

Game notes – Bad Boy Mowers Gasparilla Bowl – Marshall vs. South Florida – Dec. 20, 2018

The game captains were senior lineman Jordan Dowrey on offense, and senior linebacker Chase Hancock and senior lineman Ryan Bee on defense.

Marshall improved its bowl record to 12-2 and its bowl winning percentage to .857, the latter of which is No. 1 in college football among programs with at least five bowl appearances.

The Thundering Herd has won seven consecutive bowl games overall and six straight under head coach Doc Holliday.

Marshall opened the scoring in the first quarter, winning for the 18th consecutive time when scoring first. The Herd is now 7-0 this season when leading after the first quarter.

The 43-yard run by Marshall freshman running back Brenden Knox on the game's first play is the fourth-longest run in this bowl's 11-year history. It is the second-longest non-scoring run.

Marshall senior receiver Tyre Brady recorded his first reception in the first quarter, extending his streak of consecutive games with a catch to 24 games.

Herd freshman defensive end Darius Hodge recorded a sack and a fumble recovery on consecutive plays, the second of which was returned 29 yards. The sack was Hodge's second of his career and the fumble recovery was his first.

Freshman quarterback Isaiah Green scored on a 10-yard run in the first quarter, his first rushing touchdown.

The 21 points Marshall scored in the first quarter is the most the team has scored in three appearances in the Gasparilla Bowl, tied the bowl game's record for most points scored in any quarter (Louisville in 2011) and broke the record for most points scored in the first quarter (previously 14 points by four different teams).

Marshall tied the bowl game's record for team points scored in the first quarter, equaling the 14 points scored by East Carolina (2013), Southern Miss (2010), Rutgers (2009) and USF (2008).

The 28 points scored by Marshall in the first half tied the bowl's record for points in a half (UCF vs. Ball State in 2012; Rutgers vs. UCF in 2009).

Senior running back Keion Davis scored his second touchdown of the season and his first since the season opener at Miami on Sept. 1. He added another touchdown in the fourth quarter of an MVP performance. His fourth quarter run of 52 yards is a season long, and he surpassed 2,000 career rushing yards on that play.

MU senior receiver Tyre Brady finished with team highs in receptions and receiving yards, and on a fourth quarter catch surpassed 1,000 receiving yards for the season. He is the first Marshall receiver since Tommy Shuler (2014) to eclipse 1,000 receiving yards.

The Marshall defense did not allow a 100-yard rusher for the 14th consecutive game. USF's 92 rushing yards are the second-fewest the team gained this season.

Marshall senior offensive lineman Jordan Dowrey made his 49th career start, moving him into the top 10 all-time in program history. Dowrey is tied with Rakeem Cato (2011-14) and Donahue Stephenson (1990-93).

Freshman defensive back Steven Gilmore received his first career start for Marshall.