

## UMaine

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"I think we set a Guinness Book of World Records for penalties," he added. "That's sitting in my stomach pretty hard right now."

UMaine overcame its shortcomings by virtue of a dominating first half. The hosts built a comfortable 17-3 that would have been larger Sean Decloux not uncharacteristically missed two field goals.

UMaine amassed 295 yards of offense in the first 30 minutes, including 186 yards and a touchdown through the air.

Wright was the offensive catalyst, but Collins was steady and backup QB Drew Belcher threw a touchdown pass. The Bears also cranked out 109 yards on the ground.

Baltimore spearheaded the defense with his interceptions, the second of which set up a touchdown.

UMaine afforded Rhode Island only 67 yards on 27 plays, limiting the Rams to three rushing yards on 16 attempts.

Baltimore's first interception led to a promising drive by UMaine, which stalled out at the URI 8. Decloux pulled a 25-yard field-goal try wide left.

Rhode Island responded by marching down the field, keyed by a 33-yard strike from Mroz to Khayri Denny. The Rams settled for Justin Rohrwater's 30-yard field goal and a 3-0 lead at 3:21 of the period.

UMaine then took charge during a span of 47 seconds.

The Bears needed three plays to take the upper hand. Belcher came on for his first snap and faked a run to the



Maine linebacker Zachary Hume sacks Rhode Island quarterback Paul Mroz during their CAA game Saturday at Alfond Stadium in Orono.

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right. He pulled up to throw and lofted a ball to Wright, who leapt over URI safety Tim Wienclaw for the catch, kept his feet and made it into the end zone.

Decloux's PAT made it 7-3 at 1:56 of the first quarter.

"Drew threw up the ball for me to go up and get it and I made the play," Wright said.

Baltimore intercepted Mroz for the second time on URI's next play. After a 16-yard pass from Collins to Jordan Dunn, Beckford burst through the middle for a 21-yard scoring jaunt that pushed the advantage to 14-3.

Decloux missed left on a 43-yard field goal attempt on UMaine's next possession, but another defensive stop gave the Bears another opportunity.

They moved to the 25 before Decloux connected on a

43-yard field goal that gave UMaine a 17-3 lead with 4:15 to play in the half.

"Sherrod got us going, then we had a really productive rest of the half," Cosgrove said.

The Bears pushed the lead to 24-3 midway through the third quarter after a defensive stand, a punt and a 15-yard penalty put them at the URI 39. On the third play, Beckford followed a big hole off right tackle, shook off a hit, then ran over a defender at the 5 on his way to a 28-yard scoring run.

"I'm a physical running back, so if someone's in my way, it doesn't matter to me," Beckford said. "I saw the end zone."

The Rams responded with a touchdown drive of their own, going 78 yards on nine

plays. T.J. Anderson's 1-yard plunge capped it, which left URI trailing 24-10.

UMaine got some of those points back early in the fourth quarter on Decloux's 23-yard field goal, but Rhode Island went right back on the attack and, aided by three penalties, covered 74 yards on 10 plays, including Mroz's 3-yard scoring keeper.

The PAT cut UMaine's lead to 27-17 with 9:54 remaining, but the Rams were unable to get any closer.

"It was pretty much backyard football at the end of the game, (URI) throwing the ball up in the air and making plays," Cosgrove said.

UMaine heads back on the road for the next two weeks, starting with Saturday's contest at Richmond.

## MIT outguns MMA in conference opener

Massachusetts Institute of Technology scored 17 unanswered points in the third quarter on Saturday afternoon to pull away for a 51-26 New England Football Conference victory over Maine Maritime Academy of Castine at Cambridge, COLLEGE MASSACHUSETTS FOOTBALL sets.

MIT (1-3, 1-0 NEFC) outgained the Mariners (1-2, 0-1 NEFC) 538-494 behind the running of Adis Ojeda, who rolled up 262 yards on 22 carries and scored on touch-down carries of 20, 28 and 49 yards.

The Engineers also were productive through the air as John King completed 13 of 17 passes for 166 yards and three touchdowns. Karson Ota made three receptions for 108 yards, including scoring grabs of 58 and 24 yards, and Jared Hanson had seven catches for 100 yards, a 39-yard TD hookup among them.

MMA again moved the ball effectively with its option offense, netting 329 yards and racking up 32 first downs. Fullback James Ferrar led the way with 144 yards on 31 carries, including a 2-yard scoring run.

Josh Doolan carried nine times for 89 yards with a 9-yard TD, while quarterback Michael Fahey went 12-for-25 through the air

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New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady looks to pass in the third quarter Sunday against the Jacksonville Jaguars at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts. New England defeated Jacksonville 51-17.

Bortles finished 17 of 33 for 242 yards, two touchdowns and an interception.

A loss to forget?

"You don't bury the tape because it is out there," Jaguars linebacker Dan Skuta said. "It is out there for life so you take a look and see what you did. Other teams are going to come back to those sort of things."

**NOTES:** Jacksonville TE Julius Thomas missed his third straight game with his new team because of a finger injury. ... WR Marqise Lee and G Brandon Linder, both questionable for the Jaguars, played, but Lee (hamstring) left in the second quarter, as did safety Josh Evans (knee) — and CB Sergio Brown was lost in the third. ... TE Michael Hoomanawanui was a

surprise inactive for New England, which also sat veteran CB Bradley Fletcher (poor game in Buffalo last week) in favor of rookie Justin Coleman. ... Patriots DT Dominique Easley, who left the opener and missed last week with a hip injury, was expected to be out but played, and OL Ryan Wendell missed his third straight game with an illness. ... The Jags host the Indianapolis Colts next week and the Patriots have an early bye before visiting Dallas and Indianapolis.

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A GoFundMe account has raised more than \$31,000 for Murray's family, and news of his death resonated across New Jersey, even with NFL players present and past, as well as the state's governor.

In early September, a high school football player in Louisiana died from injuries he suffered on the field during a game. Tyrell Cameron, 16, a student at Franklin Parish High School, was wheeled off the field on a stretcher and was later pronounced dead at a local hospital.

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"He walked off the field and we all thought it was just a hit," said Tim Woolf, one of Murray's friends and a teammate on the baseball team, told NJ.com's Matthew Stanmyre.

Said Austin Hamler, a senior cornerback: "He seemed slow to get up at times."

Still, there was no frightening moment or hit that stood out.

"I'm not sure if it was that last hit on him that actually did the damage, or previous plays," said junior defensive end Bailey Lieberman, who

was sidelined by an injury. "I do know that he wasn't feeling too good prior to the hit and seemed tired. He did take a pretty hard hit just before the last [hit], where he took a helmet to the stomach."

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