK FACTS

Albany Empire (7-4) vs Philadelphia Soul (7-4)

Date: Saturday, July 7th, 2018

Kickoff: 6:00 p.m. EST

Site: Times Union Center

Officials: Brunet, Carr, Kukar, Bennett, Corpora

Radio: ALT 105.7

Watch: CBS Sports Network

Series Record: Soul 2 – Empire 1

Coaches: Rob Keefe (7-4 with Albany); Clint Dolezel (69-26 with Philadelphia)

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2018 EMPIRE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Kickoff	Result
April 14	PHILADELPHIA	7 p.m.	L 56-35
April 21	BYE WEEK		
April 28	@ Baltimore	3 p.m.	L 52-49
May 5	WASHINGTON	7:30 p.m.	W 47-23
April 21	@ Washington	7 p.m.	W 53-42
May 19	@ Philadelphia	6 p.m.	W 41-36
May 26	WASHINGTON	6 p.m.	W 48-21
June 2	BALTIMORE	7 p.m.	W 61-53
June 9	BALTIMORE	7:30 p.m.	L 59-56
June 16	PHILADELPHIA	6 p.m.	L 75-74
June 23	@ Baltimore	7:30 p.m.	W 56-49
June 29	@ Washington	7 p.m.	W 55-41
July 7	PHILADELPHIA	6 p.m.	

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY	Off
TUESDAY	Practice 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Practice 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
THURSDAY	Practice 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	CLOSED Walkthrough
SATURDAY	Game vs Philadelphia at 6 p.m.

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EMPIRE VS SOUL

MATCHUP PREVIEW

Winners of back to back games, the Albany Empire matchup against the Philadelphia Soul at home for the regular season finale on Saturday, July 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the Times Union Center.

Though the Empire have gone winless against the Soul at home this season, a win for Albany would secure the number one seed heading into the playoffs.

The first matchup to look out for is between Philadelphia receiver Aaron Wascha and the Empire defensive backfield. Saying Wascha torched the Empire defense would be an understatement. The rookie put up huge numbers with 12 catches for 208 yards and a whopping seven touchdowns. Wascha has become one of the top threats in the Soul offense in recent weeks, climbing up the league's receiving touchdown leaderboard with 20 on the season; tied for third overall. With Philadelphia's star quarterback Dan Raudabaugh finishing out the final two games for the Soul, expect him to ride the hot hand and feed Wascha all night.

The next matchup to lookout for is on special teams in the inside kick game. Though it may confuse fans or be unpopular opinion, inside kicks are common strategy inside of one minute of each half. Albany needs to continue to stay aggressive with the inside kicks and recover a couple of their own. If the Empire can recover one or two inside kick attempts, it will give the Albany offense extra possessions and ultimately put more points on the board. On the flip side, the Empire need to recover any Soul inside kick attempts as well to prevent extra possessions for Philadelphia. In the one-point loss just a few weeks ago, Albany recovered all but one Soul inside kick attempt. The extra possession that the Soul were able to create eventually led to the game-winning touchdown in the waning seconds of the game.

The final matchup and key to victory for an Empire win is to keep Collin Taylor involved. Everybody knows that Hills and Jones will receive the lion's share of targets from Grady and frequent the end zone, but don't look away from a veteran like Taylor. 'Mr. Reliable' Taylor has put up a quiet 32 catches for 469 yards and nine touchdowns proving to be a viable threat in Albany's explosive offense. A week ago, against the Valor, Taylor compiled five catches for 89 yards and two touchdowns. Not only does he serve as a more than capable third weapon for Grady in the passing game, but Taylor also plays a huge role on special teams. Whether he is taking a kick off the net or recovering a short kickoff, if the ball is in Taylor's hands you can sit back and know that the ball will be safe. Don't be surprised to see Taylor in the end zone as Grady spreads the wealth with all of his weapons.

BATTLE FOR FIRST

Going into the final week of the regular season, a three-way tie exists for first place between the Albany Empire, Baltimore Brigade, and Philadelphia Soul (all 7-4)...

- With a win against the Soul, the Empire clinch the #1 seed outright (Albany owns tiebreaker over Baltimore)
- In the event of an Albany loss to Philadelphia, the #1 seed would rest on the result of the Baltimore-Washington matchup (Baltimore owns tiebreaker over Philadelphia)

PHILADELPHIA TIES

- Head Coach of the Empire, **Rob Keefe**, and Empire Director of Player Personnel, **Beau Bell**, both played on the Soul during their careers.
- Current Albany FB **Mykell Benson** was a member of the 2017 Soul, scoring 23 TDs on 108 total rushes.

OPPOSING PLAYERS TO WATCH

One week removed from IR, look out for Soul QB **Dan Raudabaugh**. In just six games played this season, Raudabaugh has thrown for 1,424 passing yards, averaging 237.3 yards per game. In Saturday's win versus the Brigade, Raudabaugh was 22-27 on pass attempts, compiling 255 yards and seven touchdowns while earning the game's MVP honors.

Another player to note for Philadelphia is **DB Dwayne Hollis**. With his team-high 58 total tackles on the season that ranks fourth in the AFL, Hollis has recorded 13.5 tackles in the Soul's past two victories. Hollis has been a key defensive player for the Soul all season, so expect him to make his mark on this game as he faces an explosive Albany offense.

THE SERIES

This will be the fourth meeting between the Empire and the Soul.

Week 1: Albany 35 – Philadelphia 56

Week 5: Albany 41 – Philadelphia 36

Week 7: Albany 74 – Philadelphia 75

ARENABOWL HOST

Just announced this week, the ArenaBowl will be played at the venue of the participating team with the highest average home attendance on the season.

The Empire are relying on their fans to come out in full force this weekend to win for the Empire off the field and put Albany in a position to host the ArenaBowl in the Capital Region at the Times Union Center.

THE COACHES

ALBANY EMPIRE HEAD COACH ROB KEEFE

Keefe enters his ninth season as a coach in the AFL. At the age of 29 he became the youngest head coach in AFL history to win an Arena Football League Championship, when he led the Spokane Shock to an ArenaBowl victory in their first year in the AFL. He is the only person in Arena Football history to win an Arena Cup (AF2) and ArenaBowl (AFL) title as both a player and a coach.

As a player, Keefe was a defensive back. During his playing days, he set team records for the Spokane Shock as their all time leader in tackles and interceptions. Making the transition from AF2 to AFL, Keefe joined the Philadelphia Soul, where he won a championship in 2008.

Keefe's first season as a head coach, the Spokane Shock boasted the league's top-ranked defense, allowing a mere 37.6 points per game. The shock won an ArenaCup in that same season.

Coming into the 2018 season, Keefe posted a career 61-30 record as a head coach in the AFL (#1). Most recently, he led the Orlando Predators as head coach and vice president of football operations from 2014-2016. In his stint in Orlando, Rob won a division championship in each of his three years leading the team.

VS. SOUL

Coach Keefe is 1-2 against the Soul as Head Coach of the Albany Empire

COACHING RECORD

Coach Keefe's record as a head coach in the AFL:

2018 Regular Season: 7-4
Career Regular Season: 68-34
Career Playoff: 5-3
Career Total: 73-37

PHILADELPHIA SOUL HEAD COACH CLINT DOLEZEL

Entering his sixth season as Head Coach of the Philadelphia Soul, Clint Dolezel has compiled a 77-29 career record with the team including ArenaBowl championships in each of the past two seasons. Earning two Coach of the Year honors in 2015 and 2016, Dolezel has led Philadelphia to the playoffs in each of the past five seasons he has been at the helm.

Before coaching, Dolezel had a successful 13-year playing career that was capped off by an induction into the AFL Hall of Fame in 2012. Dolezel is ranked third all-time in passing yards (44,564), second in touchdown passes (931), and fourth in completions (3,749). In 1995, Dolezel's playing career began by signing with the Milwaukee Mustangs. He would later lead the Grand Rapids Rampage to an ArenaBowl XV title during his stint with the team from 2001-03.

Dolezel began his coaching career in 2009 as the offensive coordinator of the af2's Florida Firecats. In 2010, he received his first head coaching job with the San Angelo Stampede of the IFL. Dolezel would then transfer to the AFL in 2011 as he earned the head coaching position for the Dallas Vigilantes, ultimately ending up in Philadelphia as the Soul's offensive coordinator in 2012.

VS. THE EMPIRE

Clint Dolezel is 2-1 against the Empire as Head Coach of the Philadelphia Soul

COACHING RECORD

Coach Dolezel's record as a Head Coach in the AFL:

2018 Regular Season: 7-4
Career Regular Season: 61-23
Career Playoff: 8-3
Career Total: 77-29

EMPIRE PLAYMAKERS

Tommy Grady



Earning game MVP honors in consecutive games, Tommy Grady continued his dominant season last Friday by completing 19 passes for 256 yards and seven touchdowns.

Joe Hills



Reaching a milestone by reeling in his 800th career reception last Friday, Joe Hills received eight passes for 52 yards and two touchdowns. **Hills has now recorded a touchdown reception in 91 straight games.**

Malachi Jones



In the victory at Washington last Friday, Malachi Jones recorded five receptions for 93 yards and three touchdowns. Jones' 45-yard TD reception was the longest score of the game.

Darryl Cato-Bishop



Darryl Cato-Bishop made a huge impact last week despite only 1.5 tackles on the stat sheet. The defensive end came up with a crucial sack for a loss of seven yards and forced a timely fumble that the Empire capitalized on.

Joe Sykes



Defensive end Joe Sykes leads the league in sacks with seven and forced fumbles with four. Entering this weekend's contest, **Sykes now holds the all-time AFL record in career sacks with 61.**

Terence Moore



Named Defensive Player of the Game last Friday, Terence Moore led the Empire defense with nine total tackles including a sack and a forced fumble.

EMPIRE LEADERS

WHAT'S AT STAKE: After wrapping up a two-game road trip by completing a season sweep of Washington, the Empire come into the final game of the regular season locked in a three-way tie for first place with both Philadelphia and Baltimore. By owning the tiebreaker over Baltimore, Albany controls their own destiny as a win against Philadelphia will secure the #1 seed outright.

MVP WATCH: QB **Tommy Grady** earned himself yet another game MVP award last Friday. By completing 19 passes for 256 yards and seven passing touchdowns, Grady continued his offensive dominance that has been consistent all season long. Grady leads the league in passing yards (2721), touchdown passes (73), and passer rating (125.3).

MR. 800: WR **Joe Hills** once again was an offensive menace on Friday. Hills reached a milestone in the win by notching his 800th career reception in the second quarter. Hills has been Grady's favorite target this season as he leads the team with 78 receptions. By securing two touchdown receptions on Saturday, Hills continued his impressive streak of **91 straight games** played of recording a touchdown reception; an active league record.

INSTANT OFFENSE: WR **Malachi Jones** continued his rookie campaign with another notable performance on Friday. Reeling in three touchdown receptions, Jones upped his season total to 26, ranked second in the AFL. Jones' 1,070 receiving yards on the season is a league-best number as he has been averaging 97.3 yards per game, a number that also leads the league. With five rushing touchdowns on the season, Jones has established himself as a versatile offensive weapon who has been dominating the league.

NO FLY ZONE: DB **Marrion Norman** was a shut down defender all game long. Norman's third interception of the season set up Albany for a scoring drive to get themselves back in the game and help win momentum back. Ending the game with five tackles, Norman tallied his season total up to 62.5.

'JACK' OF ALL TRADES: JLB **Terence Moore** earned Defensive Player of the Game in Friday's win against the Valor. With his stellar performance of nine tackles and a forced fumble, Moore added to his season total of 65 tackles, just two shy of Baltimore's Virgil Gray for the league lead. Moore has forced two fumbles and recovered two fumbles on the season, not to mention his five interceptions tops the league.

2018 INDIVIDUAL REGULAR SEASON LEADERS: (As of 6/30/18)

Philadelphia	Category	Albany
Raudabaugh (1,424)	Total Offense	Grady (2,710)
Raudabaugh (69.3)	Completion Pct.	Grady (66.3)
Raudabaugh (29)	Pass TDs	Grady (73)
Raudabaugh (121.3)	Passer Rating	Grady (125.3)
Raudabaugh (1,424)	Passing Yds	Grady (2,721)
Raudabaugh (122)	Pass Comps	Grady (207)
Raudabaugh (237.3)	Pass Yds/Gm	Grady (247.4)
Raudabaugh (29)	Touchdowns	Grady (73)
Prince (82)	Receptions	Hills (78)
Prince (994)	Receiving Yds	Jones (1070)
Prince, Wascha (20)	TD Receptions	Hills (26)
Richardson (129)	Rush Yds	Mauia (54)
Richardson (8)	Rush TDs	Jones (5)
Livers (38)	KO Returns	Williams (18)
Livers (569)	KOR Yards	Williams (269)
Prince (993)	All-Purpose Yds	Jones (1,106)
Hollis (58)	Tackles	Moore (65)
Romain (4)	Interceptions	Moore (5)
Metz (3.5)	Sacks	Sykes (7.0)

AROUND THE LEAGUE



2018 AFL STANDINGS



Team	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Albany	7	4	.636	575	507
Baltimore	7	4	.636	570	520
Philadelphia	7	4	.636	555	506
Washington	1	10	.091	440	607

2018 AFL SCHEDULE

WEEK 1	
<i>Friday, April 13</i>	
Washington @ Baltimore	7 p.m.
<i>Saturday, April 14</i>	
Philadelphia @ Albany	7 p.m.
WEEK 2	
<i>Saturday, April 21</i>	
Baltimore @ Philadelphia	7 p.m.
WEEK 3	
<i>Saturday, April 28</i>	
Albany @ Baltimore	3 p.m.
Washington @ Philadelphia	7:30 p.m.
WEEK 4	
<i>Friday, May 4</i>	
Philadelphia @ Baltimore	7 p.m.
<i>Saturday, May 5</i>	
Washington @ Albany	7:30 p.m.
WEEK 5	
<i>Friday, May 11</i>	
Albany @ Washington	7 p.m.
WEEK 6	
<i>Saturday, May 19</i>	
Baltimore @ Washington	3 p.m.
Albany @ Philadelphia	6 p.m.
WEEK 7	
<i>Friday, May 25</i>	
Philadelphia @ Baltimore	7 p.m.
<i>Saturday, May 26</i>	
Washington @ Albany	6 p.m.

WEEK 8	
<i>Saturday, June 2</i>	
Philadelphia @ Washington	6 p.m.
Baltimore @ Albany	7 p.m.
WEEK 9	
<i>Saturday, June 9</i>	
Baltimore @ Albany	7:30 p.m.
<i>Sunday, June 10</i>	
Washington @ Philadelphia	4 p.m.
WEEK 10	
<i>Friday, June 15</i>	
Washington @ Baltimore	7 p.m.
<i>Saturday, June 16</i>	
Philadelphia @ Albany	6 p.m.
WEEK 11	
<i>Friday, June 22</i>	
Philadelphia @ Washington	7 p.m.
<i>Saturday, June 23</i>	
Albany @ Baltimore	7:30 p.m.
Week 12	
<i>Friday, June 29</i>	
Albany @ Washington	7 p.m.
<i>Saturday, June 30</i>	
Baltimore @ Philadelphia	7 p.m.
Week 13	
<i>Saturday, July 7</i>	
Baltimore @ Washington	3 p.m.
Philadelphia @ Albany	6 p.m.

EMPIRE ROSTER

AS OF 7/5/18

#	POS	NAME	HT	WT	COLLEGE	EXP
9	FB	Mykel Benson	6'0	290	Florida A&M	8
45	DL	Brian Brikowski	6'4	265	Monmouth	5
15	WR	Paul Browning	6'2	220	Colorado State Pueblo	2
2	WR	Greg Carr	6'5	200	Florida State	4
3	DE	Darryl Cato-Bishop	6'4	265	NC State	4
68	OL	Ryan Cave	6'5	335	Hampton	7
12	QB	Mike Fafaul	6'2	215	UCLA	R
4	QB	Tommy Grady	6'7	245	Utah	7
75	OL	Hayworth Hicks	6'3	330	Iowa State	3
81	WR	Joe Hills	6'4	225	Tennessee State	8
24	DB	Arthur Hobbs	5'10	190	Nebraska Kearney	2
7	WR	Malachi Jones	6'3	215	Appalachian State	R
23	DB	Erick McIntosh	5'10	180	Florida Atlantic	6
8	LB	Terence Moore	6'2	225	Troy	7
21	DB	Marrion Norman	6'1	205	Coastal Carolina	6
14	DB	Al Phillips	5'11	180	Wagner	8
72	OL	Bret Piekarski	6'4	305	St. Cloud State	1
93	OL	Moqut Ruffins	6'5	355	Louisiana Tech	7
99	DL	Nick Seither	6'3	270	Georgetown KY	2
91	DL	Brandon Sesay	6'6	300	Texas Tech	6
5	DB	Terrance Smith	6'2	210	South Carolina State	7
10	DB	Varmah Sonie	5'8	190	Northern Iowa	4
19	K	Kenny Spencer	6'1	220	Northern Alabama	6
50	LB	Derrick Summers	6'1	260	Toledo	7
1	DE	Joe Sykes	6'5	265	Southern	6
11	WR	Collin Taylor	6'1	205	Indiana	7
18	WR	Jordan Williams	6'3	220	Edinboro	R

EMPIRE COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Rob Keefe

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Les Moss

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS: Chris Thompson

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL/PASS RUSH COORDINATOR: Beau Bell

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER OPERATIONS: Brandon Goldstein

NUMERICAL ROSTER

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1	DE	Joe Sykes	6'5	265	Southern	6
2	WR	Greg Carr	6'5	200	Florida State	4
3	DE	Darryl Cato-Bishop	6'4	265	NC State	4
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5	WR	Terrance Smith	6'2	210	South Carolina State	7
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2018 SOUL ROSTER

AS OF 7/5/18

#	POS	NAME	HT	WT	COLLEGE	EXP
1	WR	Poppy Livers	5'7	175	Villanova	1
2	QB	Greg McGhee	6'3	205	Howard	R
3	FB	Jeramie Richardson	6'1	270	Angelo State	6
4	QB	Shane Austin	6'0	200	Hawaii	3
5	QB	Dan Raudabaugh	6'3	225	Miami OH	8
6	WR	Darius Prince	6'1	185	Penn State Beaver	R
7	WR	Darius Reynolds	6'2	205	Iowa State	6
8	DL	Jake Metz	6'6	255	Shippensburg	2
9	WR	Lonnie Outlaw	6'7	220	Miles	3
10	DB	Robert Brown	6'3	205	Seton Hill	1
11	DL	John Sheehy	6'5	270	West Texas A&M	1
12	K	Adrian Trevino	5'11	190	Missouri Valley	5
18	LB	Joe Goosby	6'1	235	Tulane	6
19	WR	Aaron Wascha	6'3	205	N/A	R
20	WR	Bryce Peila	6'1	205	Western Oregon	5
21	WR	Shaun Kauleinamoku	5'7	175	Western Oregon	7
22	DB	Dwayne Hollis	5'10	180	North Carolina Wesleyan	2
23	DB	Larico Stevenson	5'10	205	West Georgia	8
24	DB	Torez Jones	6'1	190	West Carolina	2
25	DB	James Romain	5'11	175	Delaware	8
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45	FB	Adrian Ferns	6'1	245	Chowan	R
55	DL	Sean Daniels	6'3	265	Temple	2
56	DL	Willie McGinnis	6'3	295	Rhode Island	5
58	DL	Thomas Dover	6'3	260	Edinboro	1
63	OL	Leonard Sanelli	6'3	315	Millersville	R
69	OL	Wayne Tribue	6'5	330	Temple	3
76	DL	Walter Thomas	6'5	350	Oklahoma State	R
77	OL	Neal Tivis	6'5	330	Abilene Christian	7
92	DL	Calvin Fance	6'1	245	Angelo State	5
99	DL	Robert Hayes	6'2	270	Shepherd	3

SOUL COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Clint Dolezel

OFFENSIVE/DEFENSIVE LINE COACH: Jon Lyles

DEFENSIVE BACKS COACH: Bernie Nowotarski

TRANSACTIONS

April 23, 2018

HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED: Joe Hills

April 30, 2018

HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED: Damian Love

PLACING ON LEAGUE SUSPENSION: Greg Carr

May 7, 2018

HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED: Greg Carr

PLACING ON REASSIGNMENT: Lance McDowdell

PLACING ON RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Doug McNeil III

May 17, 2018

HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED: Brandon Sesay

PLACING ON REASSIGNMENT: Shawn Lockett

May 24, 2018

HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED: Oshay Dunmore

ACTIVATING FROM RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Kenny Spencer

PLACING ON INJURED RESERVED: Paul Browning

PLACING ON RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Brandon Sesay

May 29, 2018

ACTIVATING FROM REFUSE TO REPORT: Al Phillips

REACTIVATING FROM INJURED RESERVED: Kyle Steuck

PLACING ON RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Mike Fafaul

PLACING ON RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Brandon Stephens

PLACING ON RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Jordan Williams

May 31, 2018

HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED: Larry Beavers

HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED: Mike Fafaul

HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED: Brandon Sesay

HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED: Brandon Stephens

ACTIVATING FROM RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Jordan Williams

PLACING ON INJURED RESERVE: Jordan Williams

PLACING ON RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Oshay Dunmore

PLACING ON RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Damian Love

PLACING ON RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Willie McGinnis

June 4, 2018

PLACING ON REASSIGNMENT: Calvin Fance

June 7, 2018

HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED: Calvin Fance

HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED: Damian Love

HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED: Moqut Ruffins

PLACING ON RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Marrio Norman

PLACING ON RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Nick Seither

PLACING ON RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Kyle Steuck

June 8, 2018

ACTIVATING FROM RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Marrio Norman

ACTIVATING FROM RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Nick Seither

PLACING ON INJURED RESERVED: Marrio Norman

PLACING ON INJURED RESERVED: Nick Seither

June 11, 2018

PLACING ON REASSIGNMENT: Jordan Williams

June 14, 2018

HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED: Jordan Williams

PLACING ON RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Calvin Fance

June 15, 2018

CLAIMING OFF REASSIGNMENT (#1 CLAIM ORDER POS): Mykell Benson

REACTIVATING FROM INJURED RESERVE: Marrio Norman

REACTIVATING FROM INJURED RESERVE: Nick Seither

PLACING ON INJURED RESERVE: Larry Beavers

PLACING ON INJURED RESERVE: Brandon Stephens

June 16, 2018

PLACING ON REFUSE TO REPORT: Mykel Benson

June 19, 2018

ACTIVATING FROM REFUSE TO REPORT: Mykel Benson

PLACING ON RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Terence Moore

June 20, 2018

ACTIVATING FROM RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Terence Moore

PLACING ON RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Damian Love

June 22, 2018

ACTIVATING FROM RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Damian Love

PLACING ON INJURED RESERVED: Damian Love

June 27, 2018

HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED: Terrance Smith

PLACING ON RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Jordan Williams

June 28, 2018

ACTIVATING FROM RECALLABLE REASSIGNMENT: Jordan Williams

PLACING ON INJURED RESERVED: Jordan Williams

July 2, 2018

PLACING ON REASSIGNMENT: Larry Beavers

PLACING ON REASSIGNMENT: Damian Love

PLACING ON REASSIGNMENT: Wesley Mauia

PLACING ON REASSIGNMENT: Brandon Stephens

PLACING ON REASSIGNMENT: Jordan Williams

July 5, 2018

HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED: Brian Brikowski

PLACING ON INJURED RESERVE: Al Phillips

2018 GAME SUMMARIES

Empire Close Out Season Sweep of Valor

6/29/2018

The Albany Empire (7-4) defeated the Washington Valor (1-10) 55-41 Saturday night at the Capital One Arena in Washington, DC in front of a crowd of 5,044. Empire quarterback Tommy Grady went 19 of 24 passes for 256 yards, seven passing touchdowns and one interception earning himself the game MVP award. Valor quarterback Arvell Nelson went 27 of 42 passes for 303 yards, five passing touchdowns, one rushing touchdown and one interception being named Offensive Player of the Game. Empire jack linebacker Terence Moore led the way with 9 total tackles including a sack and a forced fumble being named Defensive Player of the Game. The victory for the Empire completed the season sweep of the Valor.

Washington took the field on offense to start the game on their own five-yard line after Empire kicker Kenny Spencer kick the ball through the slack net. On the opening play, quarterback Arvell Nelson hit his top target, Reggie Gray, for a quick nine-yard gain. After an incomplete pass, the Valor were able to pick up a first down on a one-yard quarterback sneak by Nelson. After receiving the new set of downs, Nelson quickly found receiver Jared Dangerfield for a short pickup. One play later, Nelson went right back to Dangerfield as the Valor crossed into Empire territory. Two plays after, Nelson was able to escape the pocket and rush ahead for 12 yards for the Valor score.

The Empire began their opening drive on the five-yard line after Valor kicker Pat Clarke also found the slack net on the kickoff. On the first play, quarterback Tommy Grady found receiver Joe Hills for a four-yard gain. Working quickly, Grady found Malachi Jones on a short pass to give Albany a first down. Trying to target receiver Collin Taylor down field, Grady was intercepted by defensive back Oshay Dunmore as Washington took over on their own five-yard line. The Valor picked up where they left off, pushing the ball towards midfield on just three plays. On third and one, Nelson rushed ahead for a yard and Washington was helped by a defensive penalty to push the ball further into Empire territory. One play later, Nelson hit receiver Chris Duvalt for a 19-yard touchdown giving the Valor a 14-0 lead.

Albany went back to work on their own five-yard line following a touchback on the kickoff. Grady found Hills on a short route for eight yards as the first quarter came to a close. To open the new quarter, Grady found Taylor near the sideline dasher who was able to make a move on his defender and take the ball into the end zone for a 37-yard score. The Valor offense came back out starting on their own five-yard line and began with a quick four-yard pass to Gray. Washington was able to cross midfield on the following play as Nelson hit Dangerfield for a 22-yard gain. Keeping the pace, Nelson rushed ahead for 16-yards down to the three-yard line before Varmah Sonie was able to upend him and force a fumble recovered by Wes Mauia.

Starting from their own three-yard line, Albany came out firing with two quick-hitters to Joe Hills. The second reception marked the 800th catch of Hills' career. After a penalty and an incomplete pass, Grady found Taylor across the middle to set the Empire up for a fourth and three situation. Albany picked up more than the necessary yardage as Jones was able to break through the coverage downfield and haul in a 29-yard touchdown to tie the game.

Washington was unable to recover an onside kick attempt of their own as Albany began their next drive from the opposing 10-yard line. In an effort to run some clock, Grady pitched it back to fullback Mykel Benson who plowed ahead for two-yards, Washington used their first timeout of the half. The Empire went right back to Benson on the following play as he worked his way into a pile for another two-yard gain as the Valor used their second timeout. On third down, Grady found Hills to move the ball down to the one-yard line as Washington burned their final timeout. On fourth down, Albany handed the ball off to Benson who found space on the outside for the short score leaving just 14 seconds on the clock before halftime. Duvalt brought the ensuing kickoff to the seven-yard line as the Valor offense took the field with must nine seconds left in the half. Nelson was able to hit Reese who worked his way across midfield but was taken down and time expired as Albany took a 27-20 lead into halftime.

After attempting to recover a squib kick down the sideline, Albany took over on their own 17-yard line. Starting with the ground game, Benson took the pitch from Grady and rushed ahead for five yards. On the following play, Grady found tight end Mo Ruffins on a short screen who carried the ball all the way down to the Valor six-yard line. Two plays later, Grady found Hills in the end zone for an eight-yard score. The touchdown marked the 91st consecutive game for Hills with a receiving touchdown.

Albany recovered the onside kick attempt and the offense came out on the 18-yard line. After a no gain rush by Benson, Grady floated one up for Hills who came down with the ball in the end zone for his second score of the night. Washington was quickly in a hole due to a false start penalty on McNeil III. The Valor used their second timeout following a big gain over the middle to Reese as he pushed across midfield. After an incomplete pass and two false start penalties, Nelson was sacked by linebacker Terence Moore leaving no time on the clock as the Empire came away with a 55-41 victory.

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ALBANY	0	27	7	21	55
WASHINGTON	14	6	0	21	41

GAME MVP:

QB – TOMMY GRADY, ALB

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

QB – ARVELL NELSON, WSH

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

DB – TERENCE MOORE, ALB

2018 GAME SUMMARIES

Empire Bounce Back on the Road at Baltimore

6/23/2018

The Albany Empire (6-4) defeated the Baltimore Brigade (7-3) 56-49 Saturday night at the Royal Farms Arena in Baltimore, MD in front of a crowd of 5,552. Empire quarterback Tommy Grady went 14 of 20 passes for 199 yards and seven passing touchdowns earning himself the game MVP award. Empire receiver Joe Hills had 6 receptions for 76 yards and four receiving touchdowns being named Offensive Player of the Game. Empire defensive back Marrio Norman led the way with 10 total tackles and was named Defensive Player of the Game. With the victory over the Brigade, Albany now holds the tiebreaker for the playoff seeding should the two teams finish even in the standings.

Baltimore received the opening kick and began the game's initial drive from their own five-yard line. On the first play of the possession, Brigade quarterback Randy Hippeard fired a dart to receiver Brandon Collins for a quick four-yard pickup. On the very next play, Hippeard hit his top target Brandon Thompkins for a 41-yard touchdown to give Baltimore the early lead. After the Brigade failed to recover an onside kick, the Empire set up shop on the opposing 16-yard line. On the first play of the drive, Empire quarterback Tommy Grady found the league's leader in receiving touchdowns, Joe Hills, for the 16-yard score to tie the game. The touchdown reception marked the 90th consecutive game with a receiving touchdown for Hills.

The ensuing kickoff was returned by Thompkins to the Baltimore seven-yard line. On the first play of the drive, Hippeard found Collins over the middle who ran the ball down to the Empire four-yard line. After a three-yard rush by fullback Rory Nixon and an incomplete pass, the Brigade were able to capitalize on third down with a one-yard touchdown rush by Nixon. The Empire took over on their own one-yard line after a mishandled return by Jordan Williams that was recovered by Collin Taylor. With the first play of the drive, Grady found rookie receiver Malachi Jones for the quick first down. On the following play, newly acquired fullback Mykel Benson rushed ahead for 12 yards as the Empire approached midfield. After an incomplete pass, Grady found Hills who broke a tackle and pushed forward for another Albany first down. Facing fourth down after a short pass to Jones and an incompletion to Hills, the Empire were helped by a pass interference penalty as Grady was targeting Hills in the end zone. Wasting no time with the new set of downs, Benson was able to get a block on the outside and rush for a six-yard touchdown.

Thompkins had a nice return on the kickoff, but the yardage was quickly taken away thanks to a block in the back penalty, setting the Brigade up on their own two-yard line. Baltimore gained some space on an eight-yard completion to receiver Milton Williams. Two plays later, the Brigade were unable to convert on fourth down giving the ball back to Albany on the opposing 10-yard line. On the first play of the new drive, Grady found Jones on a screen pass who was able to take it the 10 yards for the Albany touchdown to take the lead early in the second quarter.

Starting on their own six-yard line, the Brigade were able to move the chains and pick up a first down after two short throws from Hippeard. After an incomplete pass thanks for pressure by defensive end Darryl Cato-Bishop and a short throw, Baltimore was set up on a third and short situation as the first half approached the one-minute warning. The Brigade picked up the first down on a quarterback sneak by Hippeard and let the clock run down inside of 30 seconds. Despite an incomplete pass, the Brigade were helped by a defensive holding penalty and entered the red zone with just 14 seconds remaining in the half. One play later, Hippeard found Collins for the eight-yard score. The Empire were set up on their own 21-yard line after a timely return by Jordan Williams. After being setback by a false start penalty, with just five seconds on the clock, Grady found Jones over the middle to push the ball back to midfield as the Empire field goal unit came onto the field. The first field goal of the Empire's inaugural season was missed from 40-yards out by kicker Kenny Spencer as Albany entered halftime with a 28-21 lead.

Down two possessions to start the fourth quarter, the Brigade offense took the field on their own five-yard line. On the second play of the drive, Nick Seither forced and recovered a fumble right in front of the Empire bench as Albany took over on the opposing 18-yard line. Two plays later, Grady found Hills once again who made a bobbling grab in the end zone for his fourth touchdown of the night to widen the lead. From their own 13-yard line, the Brigade were aided by a roughing the passer penalty to advance the ball to midfield. After a few short completions, Hippeard was able to find Collins for the 14-yard touchdown; his third touchdown reception of the night.

Baltimore recovered the onside kick attempted and the offense was back on the field starting from the 25-yard line. After an incomplete pass down field, the clock trickled to the one-minute warning. On third down, Hippeard hit receiver Williams for the 25-yard score to pull within a touchdown. Albany was able to recover the ensuing Baltimore onside kick attempt. After two kneel downs, the Empire were victorious 56-49.

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ALBANY	14	14	14	14	56
BALTIMORE	14	7	7	21	49

GAME MVP:

QB – TOMMY GRADY, ALB

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

WR – JOE HILLS, ALB

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

DB – MARRIO NORMAN, ALB

2018 GAME SUMMARIES

Empire Lose Heartbreaker to Soul

6/16/2018

The Albany Empire (5-4) was defeated by the Philadelphia Soul (5-4) 75-74 Saturday night at the Times Union Center in Albany, NY in front of a crowd of 9,534. Soul receiver Aaron Wascha caught 12 passes for 208 yards and seven receiving touchdowns earning himself the game MVP award. Empire receiver Malachi Jones had 7 receptions for 177 yards, five receiving touchdowns and one rushing touchdown on his way to being named Offensive Player of the Game. Empire mac linebacker Derrick Summers was named Defensive Player of the Game 4.5 total tackles and one sack.

The Empire received the opening kickoff and began the game on the five-yard line after a short return by Jordan Williams. After failing to connect on a bomb to receiver Joe Hills, Tommy Grady hit receiver Malachi Jones for a 45-yard touchdown to give the Empire an early 7-0 lead. Philadelphia took the ensuing kickoff to the 14-yard line and went to work on their first drive of the game. After an incomplete pass, defensive end Joe Sykes was able to apply pressure, but couldn't bring down Soul quarterback Shane Austin who scrambled across midfield for a 15-yard gain. The next play, Philadelphia was in the red zone as Austin connected with the league's leader in receiving yards, Darius Prince. Three plays later, Austin hooked up with Prince in the end zone for the short score to tie the game.

The Soul attempted an onside kick, but failed to recover it, setting up the Empire on the opposing 10-yard line. After an encroachment penalty on Philadelphia, Grady found Joe Hills from five yards out for the quick score. Hills' trip to the end zone marked the 89th consecutive game of his career with a receiving touchdown; an active league record.

Philadelphia took over on their own 15-yard line after a nice kick return by Poppy Livers. The Soul were across midfield on the first play of the drive as Austin went right back to Prince. After making it to the red zone, the Soul were setback thanks to a sack by defensive end Nick Seither. One play later, Austin found Aaron Wascha to get down to the Empire three-yard line. Philadelphia was quickly backed up because of an offensive pass interference play, but Austin found Prince on the next play for the score to tie the game at 14.

Albany went back to work on their on 12-yard line as the first quarter came to an end. With the first play of the second quarter, Grady found Hills down field to set the Empire up on the opposing seven-yard line. After Albany successfully overturned a fumble call, Malachi Jones ran the ball in from four-yards out for the score. The Soul returned the ensuing kickoff to the two-yard line and two plays later, Austin connected with Wascha for the 48-yard touchdown to once again tie the game.

Due to a holding penalty on the Empire return, the Albany offense went back out to the field starting on their own three-yard line. After an illegal contact penalty on Philadelphia and two completions to Hills, the Empire were quickly across midfield. One play later, Grady found Hills in the end zone once again as he bobbled the ball but secured it for the score. Albany would then attempt an onside kick but failed to recover, setting Philadelphia up on the six-yard line. Three plays later, Austin found Wascha once again for the score.

After another failed onside kick attempt by the Soul, Albany went back to work in the red zone on the seven-yard line. One play after the one-minute warning, Grady found receiver Greg Carr for the short score. The Empire then attempted an onside kick of their own but failed to recover, giving the Soul the ball back on the Albany 15-yard line. After a defensive pass interference, Philadelphia inched down to the six-yard line after a short rush by Austin. Albany used three timeouts on consecutive plays as the Soul ran the ball down to the four-yard line to set up a fourth and goal situation, but Philadelphia was able to cap the drive off with a touchdown to Wascha; his third of the quarter. The Empire offense took the field with a mere 21 seconds remaining in the first half with no timeouts. Making quick work, Albany was across midfield thanks to catches from Hills and Jones who were both able to get out of bounds. Grady was then able to connect with Jones from 14-yards out for the Empire touchdown, leaving just five seconds on the clock before halftime. The Empire took a 41-34 lead into the half.

Albany recovered the Soul's onside kick attempt and were quickly in the red zone threatening once again. Two plays later, Grady hit Carr on a fade in the corner of the end zone for the Empire touchdown pushing Albany to 74 points; the most points scored by any team on the season. After a short rushing attempt and two incomplete passes, the Soul were quickly forced into a fourth down and seven situation. Unable to pick up the yardage, Albany took over on downs in the red zone on the nine-yard line. After running down some clock, the Empire failed to get into the end zone, turning the ball over on downs back to the Soul. Within two plays, Philadelphia was across midfield and threatening once again. One play later, Austin found Wascha once again for his seventh receiving touchdown of the game.

The Soul recovered the ensuing onside kick and took over on their own 12-yard line down by five. After pushing across midfield in two plays, the Soul were threatening once again with little time left on the clock. From the 10-yard line, Austin took a shot at the end zone that fell incomplete leaving less than one second on the clock. On the following play, Austin rolled out and found Prince for the 10-yard score as time expired.

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ALBANY	14	27	20	13	74
PHILADELPHIA	14	20	14	27	75

GAME MVP:

QB – AARON WASCHA, PHI

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

WR – MALACHI JONES, ALB

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

LB – DERRICK SUMMERS, ALB

2018 GAME SUMMARIES

Empire Fall Short to Brigade in Rematch

6/9/2018

The Albany Empire (5-3) was defeated by the Baltimore Brigade (6-2) 59-56 Saturday night at the Times Union Center in Albany, NY in front of a crowd of 8,767. Brigade quarterback Randy Hippeard threw for 270 yards and eight touchdowns earning himself the game MVP award. Brigade receiver Brandon Thompkins had 17 receptions for 159 yards and three receiving touchdowns on his way to being named Offensive Player of the Game. Empire defensive back Brandon Stephens was named Defensive Player of the Game leading both teams with 11.5 total tackles

Albany received the game's opening kickoff and were setup on their own 11-yard line after a nice return by Larry Beavers. Grady went right to work finding the league's leader in receiving yards Malachi Jones on a short pass to the side for a 9-yard pick up. On the next play, Grady went right back to Jones and picked up 21 yards as the Empire were quickly in the opposing red zone. One play later, Grady found Jones once again from 10-yards out as the Albany took the early 7-0 lead. After a high kick off the net, Baltimore went to work on their own nine-yard line for their first possession of the game. After an incomplete pass on first down, Hippeard found his top receiver for a six-yard game to set Baltimore up in a third and short situation. The next play Hippeard went right back to Brandon Thompkins to pick up the first down and approach midfield. Three plays later, Brandon Sesay hit home for the sack to back the Brigade up to the 17-yard line for third and long. Joe Sykes assisted on the sack, tying him for the all-time career lead in sacks with 60.5. In two plays, Baltimore was able to pick up the necessary yardage to set up a first down on the one-yard line. On first down, Hippeard was sacked by Darryl Cato-Bishop. In response, Hippeard found receiver Quentin Sims who made an impressive one-handed catch in the end zone to tie the game.

After a touchback, the Empire began their second drive on their own three-yard line. After two incomplete passes, Grady found receiver Joe Hills for the Empire first down as the first quarter came to a close. Albany was quickly across midfield as Grady found Collin Taylor over the middle for another first down. The next play, Grady found Hills for an 18-yard touchdown as the ball was tipped and Hills made a nice play to recover in the end zone. This touchdown marked the 88th consecutive game with a receiving touchdown for Hills, an active league record. Baltimore went back to work on their own 20-yard line as the Empire kickoff sailed out of bounds outside of the net. In one play the Brigade were across midfield as Hippeard found Sims for the 10-yard gain. Three plays later, Hippeard was intercepted by jack linebacker Terence Moore thanks to pressure from defensive end Joe Sykes. On the first play of the drive, Grady found Jones and the Empire were quickly threatening on the Brigade 14-yard line. Two plays later, Grady found Hills again in the end zone as he battled defensive back Josh Victorian before eventually coming down with the Empire touchdown.

To start the half, the Brigade were set up after a nice return by Thompkins and quickly crossed midfield. Hippeard continued to target Thompkins as the Brigade moved into the red zone. Hippeard went right back to Thompkins from seven yards out for the score to give Baltimore the early second half lead. The Empire would begin their initial drive of the new half on their own 12-yard line. Albany quickly picked up a first down after completed passes to Hills and Jones. On the third play of the drive, Grady hit Taylor for a 27-yard touchdown to tie the game.

Starting on their own five-yard line, the Empire were quickly across midfield thanks to a pass interference penalty on Baltimore and a short reception by Jones to end the third quarter. After losing a chunk of yards due to an offensive pass interference penalty, Grady responded by finding Taylor for a 15-yard gain. One play later, Hills caught a five-yard reception to pick up the first down, but the Empire were setback due to another penalty on Hills. Hills bounced back bringing a catch-and-run down to the goal line. The next play, Albany was in the end zone on a one-yard rush by Jones.

Albany would recover the ensuing kickoff on another squib kick from Spencer and take over on the opposing four-yard line thanks to an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on Baltimore on the previous Empire touchdown. The next play, Grady found Hills again for the short touchdown, Hills' third of the game. Baltimore would return the ensuing kickoff to the 11-yard line, but thanks to a roughing the kicker penalty on the previous Empire extra point, the ball was moved back to the six-yard line. One play later, Thompkins caught a short pass and made a move to run in for a 44-yard touchdown.

Albany failed to recover an onside kick as Baltimore began their drive on the Empire 11-yard line with one-minute remaining in the game. Hippeard rushed down to the two-yard line on the first play of the game, forcing Albany to use one of their timeouts. Hippeard continued to kneel the ball causing the Empire to use up their remaining timeouts. With five seconds left, Baltimore kicker Mark Lewis drilled a 17-yard field goal to ice the game with a 59-56 victory in favor of Baltimore.

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ALBANY	7	21	7	3	56
BALTIMORE	7	21	14	17	59

GAME MVP:

QB – RANDY HIPPEARD, BAL

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

WR – BRANDON THOMPCKINS, BAL

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

DB – BRANDON STEPHENS, ALB

2018 GAME SUMMARIES

Empire Claim a Share of First Place

6/2/2018

The Albany Empire (5-2) defeated the Baltimore Brigade (5-2) 61-53 Saturday night at the Times Union Center in Albany, NY in front of a crowd of 8,057. Empire quarterback Tommy Grady threw for 248 yards and eight touchdowns earning himself the game MVP award. Empire receiver Malachi Jones had eight receptions for 133 yards and three receiving touchdowns on his way to being named Offensive Player of the Game. Empire's jack linebacker Terence Moore was named Defensive Player of the Game for the second straight week with 4.5 total tackles, a forced fumble and an interception.

Albany received the opening kickoff and went to work on their own six-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, quarterback Tommy Grady hit receiver Malachi Jones over the middle who then broke a tackle and took it to the house for a 44-yard touchdown for the early lead. The Brigade took the field on the 20-yard line after a nice return by Brandon Thompkins. After one play, Randy Hippeard found receiver Quentin Sims for a short pass and the Brigade were across midfield. A few plays later, Hippeard over threw his receiver and hit the field goal post only to be intercepted by linebacker Terence Moore. Shortly after, the Empire turned the ball over on downs giving the ball back to the Brigade on the short side of midfield. Two plays later Hippeard found Sims for a nine-yard score to tie the game 7-7.

The Empire took over on their own seven-yard line and Grady quickly found Jones who used his elusiveness to push the ball to midfield. After the quarter break, Grady found his favorite target Joe Hills for a 13 score. This touchdown marked the 87th consecutive game with a receiving touchdown for Hills. Albany failed to recover an onside kick setting up the Brigade with great field position on the opposing seven-yard line. One play later, Baltimore capitalized with a short touchdown to Brandon Thompkins.

Albany went back to work from their own seven-yard line and were quickly across midfield in one play thanks to an impressive diving catch by Jones. Two plays later, Jones found pay dirt for the second time of the half on a 17-yard pass from Grady.

Due to the Empire kickoff going out of bounds, Baltimore was set up on their own 20-yard line. Two plays later, Hippeard found receiver Milton Williams and the Brigade were quickly across midfield. The next play, Hippeard went right back to Williams, moving Baltimore into the red zone. Hippeard then found receiver Brandon Collins for the short touchdown as Collins held onto the ball while flipping over the wall.

After the drive started on their own two-yard line, Grady found receiver Collin Taylor for a 48-yard touchdown on the first play of the new possession to reclaim the lead 27-21 with only a minute remaining in the half. The Empire failed to recover another onside kick, setting the Brigade up on the six-yard line. Baltimore made quick work of the short field as Hippeard connected with Thompkins for a two-yard touchdown.

Baltimore successfully recovered an onside kick and went back to work on their own 11-yard line. Thanks to a successful challenge by Head Coach Rob Keefe, Moore forced and recovered a fumble one play later to get the ball back on the opposing 14-yard line. After three consecutive run plays to Jones and a kneel by Grady, Baltimore had burned through their timeouts. One play later, Grady found Jones once again for the six-yard score; Jones' third touchdown of the half. Baltimore returned the Empire kickoff and thanks to an unsportsmanlike penalty, were set up on the opposing 17-yard line. The Brigade ended the half with a 32-yard field goal to end the half still behind 33-31.

After a failed Brigade onside kick, the Empire went to work on the opposing 14-yard line. The Empire took their time burning away precious seconds on the clock. Grady then connected with Hills for his third touchdown of the game giving Albany a 61-46 lead with just over four minutes remaining in the game.

Collin Taylor recovered the Brigade onside kick attempt and the Empire offense took over on the 12-yard line with a minute remaining in the game. The Empire were quickly back in the red zone, but in no hurry to score. After three consecutive kneeldowns by Grady, the game was over, securing the Empire's fifth straight victory 61-53

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ALBANY	7	26	14	14	61
BALTIMORE	7	24	7	15	53

GAME MVP:

QB – TOMMY GRADY, ALB

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

WR – MALACHI JONES, ALB

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

DB – TERENCE MOORE, ALB

2018 GAME SUMMARIES

Empire Win Fourth Straight

5/26/2018

The Albany Empire (4-2) defeated the Washington Valor (0-6) 48-21 Saturday night at the Times Union Center in Albany, NY in front of a crowd of 7,847. Empire quarterback Tommy Grady threw for 237 yards and six touchdowns earning himself the game MVP award. Empire receiver Joe Hills had five receptions for 99 yards and three receiving touchdowns on his way to being named Offensive Player of the Game. The game marked the 86th consecutive game for Hills with a receiving touchdown; an active league record. Empire's jack linebacker Terence Moore was named Defensive Player of the Game with 8.5 total tackles and an interception return for a touchdown.

Washington received the game's opening kickoff and began their initial drive on their own five-yard line. After beginning with an incomplete pass, quarterback Shane Austin found receiver Reggie Gray for a quick five-yard pick up. The very next snap, Austin found Chris Duvall over the center of the field to push to ball closer to midfield. Two plays later, Austin was intercepted by Arthur Hobbs in the end zone to set the Empire up on their own five-yard line. The Empire opened the drive with a pass to rookie standout receiver Malachi Joes for an early first down. The next play, Grady connected with his top target Joe Hills for a long 30-yard touchdown to put Albany on top 7-0 midway through the first quarter.

The ensuing kickoff hit off the field goal post and was recovered by Jordan Williams, giving the ball back to the Empire on the opposing six-yard line. The first play of the new drive, fullback Wes Mauia couldn't haul in a pitch from Grady, fumbling the ball back to the Valor. Washington methodically worked the ball down the field and eventually capped their drive with an eight-yard touchdown to TT Toliver as he flipped over the back wall.

After a nice return by Jordan Williams, the Empire were set up on the 12-yard line. One play later, Grady found Jones deep in the end zone, but the play was erased by a penalty. Albany would bounce back as Grady hit Hills over the middle for an Empire first down as the first quarter came to a close. To open the second quarter, Grady connected with receiver Collin Taylor for a first down as Albany crossed midfield. One play later, Grady found Hills for a 17-yard Empire touchdown. After the Valor received the next kickoff, Jack Linebacker Terence Moore intercepted the first pass from Austin and returned the ball into the end zone to extend the Empire lead to two scores.

Starting from their own three-yard line, Austin found Reggie Gray for a quick 10-yard pick up. The ensuing play, Washington moved the ball through the air across midfield. After the play, Valor offensive lineman Will Corbin was ejected for a personal foul. After working the ball into the red zone, the Empire were able to stop Austin's scramble attempt from a yard out to force a turnover on downs. Albany would gain some space as Grady found Hills across the middle to quickly move the ball to midfield. After a couple of short completions to Taylor, Grady was able to hit Malachi Jones in the end zone from seven-yards out.

Wasting no time, the Valor returned the following kickoff all the way down field to the opposing seven-yard line setting them up with only 23 seconds remaining in the first half. Three plays later, Austin hooked up with receiver Josh Reese for a short score leaving only five seconds on the clock before halftime. On the final kickoff of the half, Valor receiver Jared Dangerfield was ejected for a personal foul. The Empire ran down the remaining seconds to end the first half with a 28-14 lead.

Empire quarterback Mike Fafaul entered the game for Grady late in the fourth quarter. After a Valor defensive penalty, the Empire were quickly over midfield and threatening again. Following the one-minute warning, Fafaul found Taylor as the Empire moved the ball inside of the Valor 15-yard line. The game was all but over as Fafaul took a knee and let the clock run out as the Empire won 48-21.

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ALBANY	7	21	14	6	48
WASHINGTON	7	7	0	7	21

GAME MVP:

QB – TOMMY GRADY, ALB

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

WR – JOE HILLS, ALB

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

DB – TERENCE MOORE, ALB

2018 GAME SUMMARIES

Empire Snap Soul's 20-Game Home Win Streak

5/19/2018

The Albany Empire (3-2) defeated the Philadelphia Soul (3-2) 41-36 Saturday night at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, PA in front of a crowd of 9,715. The big win for the Empire broke the Soul's active streak of 20 consecutive wins at home. Empire quarterback Tommy Grady threw for 178 yards and five touchdowns earning himself the game MVP award. Empire receiver Malachi Jones had seven receptions for 63 yards and two receiving touchdowns, while chipping one rushing touchdown and earning himself Offensive Player of the Game for the second straight week. Soul's James Romain was named Defensive Player of the Game with eight total tackles and an interception.

The Soul received the initial kick and began their drive at their own five-yard line by opening with a 16-yard connection from Raudabaugh to Reynolds. Two plays later, the Soul found the end zone on a 27-yard hookup to Darius Prince to jump out to an early 7-0 lead.

Albany began their ensuing possession on their own five-yard line after a touchback on the kickoff. After a short completion to Joe Hills, the Empire were helped by a pass interference on fourth down to extend the drive. The drive was stalled by an interception by defensive back James Romaine on a pass intended for Hills in the end zone. Three plays into the Soul drive, Raudabaugh was hit hard by a swarm of Empire defensive linemen and was temporarily knocked out of the game, leaving backup quarterback Greg McGhee to handle the next play. After giving up a sack to Empire lineman Nick Seither, Raudabaugh returned to the game. The Soul failed to convert on fourth down, turning the ball back over to Albany. At the end of the first quarter, Philadelphia led the defensive battle 7-0.

With the first play of the second quarter, the Empire were setback by an intentional grounding penalty on third down and were unable to convert on a long fourth down to give the ball back over to the Soul. Philadelphia worked quickly as they crossed into Empire territory in just two plays. Unable to convert another first down, the Soul attempted a long 46 field goal. The field goal was no good and returned by Empire receiver Collin Taylor to the five-yard line, but thanks to a Soul penalty, the Empire began their drive from the 15-yard line. Two plays later, Grady connected with Malachi Jones for a 30-yard touchdown to tie the game at 7-7.

Albany wasted no time after another Soul score as Grady connected with Jones for his second touchdown reception of the half to give the Empire a 14-13 lead. The Empire then failed to recover an onside kick of their own, setting up the Soul on the Albany 12-yard line. The Soul would take advantage of the short field by taking back the lead on a 27-yard field goal. With little time on the clock, the Empire couldn't find a way to score, with the first half ending 16-14 in favor of the Soul.

Albany would begin their second possession of the second half on their own 20-yard line after the Soul kickoff went out of bounds outside of the nets. Two plays later, Grady connected with Jordan Williams for a 25-yard touchdown; the first touchdown reception of Williams' young AFL career. The first play of the Soul's next possession ended with a fumble by fullback Adrian Ferns, giving the ball back to the Empire inside of the Soul 5-yard line. Defensive end Joe Sykes forced the fumble giving him a league leading four forced fumbles on the season. The Empire capitalized on the Soul turnover with a one-yard touchdown run by Malachi Jones to further the Albany lead. At the end of the third quarter, the Empire led 35-23.

To end the game, the Empire took over on the opposing six-yard line after a failed onside kick by the Soul with just under two minutes to go in the game. The Empire were unable to capitalize on the short field, giving the ball back to the Soul who then drove down field and capped with an eight-yard touchdown to Darius Prince to close the Empire gap to 41-36 with 33 seconds remaining. The Empire recovered the Soul onside kick attempt and were able to kneel the ball to run the remaining seconds on the clock and come away with a victory.

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ALBANY	0	14	21	6	41
PHILADELPHIA	7	9	7	13	36

GAME MVP:

QB – TOMMY GRADY, ALB

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

WR – MALACHI JONES, ALB

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

DB – James Romain, PHI

2018 GAME SUMMARIES

Empire Spoil Valor's Home Opener

5/11/2018

The Albany Empire (2-2) defeated the Washington Valor (0-4) 53-42, Friday night at the Capital One Arena in Washington, D.C. in front of a crowd of 9,036. Empire quarterback Tommy Grady threw for 257 yards and seven touchdowns earning himself the game MVP award. Empire receiver Malachi Jones had six receptions for 120 yards and three receiving touchdowns, while chipping one rushing touchdown and earning himself Offensive Player of the Game. Terence Moore was named Defensive Player of the Game with six total tackles and a fumble recovery.

The Empire received the opening kick and began their drive just inside the 10-yard line. With the first play of the game, Grady found Malachi Jones for a 41-yard bomb and a touchdown giving the Empire an early 6-0 lead. The Valor's Chris Duvalt returned the ensuing kickoff to nearly midfield, giving the Valor excellent field position for their first drive in their home opener. Three plays later, Valor quarterback Warren Smith connected with wide receiver TT Toliver for the score.

Grady found Jones for a quick first down to open the team's second drive of the game. After a few Valor penalties and a couple of hookups between Grady and his top target Joe Hills, the Empire were able to cap the long drive off with three-yard touchdown to a wide-open Greg Carr.

The Empire attempted to surprise the Valor with an onside kick, however the try was unsuccessful, giving the Valor the ball on the Albany nine-yard line. The Valor were able to capitalize on the short field position with another touchdown to Toliver to end the first quarter with the lead, 14-12.

In response, the Empire opened the second quarter with a quick-hitter to Joe Hills that moved the ball to midfield. The very next play, Grady connected with Jones for a 19-yard touchdown; Jones' second of the game. The Valor were able to keep the back and forth pace up with the Empire as they marched down the field and ended with a 21-yard touchdown to Duvalt.

After a nice kickoff return by Jordan Williams, the Empire were set up on their own 15-yard line. Two plays later, Grady found a wide-open Collin Taylor in the end zone from 19 yards out, giving the lead back to Albany, 26-21. The Empire once again attempted an onside kick but failed to recover, setting up the Valor on the Albany 5-yard line. The very next play, the Valor scored on a 5-yard touchdown run by Warren Smith.

With under two minutes to go the Empire went to work inside of their own five-yard line. Two plays later, Grady found Hills for a long completion as Hills smartly stayed out of the end zone to keep the clock running. The Empire capped the drive with a two-yard rushing touchdown by Malachi Jones: his third touchdown of the half. At the end of the first half, the Empire led 32-28.

The Valor began the second half with the ball and were able to methodically work down field, but the drive stalled inside of the Empire 5-yard line and turned the ball over on downs. With 45 yards of turf ahead of them the Empire picked up where they left off by finding Malachi Jones for a completion over the middle. The next play, Grady connected with Jones for a short pass, but Jones was able to make some elusive moves and make his way into the end zone for his fourth total score of the night.

The next Valor possession began with a quick pass, but a Valor penalty brought the offense back inside of their own 10-yard line. Washington worked the ball with ease and ended the drive with a five-yard touchdown pass to receiver Josh Reese. The Valor attempted to get the ball back with an onside kick, but failed, giving the ball to the Empire on the short side of the field. The Empire took a knee and watched the clock wind down on their way to a 53-42 victory.

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ALBANY	12	20	7	14	53
WASHINGTON	14	14	0	14	42

GAME MVP:

QB – TOMMY GRADY, ALB

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

WR – MALACHI JONES, ALB

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

DB – TERENCE MOORE, ALB

2018 GAME SUMMARIES

Empire Routs Valor 47-23

5/5/2018

The Albany Empire (1-2) won their first game in franchise history against the Washington Valor (0-3) 47-23, Saturday night at the Times Union Center in front of a crowd of 10,065 wearing orange. Empire quarterback Tommy Grady threw for five touchdowns on his way to winning the game MVP award. Valors's Rod Windsor caught the two of the three Washington touchdown passes earning Offensive Player of the Game. Marrio Norman was named Defensive Player of the Game with two interceptions and a touchdown.

Albany receiving the opening kickoff and instantly found receiver Joe Hills on the first play of the game for a first down. On just the third play of the drive, Quarterback Tommy Grady threw a 25-yard floater that looked like it was intercepted, but the ball bobbed up into the hands of Hills for the touchdown. With the score, Joe Hills extended his record of consecutive games with a touchdown reception to 83.

To answer, the Washington Valor methodically drove the ball down the field. On fourth down in the red zone, Valor quarterback Warren Smith found Washington's top target Rod Windsor for the score. On the ensuing possession, Grady found Collin Taylor for a long catch-and-run hookup, but after being tackled from behind, Taylor fumbled the ball into the end zone for a Valor touchback. After the quarter break, the Valor were unable to capitalize and turned the ball over on downs thanks to a sack by defensive end, Joe Sykes.

After a penalty on Washington and a few short completions, Grady was able to find rookie receiver Malachi Jones on a short pass that he broke for a 14-yard touchdown. That touchdown marked the third touchdown in as many games for the rookie.

Starting on their own 1-yard line on the following possession, the Valor were helped by a series of Empire penalties that slowly moved the ball down the field. Washington was able to capitalize on the penalties and cap the drive off with an 8-yard touchdown to Windsor, his second of the game. The extra point attempt was blocked but recovered by the Valor for a two-point conversion, giving them the lead 15-14.

After Valor kickoff went out of bounds, the Empire received the ball with great starting field position at the 20-yard line. Albany easily worked the ball down the field finishing the drive with a four-yard fade to Hills for his second touchdown reception of the game.

The Empire surprised Washington with an onside kick that was recovered by Malachi Jones, giving Albany the ball with a minute remaining in the first half. The offense milked some clock while at the same time making their way down field thanks to two catches by Hills and a Valor penalty. The Empire controlled the ball down to the one-yard line as time was about to expire before Malachi Jones capped the drive off with a short touchdown run giving the Empire the lead 28-15 at the half.

The first play of the second half, Valor quarterback Warren Smith was intercepted by Marrio Norman, who ran it back for a touchdown. The Valor's next possession ended with another turnover on a strip sack by Willie McGinnis, giving the ball back to the Empire on the short side of midfield. Beginning on the Valor 20-yard line, the Empire took their time as they moved down field and capped the drive with a five-yard hookup from Grady to Hills.

The Empire capitalized working their offense before finishing the drive with a pass off the net, caught by Collin Taylor in the end zone for the score, furthering the Empire lead 47-15.

After a late Valor touchdown, the game was already on ice as the Empire took the field for the final time and ran down the remaining seconds on the clock on their way to a 47-23 victory.

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ALBANY	7	21	12	7	47
WASHINGTON	7	8	0	8	23

GAME MVP:

QB – TOMMY GRADY, ALB

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

WR – ROD WINDSOR, WAS

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

DB – MARRIO NORMAN, ALB

2018 GAME SUMMARIES

Brigade Defeats Empire 52-49 in Albany's First Road Game

4/28/2018

The Albany Empire (0-2) played the team's first game on the road in Baltimore and left with a loss to the Baltimore Brigade (2-1) 52-49, Saturday night at the Royal Farms Arena. Brigade quarterback Randy Hippeard threw for seven touchdowns on his way to winning the game MVP award. Empire's Joe Hills caught four touchdown passes in his debut, earning Offensive Player of the Game. Virgil Gray was named Defensive Player of the Game with ten tackles and an interception.

The Empire offense was led by quarterback Tommy Grady, who threw for six touchdowns. His top target, Joe Hills, caught four of those touchdown passes from Grady. Malachi Jones and Collin Taylor chipped in receiving touchdowns of their own as well.

Baltimore received the first kick and started inside of their own 5-yard line. Reigning league MVP Hippeard took the field for the first time against the Empire and led the Brigade to a score, finishing with a 34-yard touchdown to Milton Williams on third down.

In response, The Empire came out firing as Grady connected with Malachi Jones for a first down on the team's opening play. After missing on a bomb to Joe Hills, Grady completed another medium gain to Collin Taylor for first down. The drive ended with a 6-yard touchdown hookup to Joe Hills, his first touchdown reception of the game. This touchdown extended Joe Hills' active streak and league record of consecutive games with a touchdown reception to 82 games.

With the first play of the second quarter, Hippeard found receiver Brandon Thompkins for a 26-yard touchdown. Shortly after, Grady was picked off trying to go deep to Hills by Virgil Gray. Hippeard capitalized on the Empire turnover with a short touchdown pass to receiver Lamark Brown.

After a long catch-and-run by Malachi Jones and a couple of penalties by the Brigade, the Empire scored with a 5-yard touchdown to Collin Taylor; his second in as many games.

The Empire began the second half with the ball and methodically worked down the field. The drive was capped off with a 1-yard touchdown run by Collin Taylor; the first rushing touchdown of the Empire's young franchise. The Brigade answered by marching down the field to take back the lead with another touchdown pass to Brown.

The Empire took over and ran a quick-hitter to Malachi Jones who turned it into a 42-yard catch-and-run from deep in Empire territory for a touchdown; his second consecutive game with a 40+ touchdown catch.

Heading into the fourth quarter, the Brigade controlled the ball and opened the quarter with a long touchdown pass to Williams; Hippeard's sixth touchdown toss of the game. The Empire then took over on the Baltimore eight-yard line after a Brigade failed onside kick. The very next play, Grady connects with Hills for the pair's fourth touchdown giving the lead back to Albany, 49-45.

With just over 12 minutes remaining in regulation, Hippeard leads the Brigade on a long drive down the field, capping off with another touchdown to Sims; his second of the day.

The following possession for the Empire began inside their own 10-yard line. Grady completed a pair of short passes to Hills and Jones before misconnecting with Hills deep in the end zone. Shortly after, the snap was mishandled by Grady and recovered by Baltimore as the Brigade took over with 52 seconds remaining in regulation.

The Brigade were able to milk to remaining seconds on the clock and come away with a close game victory.

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ALBANY	7	21	14	7	49
BALTIMORE	7	24	7	14	52

GAME MVP:

QB - Randy Hippeard, BAL

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

WR – Joe Hills, ALB

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

DB – Virgil Gray, BAL

2018 GAME SUMMARIES

Soul Defeats Empire 56-35 in Albany's Inaugural Game

4/14/2018

The Albany Empire (0-1) opened their inaugural season with a loss to the Philadelphia Soul (1-0), 56-35, Saturday night in front of a sold-out crowd at the Times Union Center. Soul quarterback Dan Raudabaugh, threw for six touchdowns on his way to winning the Offensive Player of the Game award. Torez Jones was named Defensive Player of the Game with five tackles, a fumble recovery and an interception.

The Empire offense was led by quarterback Tommy Grady, who tossed for 259 yards and five touchdowns. His top target Greg Carr, caught eight passes from Grady, tallying for 74 yards and two touchdowns.

Philadelphia came out firing on all cylinders. After returning the opening kickoff to nearly midfield, the Soul marched their way into the end zone, capping off their drive with a seven-yard touchdown to wide receiver Shaun Kauleinamoku.

The Empire answered right back on their first drive. Despite being the first time in game action together, the Empire gelled quickly and made their way to the end zone. The empire capped off their first ever offensive possession with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Carr.

The Soul wasted no time going right down the field again on their second possession. Raudabaugh found receiver Darius Prince 15 yards downfield in the back of the end zone for this first touchdown reception of the night at the end of the first quarter.

The first score of the second quarter came on a deep, 27-yarder to receiver, to Collin Taylor, for his first touchdown as a member of the Empire. After another Soul touchdown to answer, the Empire recovered a failed onside kick from Philadelphia, giving Albany great field position. The Empire capitalized with another hookup between Grady and Carr for six. To end the half, the Soul scored two touchdowns in the final minute, giving Philadelphia a 35-21 lead. At the end of the half, Grady had 132 passing yards for three touchdowns. His counterpart, Dan Raudabaugh, compiled 110 yards for four touchdowns.

After a halftime ceremony highlighted by the retirement of Albany Firebird legend "Touchdown" Eddie Brown's number 17, the Empire took the ball. Despite moving the ball downfield, Philadelphia forced a turnover on a backwards pass fumble from Grady. The Soul marched their way down for another score.

Down 42-21, The Empire made their way down the field in large part to a huge gain on the ground from fullback, Wes Mauia. The drive was completed with a short, six-yard touchdown pass from Grady to Doug McNeil III. The next Philadelphia drive ended with a missed field goal that bounced in play and was recovered for a Soul touchdown. The Empire wasted no time responding, tossing a 48-yard touchdown to receiver, Malachi Jones.

On a crucial driving being down by only two touchdowns midway through the fourth quarter, the Empire turned the ball over on downs on the opposing three-yard line. Philadelphia milked a lot of clock and moved the ball down field for another score, increasing their cushion to 21.

The Empire were unable to convert on their next possession, giving the ball back to Philadelphia. The Soul maintained control until the final seconds ticked off the clock. The final score of the game was 56-35.

SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2	3	4	FINAL
ALBANY	7	14	14	0	35
PHILADELPHIA	14	21	14	7	56

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

QB - Dan Raudabaugh, PHI

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME:

DB – Torez Jones, PHI

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RUSHING

PLAYER	GP	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	YDS/G	TD/G
Mauia, Wesley	11	8	54	6.8	0	37	4.9	0.0
Benson, Mykel	2	13	46	3.5	2	12	23.0	0.5
Jones, Malachi	11	17	36	2.1	5	8	3.3	0.5
Moore, Terence	11	2	3	1.5	0	3	0.3	0.1
Taylor, Collin	11	1	1	1.0	1	1	0.1	0.1
Hills, Joe	10	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.2	0.0
Faulf, Mike	8	3	-5	-1.7	0	0	-0.6	0.0

PASSING

PLAYER	GP	COMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	TD	INT	LONG	TD/A%	INT/A %	YDS/G	TD/G	RAT
Grady, Tommy	11	207	312	66.3	2721	73	6	48	23.4%	1.9%	247.4	6.6	125.3
Faulf, Mike	8	3	9	33.3	18	0	1	8	0.0%	11.1%	2.3	0.0	2.8

RECEIVING

PLAYER	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	YDS/G	TD/G
Jones, Malachi	11	71	1070	15.1	26	48	97.3	2.4
Hills, Joe	10	78	939	12.0	29	45	93.9	2.9
Taylor, Collin	11	32	469	14.7	9	48	42.6	0.8
Carr, Greg	9	15	108	7.2	6	18	12.0	0.7
McNeil, Doug	3	6	49	8.2	1	26	16.3	0.3
Mauia, Wesley	11	4	42	10.5	1	18	3.8	0.1
Williams, Jordan	8	1	25	25.0	1	25	3.1	0.1
Moore, Terence	11	1	12	12.0	0	12	1.1	0.0
Beavers, Larry	3	1	3	3.0	0	3	1.0	0.0

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DEFENSE

PLAYER	GP	Tackles			Tackle for Loss				Sacks				Fumbles			Int	
		UA	A	TOT	UA	A	TOT	YDS	UA	A	TOT	YDS	FF	FR	YDS	INT	YDS
Moore, Terence	11	56	18	65	2	2	3	10	1	1	1.5	5	2	2	9	5	28
Norman, Marrio	10	56	13	62.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	32
Sonie, Varmah	11	50	6	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	25
Hobbs, Arthur	11	28	8	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Stephens, Brandon	8	22	3	23.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Al, Phillips	5	13	4	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Summers, Derrick	11	13	9	17.5	0	1	0.5	2	0	1	0.5	2	0	1	0	0	0
Sykes, Joe	11	13	9	17.5	2	2	7	40	6	2	7	40	4	1	0	0	0
Cato-Bishop, Darryl	10	7	6	10.0	3	1	3.5	14	2	1	2.5	12	1	2	0	0	0
Seither, Nick	10	7	6	10	5	0	5	23	3	0	3	20	2	1	0	0	0
McGinnis, Willie	6	6	0	6.0	3	0	3	7	1	0	1	4	1	1	0	0	0
Carr, Greg	9	5	1	5.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, Jordan	8	5	2	6.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jones, Malachi	11	3	0	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mauia, Wesley	11	3	3	4.5	0	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sesay, Brandon	6	3	4	5	2	1	2.5	10	1	1	1.5	7	1	0	0	0	0
Beavers, Larry	3	2	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hills, Joe	10	2	1	2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith, Terrance	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spencer, Kenny	11	2	3	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dunmore, Oshay	1	1	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fance, Calvin	1	1	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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KICKOFF RETURNS

PLAYER	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	YDS/G	TD/G
Williams, Jordan	8	18	269	14.9	0	26	33.6	0.0
Beavers, Larry	3	9	158	17.6	0	30	52.7	0.0
Taylor, Collin	11	16	125	7.8	0	25	11.4	0.0
Sonie, Varmah	12	2	18	9.0	0	17	1.6	0.0
Smith, Terrance	1	1	15	15.0	0	15	15.0	0.0

KICKING

Field Goals	Made-Att	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Long	Blkd
Spencer, Kenny	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

KICKOFFS

PLAYER	GP	NO	YDS	TB	OB
Spencer, Kenny	11	85	4304	21	5