MT falls to Temple, 44-36

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Back to the Sacks: After failing to record a sack for the first time this season against Missouri, the Blue Raider defense sacked Temple QB Walter Washington in the first quarter of tonight's contest. The Blue Raiders now own nine sacks on the year after collecting just 13 all of last season.

Twice in One Year: Kerry Wright has been making big plays all year and tonight was no different. The East Point, GA, native hauled in a Clint Marks pass and went 71 yards for a touchdown. The catch equals Wright's longest career reception. That catch came in the fourth quarter against Georgia. Wright ended the game with five catches for 94 yards. He now has 29 receptions for 462 yards on the year.

Marks Sees Action: QB Clint Marks saw the action for the second time in his career, coming in to replace Andrico Hines, who left with an injury, in the first quarter. Marks responded with a 71-yard TD strike in his second series. Marks would go on to lead a Blue Raider comeback effort in the game, completing 10-of-14 pass attempts for 150 yards and two touchdowns.

Davis Gets Career High: RB Kevin Davis turned in a career night with 91 yards on 16 carries. Davis topped his previous career high of 61 yards, which he turned in against Clemson. Davis now has 174 yards rushing on the year.

Gross Under Center: Eugene Gross took his second career snap at quarterback in the second quarter and made the most of it. Gross tucked the ball away on a quarterback draw and scampered 24 yards for his fourth TD of the year. The run was the longest of the year for the Statesboro, GA, native. Gross ended the night with 80 yards rushing on 14 carries. Gross became the third Blue Raider signal caller to see action on that play.

Wright Honored: Kerry Wright was selected as the Alexander Automotive Family Player of the Game for his performance against Temple. Members of the media selected Wright on the strength of

his five catch, 94-yard effort. Wright also hauled in one touchdown.

Quick Hitters: Temple is the first-ever BCS opponent to play at Floyd Stadium ... DE Bobby Payne made his first collegiate start today ... SS Justin Rainey also made his first career start ... Chris Henry hauled in his first catch of the year in the Blue Raiders' first drive of the game ... DL Demetrios Walker recovered the first fumble of his career in the first quarter ... Middle Tennessee changed things up tonight by putting player names on its jerseys for the first time this season ... Andrico Hines' streak of pass attempts without an interception came to an end at 126 with his third quarter pick ... Josh Harris became the fourth quarterback for MT tonight when he came into the game in the third quarter ... Jerrin Holt's fourth quarter TD reception was the first of his career.

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