



ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD WATCHES INTRASQUAD GAME

Vanderbilt capped its inaugural spring practice session under Head Coach James Franklin as the Black team topped the Gold team 19-7 in the Black and Gold Spring Game, held April 17 at Vanderbilt Stadium.

After the Gold team got on the board first with a 15-yard touchdown, the Black squad scored the game's final 19 points to secure the win.

An estimated crowd of 7,500 attended the first spring intrasquad game held staged by Vanderbilt in more than a decade. The game was sandwiched between an autograph session and a post-game fireworks show.

"First of all, I haven't been here very long, but I was very pleased with the whole organization of everything," Franklin said. "The autograph session was very well attended. I got to interact with a lot of fans. The big thing is that we stayed healthy. From top to bottom I was pleased."

The Black team was led by the quarterback-wide receiver combination of Larry Smith and Jordan Matthews. Smith finished the game 16-of-26 passing for 233 yards, one touchdown pass, one receiving touchdown and one interception. The touchdown pass was to Matthews, who had a game-high seven catches for 103 yards.

Placekicker Carey Spear answered the Gold team's lone touchdown with field goals of 31 and 22 yards in the first half to draw the Black to within one point at 7-6.

Spear's second field goal came after a defensive stand by the Gold squad. An acrobatic 49-yard catch by wide receiver Jonathan Krause brought the Black to the 4-yard line, but the Gold defense held, with Nichter's pressure forcing an errant pass into the end zone by Smith.

Just seconds before intermission, the Black team got its first touchdown of the game when Smith connected with Matthews for the 23-yard score.

The only score of the half came on the last play of the game -- which also proved to be the most exciting of the game. The final play was a reverse and

eventual pass from running back Zac Stacy to Smith, who leaped in the endzone for the 10-yard touchdown as time expired.

The game was mostly dictated by the defense from both squads. Taking advantage of a fatigued offensive line that played both ways, each team compiled eight sacks and one interception.

Nichter compiled three stops for the Gold team, which included two sacks and two pass breakups. Linebacker Chase Garnham (Gold) led all players with eight tackles. For the Black squad, linebacker Andrew East had two sacks, and defensive end Kyle Woestmann had a sack and an interception.



Black & Gold Spring Game Statistics

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL
BLACK	3	10	0	6	19
GOLD	7	0	0	0	7

1ST QUARTER: GOLD: Goro 15-yard rush (Fowler PAT) 10:33.
BLACK: Spear 31-yard Field Goal, 4:51.

2ND QUARTER: BLACK: Spear 22-yard Field Goal, 7:42.
BLACK: Smith-to-Matthews 22-yard pass (Spear PAT) :27.

4TH QUARTER: BLACK: Stacy-to-Smith 10-yard pass :00.

INDIVIDUAL OFFENSIVE STATS

PASSING:

BLACK – L. Smith 16-26, 233, 1 TD, 1 INT; Z. Stacy 1-1, 10, 1 TD.
GOLD – C. Goro 5-8, 36, INT; J. Townsley 3-7, 14; W. Tate 1-1, 16.

RUSHING:

BLACK – Smith 8-20; Stacy 9-7; J. Krause 1-(7); Team 1-(9).
GOLD – W. Tate 9-40; Goro 7-20, 1 TD; J. Townsley 3-(8); M. Powell 3-(5).

RECEIVING:

BLACK – J. Matthews 7-103, 1 TD; J. Krause 4-85; U. Umoh 2-30; L. Smith 1-10, 1 TD; M. Panu 1-7; B. Barden 1-6; Z. Stacy 1-2.
GOLD – J. Townsley 1-16; F. Lassing 1-14; B. Brown 2-14; C. Boyd 1-5; B. Southerland 1-4; W. Tate 1-0; M. Powell 1-(2).

INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE STATS

BLACK

TACKLES: E. Samuels 5-16, T. Strong 4-1-5, A. East 4-0-4, K. Woestmann 4-0-4, A. Owens 1-3-4, C. Marve 2-1-3, T. Wilson 2-1-3, J. Morse 2-0-2, V. Taylor 2-0-2, J. Thomas 2-0-2, K. Butler 1-1-2, A. Hal 1-0-1, J. Jelesky 1-0-1, B. Jewell 1-0-1, J. Wadler, 1-0-1, S. Clarke 0-1-1, A. Simmons 0-1-1.
TACKLES FOR LOSS: East 2-12, Thomas 2-11, Woestmann 1-6, Marve 1-4, Samuels 1-2.
SACKS (#-Yards): East 2-12, Thomas 1-10, Woestmann 1-6.
INTERCEPTIONS (#-Yds): Woestmann 1-4.
QB HURRIES: Morse 1.

GOLD

TACKLES: C. Garnham 6-2-8, K. Ladler 4-1-5, A. Barnes 3-1-4, T. Loftley 3-1-4, S. Richardson 3-0-3, D. Daniels 2-1-3, C. Nichter 2-1-3, R. Ford 2-0-2, E. Foster 2-0-2; Fugger 2-0-2, D. Jones 2-0-2, J. Lewis 2-0-2, J. Marshall 1-1-2, B. Gowder 1-0-1, C. Hayward 1-0-1, P. Sutton 1-0-1.
TACKLES FOR LOSS: Nichter 2-12, Garnham 2-9, Fugger 1-8, Loftley 1-5, Gowder 1-4, Barnes 1-3, Ladler 1-3, Jones 1-2.
SACKS (#-Yards): Nichter 2-12, Fugger 1-8, Loftley 1-5.
INTERCEPTIONS (#-Yards): Ladler 1-0.
QB HURRIES: Barnes 1.
PASSES DEFENSED: Nichter 2, Ford 1, Barnes 1.
FUMBLES FORCED: Gowder 1.

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