



MLC ATHLETICS
FOOTBALL
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Knights Ride Big Day from Becker in 34-20 Win

MLC 34
Macalester 20

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The MLC football team continued its recent strong play with its fifth consecutive win by the score of 34-20 at Macalester.

Andrew Becker finished with the fourth-highest single-game rushing total in school history, going for 206 on 22 carries and two touchdowns. For the day, the Knights finished with 373 yards on the ground.

The Knights got on the scoreboard first in the first quarter, capping off a nine-play, 80-yard drive with an 18-yard touchdown run by quarterback Greg Holzhueter. The drive was set up in large part by Becker, who had four rushes on the drive for 45 yards. The extra point was no good, however, putting the Knights ahead 6-0.

Macalester would strike back quickly on the following drive, going 58 yards on four plays, but like the Knights missed their extra point because Bill Fuesternau blocked it to keep it a tie game at 6-6.

The Knights continued to pile up yardage in the second quarter, but were unable to capitalize on three promising drives in the red zone, turning the ball over once on a fumble, once on an interception and another on downs. The Knights had 266 total yards of offense at the break, but went into the half tied at 6-6.

MLC started quickly in the third quarter, as Stephen Gurgel sacked Macalester quarterback Trevor Mieke and forced a fumble that was recovered by Luke Beilke at the Macalester 31 setting up a three-play touchdown drive capped by a one-run touchdown run by Becker. Alexander Hunt punched in the two-point conversion to give the Knights a 14-6 lead.

Gurgel struck again on the next drive by the Scots, sacking Mieke and forcing another fumble, this one recovered by Fuesternau. The Knights once again capitalized on the turnover, going 76 yards on ten plays to push the lead to 20-6 after Hunt scored from six yards out.

The Knights continued to pour it on in the fourth quarter, as Aaron Voss scored from three yards out to finish a ten-play, 96-yard drive, while Becker added a second rushing touchdown later in the quarter to put the Scots, who tacked on two fourth quarter scores of their own, away for good.

Becker led a Knights' rushing attack that outrushed the Scots 373-62. Holzhueter added 91 yards on 13 carries and a score, while Voss and Hunt added 44 and 24 yards respectively with one score apiece.

The Knights continued to help the running game with an efficient day passing. Holzhueter finished with 152 yards on eight completions, with Ryan Kolander leading the receivers with three catches for 74 yards.

Defensively, the Knights finished with four sacks, two of them by Gurgel that forced both Macalester turnovers. Gurgel had eight total tackles, while Joe Lindloff finished with a team-best ten tackles. Matt and Jake Rothe each added a sack for the defense, which held the Scots to 350 total yards. Matt Rothe and Beilke both had eight total tackles.

With the win, MLC improved to 6-2 on the season, while Macalester dropped to 2-6.

The Knights will return to action on Friday, October 30, when they play Westminster at the Metrodome. Kick-off is scheduled for 5 p.m.

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