

1999 Game Recaps

Game #1 • UMass 34, New Hampshire 19

September 11, 1999 • Amherst, Mass.

Wide receiver Adrian Zullo tied the school single game record with four touchdown receptions as the second-ranked and defending NCAA I-AA national champion Minutemen posted a 34-19 victory over New Hampshire in their season opener. Zullo totaled 92 yards on five receptions during the game and received the Bill Knight Award, which is annually given to the most valuable player of the UMass-UNH contest. After a scoreless first quarter, the Minutemen put their first points on the board early in the second when Todd Bankhead hit Zullo with a 21-yard strike. New Hampshire would cut the lead to 7-3 on a 20-yard field goal by Peter Carbonara, but Bankhead again found Zullo with touchdown passes of 35 and 22 yards as the Minutemen took a 21-3 lead into the intermission. UMass continued to dominate the game in the third quarter, with Marcel Shipp scoring on a four-yard run and Bankhead hitting Zullo with a three-yard pass to make the score 34-3 entering the fourth quarter. The Wildcats scored a pair of late touchdowns, with Ryan Day tossing a pair of scoring strikes. Bankhead completed 19 of 32 passes on the day for 227 yards and four touchdowns, while Shipp ran 35 times for 145 yards and Sean Higgins caught a team-high seven passes for 74 yards. Day led the Wildcats by completing 26 of 44 passes for 351 yards, but the UMass defense forced him to throw four interceptions. And even though New Hampshire gained 493 yards in the game, 229 of those came after UMass led 34-3. Kole Ayi led the UMass defense with 17 tackles, while Jerard White intercepted a pair of passes. Brian Smith totaled 14 tackles and a sack, while Matt Dawson had six tackles, a fumble recovery and a sack. Rudy Marciano led the Wildcat defense with 15 tackles.

Team Statistics	New Hampshire	UMass
First Downs	26	24
Rushing Yards	142	161
Passing Yards	351	227
Total Offense	493	388
Passes	26-44	19-32
Interceptions Thrown	4	1
Fumbles / Lost	2 / 1	2 / 1
Penalties / Yards	9 / 61	6 / 35
Punts / Average	3 / 36.7	5 / 33.6
Punt Returns	1-16	2-16
Kickoff Returns	6-115	3-79
Time of Possession	28:43	31:17

Scoring Summary	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	—	Total
New Hampshire	0	3	0	16	—	19
UMass	0	21	13	0	—	34

2nd 13:25 UM—Zullo 21 pass from Bankhead (Cherry kick)
 9:31 NH—Carbonara 20 field goal
 7:57 UM—Zullo 35 pass from Bankhead (D. White kick)
 0:22 UM—Zullo 22 pass from Bankhead (Cherry kick)
 3rd 9:21 UM—Shipp 4 run (D. White kick)
 1:39 UM—Zullo 3 pass from Bankhead (Cherry kick blocked)
 4th 13:44 NH—Peterson 30 pass from Day (Washington pass from Day)
 7:18 NH—Williams 10 pass from Day (Peterson pass from Day)

Stat Leaders	UNH	UMass
Rushing	Curran (25-87-0) Day (8-25-0) Kreider (6-23-0)	Shipp (35-145-1) Quinlan (8-27-0)
Passing	Day (26-44-351-2-4)	Bankhead (19-32-227-4-1)
Receiving	Kreider (6-83-0) Peterson (4-68-1) Washington (4-32-0)	Higgins (7-74-0) Zullo (5-92-4)

Game #2 • Villanova 26, UMass 21

September 18, 1999 • Villanova, Pa.

The second-ranked Minutemen fell behind early 21-0 and were unable to overcome the deficit, as they suffered a narrow 26-21 loss at No. 22 Villanova. UMass had the ball in Villanova territory in the final minute of the game, but was unable to reach the end zone before time expired. The Wildcats opened up their early lead with two Casey Hannon field goals and a pair of touchdowns, one of them coming on a 44-yard run by Ducarmel Augustin. The Minutemen scored their first points of the game just before intermission, driving 80 yards in only 43 seconds with less than a minute on the clock. Todd Bankhead scored on a one-yard run to make the score 21-7 at the break. After Villanova recorded a safety early in the second half, UMass came back with an 89-yard touchdown drive capped off by a seven-yard Marcel Shipp touchdown run. Another field goal by Hannon gave the Wildcats a 26-14 advantage late in the third quarter, and the score remained unchanged until the final moments of the game. The Minutemen added a touchdown to make the score 26-21 at the 2:03 mark, with Bankhead hitting Shipp for a 39-yard touchdown reception. UMass then forced a Villanova punt, to get the ball back on its own 40-yard line with 55 seconds to play. The Minutemen drove all the way to the Villanova 20-yard line, but Bankhead's pass for Sean Higgins was broken up on the final play of the game. Adrian Zullo led the UMass offense with a school single-game record tying 11 receptions for 125 yards. Bankhead completed 25 of 38 passes for 261 yards, while Shipp rushed 22 times for 102 yards and caught eight passes for 70 yards. Augustin led Villanova with 122 yards on 13 carries, while Chris Boden completed 18 of 40 passes for 168 yards and a score. The UMass defense was led by Dan Healey with 10 tackles and two sacks, while Kole Ayi added 15 tackles and an interception. Joe Quarley led the Wildcat defense with 12 tackles, two sacks and a fumble recovery.

Team Statistics	UMass	Villanova
First Downs	22	17
Rushing Yards	104	173
Passing Yards	261	168
Total Offense	365	341
Passes	25-40	18-40
Interceptions Thrown	2	2
Fumbles / Lost	4 / 2	1 / 0
Penalties / Yards	3 / 20	9 / 83
Punts / Average	6 / 41.8	7 / 40.1
Punt Returns	3-31	2-(-4)
Kickoff Returns	3-57	5-88
Time of Possession	25:45	34:15

Scoring Summary	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	—	Total
UMass	0	7	7	7	—	21
Villanova	3	18	5	0	—	26

1st 5:37 VU—Hannon 21 field goal
 2nd 12:07 VU—Hannon 41 field goal
 8:35 VU—Cross 4 pass from Boden (Kavanaugh pass from Boden)
 4:08 VU—Augustin 44 run (Hannon kick)
 0:08 UM—Bankhead 1 run (Cherry kick)
 3rd 14:21 VU—Solomon safety
 7:01 UM—Shipp 7 run (D. White kick)
 1:11 VU—Hannon 46 field goal
 4th 2:03 UM—Shipp 39 pass from Bankhead (Cherry kick)

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Stat Leaders	UMass	Villanova
Rushing	Shipp (22-102-1)	Augustin (13-122-1) Harriott (14-49-0)
Passing	Bankhead (25-38-261-1-1) Bowman (0-1-0-0-0) Seibert (0-1-0-0-1)	Boden (18-40-168-1-2)
Receiving	Zullo (11-125-0) Shipp (8-70-1) Higgins (4-47-0)	Kavanaugh (5-58-0) Sango (4-37-0) White (4-34-0)

Game #3 • Toledo 24, UMass 3

September 25, 1999 • Toledo, Ohio

The ninth-ranked Minutemen played well early, but were unable to keep up with Division I-A Toledo in the second half, suffering a 24-3 loss. After a scoreless first period, UMass jumped out to a 3-0 lead midway through the second quarter on a 30-yard field goal by Jason Cherry. The Minutemen had a chance to increase their lead minutes later, after Jeremy Robinson recovered a Rocket fumble near midfield. UMass had fourth and one at the Toledo 42-yard line, but Todd Bankhead was sacked for an 11-yard loss, giving the ball back to the Rockets. Toledo then marched 47 yards for a touchdown, taking a 7-3 lead into halftime. The Rockets then dominated play in the second half, allowing UMass to cross midfield only twice and never letting the Minutemen inside the 25-yard line. Toledo scored a field goal and a touchdown in the third quarter, then added another touchdown in the fourth period to conclude the scoring. Marcel Shipp was the lone bright spot for the UMass offense, rushing for 107 yards on 28 carries. Chester Taylor led the Rockets with 140 yards and a touchdown on 24 carries, while Will Bratton added 76 yards and a score on 16 carries. The UMass defense turned in an impressive performance, limiting Toledo to 65 passing yards and 307 total yards in the game, while also forcing four Rocket turnovers. Kole Ayi led the team with 15 tackles, while Jeremy Robinson had 12 tackles and a fumble recovery. Jerard White and Willie Hemmer added interceptions for the Minutemen. David Gardner led Toledo with 14 tackles, while Keith Travis had 11 tackles and an interception.

Team Statistics	UMass	Toledo
First Downs	14	20
Rushing Yards	128	242
Passing Yards	116	65
Total Offense	244	307
Passes	14-33	10-25
Interceptions Thrown	2	2
Fumbles / Lost	1 / 0	2 / 2
Penalties / Yards	7 / 53	4 / 31
Punts / Average	8 / 38.5	5 / 40.2
Punt Returns	2-3	5-41
Kickoff Returns	5-75	2-67
Time of Possession	27:41	32:19

Scoring Summary	y	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	—	Total
UMass		0	3	0	0	—	3
Toledo		0	7	10	7	—	24

2nd 6:00 UM—Cherry 30 field goal
1:10 UT—Bratton 5 run (France kick)
3rd 7:18 UT—France 39 field goal
0:16 UT—Taylor 18 run (France kick)
4th 6:59 UT—Ford 11 pass from Cole (France kick)

Stat Leaders	UMass	Toledo
Rushing	Shipp (28-107-0)	Taylor (24-140-1) Bratton (16-76-1)
Passing	Bankhead (13-31-101-0-2) Seibert (1-1-15-0-0) Bowman (0-1-0-0-0)	Cole (10-24-65-1-2) Bolden (0-1-0-0-0)
Receiving	Higgins (4-32-0) Shipp (4-10-0)	Long (4-27-0)

Game #4 • Hofstra 27, UMass 14

October 2, 1999 • Amherst, Mass.

Tailback Marcel Shipp rushed for 200 yards and two touchdowns on 30 carries, but it was not enough as the 16th-ranked Minutemen suffered a 27-14 Homecoming loss to No. 6 Hofstra at McGuirk Alumni Stadium. UMass had 462 yards of total offense in the game, but was unable to convert on its scoring chances and managed only 14 points on the day. Hofstra opened the game with a 7-0 lead, when Vaughn Sanders rushed 74 yards for a touchdown on the first offensive play for the Flying Dutchmen. The Minutemen then dominated play for the remainder of the first half, but their only points came on a 64-yard touchdown run by Shipp in the second quarter. Doug White missed on a 37-yard field goal attempt in the first quarter, while Jason Cherry had a 31-yard field goal try blocked on the final play of the first half. Hofstra took the lead for good early in the third quarter, when Robert Thomas picked off a Todd Bankhead pass and returned it 15 yards for a touchdown. Giovanni Carmazzi added a pair of touchdown passes later in the quarter, giving the Flying Dutchmen a 27-7 lead heading into the final period. UMass concluded the scoring when Shipp rushed seven yards for his second touchdown of the day with just under five minutes remaining. Bankhead completed 25 of 42 passes on the day for 231 yards, while Shipp added eight receptions for 47 yards. Carmazzi threw for 253 yards in the game to lead the Flying Dutchmen, while also rushing for 75 yards. Kole Ayi had 14 tackles and a sack to lead the UMass defense, with Jeremy Robinson adding 10 tackles and an interception. Doug Shanahan and James Magda both had 11 tackles to lead Hofstra.

Team Statistics	Hofstra	UMass
First Downs	23	22
Rushing Yards	265	231
Passing Yards	253	231
Total Offense	518	462
Passes	22-35	25-42
Interceptions Thrown	1	1
Fumbles / Lost	0 / 0	1 / 0
Penalties / Yards	12 / 120	1 / 16
Punts / Average	6 / 41.2	6 / 43.5
Punt Returns	3-35	4-19
Kickoff Returns	1-20	4-68
Time of Possession	30:47	29:13

Scoring Summary	y	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	—	Total
Hofstra		7	0	20	0	—	27
UMass		0	7	0	7	—	14

1st 12:12 HU—Sanders 74 run (Johnson kick)
2nd 6:11 UM—Shipp 64 run (Cherry kick)
3rd 11:49 HU—Thomas 15 interception return (Johnson kick blocked)
7:20 HU—Adams 22 pass from Carmazzi (Johnson kick)
0:56 HU—Maxwell 4 pass from Carmazzi (Johnson kick)
4th 4:52 UM—Shipp 7 run (D. White kick)



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Stat Leaders	Hofstra	UMass
Rushing	Jones (22-111-0) Sanders (4-79-1) Carmazzi (13-75-0)	Shipp (30-200-2)
Passing	Carmazzi (22-35-253-2-1)	Bankhead (25-42-231-0-1)
Receiving	Maxwell (9-84-1) Jackson (6-77-0) Roy (4-63-0)	Shipp (8-47-0) Higgins (6-63-0) Zullo (5-51-0)

Game #5 • UMass 77, Northeastern 0

October 9, 1999 • Amherst, Mass.

The Minutemen used one of the most dominating performances in school history to post a 77-0 victory over Northeastern on Band Day at McGuirk Alumni Stadium. UMass tied the school record for points scored and margin of victory, while generating 545 yards of total offense in the game. The defense was just as impressive, allowing the Huskies only 72 total yards and forcing eight turnovers. UMass tied a school single-game record with six interceptions, while holding Northeastern to -11 rushing yards in the contest. The Minutemen took a 14-0 lead after one quarter thanks to one-yard scoring runs by Marcel Shipp and Todd Bankhead. UMass then blew the game wide open in the second period, adding five more touchdowns to make the score 49-0 at the break. Shipp scored two more times in the quarter, while Kevin Quinlan added a touchdown run and Bankhead hit Adrian Zullo with a pair of scoring passes. Shipp, Quinlan and Tre Brady would add scoring runs in the second half, with Corey Potter also intercepting a pass and running it back 37 yards for a touchdown. The defense allowed Northeastern to cross midfield only once in the game, with the Huskies advancing to the UMass 47 on their second possession of the day before they were forced to punt. Shipp ran 24 times for 110 yards and four touchdowns, despite not playing after the first drive of the second half. Quinlan added 127 yards and two scores on 24 carries, while Brady had 38 yards and a touchdown on seven attempts. Todd Bankhead hit on 14 of 19 attempts for 194 yards and two touchdowns, with Zullo catching seven passes for 115 yards and two scores. Northeastern's L.J. McKanas could manage only 15 yards on six carries, while Jason Quinlan completed only seven of 19 passes for 45 yards with three picks. Potter led the defense with a pair of interceptions in the game, while Jeremy Robinson had a team-high five tackles to go along with an interception. Willie Hemmer, Matt Dawson and Bill Barry also added interceptions, while Joel Sarapin had three sacks. Brian Whitman and Nick Bromley both had 10 tackles to lead the Huskies.

Team Statistics	Northeastern n	UMass
First Downs	6	28
Rushing Yards	-11	320
Passing Yards	83	225
Total Offense	72	545
Passes	13-32	19-25
Interceptions Thrown	6	2
Fumbles / Lost	2 / 2	1 / 0
Penalties / Yards	8 / 67	12 / 103
Punts / Average	8 / 39.4	1 / 53.0
Punt Returns	0-0	8-100
Kickoff Returns	8-169	1-38
Time of Possession	21:04	38:56

Scoring Summary	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	—	Total
Northeastern	0	0	0	0	—	0
UMass	14	35	21	7	—	77

1st	12:12	UM—Shipp 1 run (Cherry kick)
	6:27	UM—Bankhead 1 run (D. White kick)
2nd	14:53	UM—Zullo 18 pass from Bankhead (Cherry kick)
	12:16	UM—Zullo 15 pass from Bankhead (D. White kick)
	11:45	UM—Quinlan 19 run (Cherry kick)
	4:54	UM—Shipp 3 run (D. White kick)
	1:59	UM—Shipp 1 run (Cherry kick)
3rd	13:57	UM—Shipp 27 run (D. White kick)
	3:09	UM—Quinlan 1 run (Cherry kick)
	2:45	UM—Potter 37 interception return (D. White kick)
4th	3:04	UM—Brady 18 run (Cherry kick)

Stat Leaders	Northeastern	UMass
Rushing	McKanas (6-15-0)	Quinlan (24-127-2) Shipp (24-110-4) Brady (7-38-1)
Passing	Quinlan (7-19-45-0-3) Browne (4-8-27-0-1) Valett (2-5-11-0-2)	Bankhead (14-19-194-2-2) Seibert (5-6-31-0-0)
Receiving	Alsop (4-18-0)	Zullo (7-115-2)

Game #6 • UMass 38, Maine 17

October 16, 1999 • Orono, Maine

Twenty-fifth ranked UMass used a dominating second-half performance to post a come-from-behind 38-17 victory over Maine at Alford Stadium. The Minutemen looked sluggish during the first two periods and trailed 17-10 at the break, but they came back to outscore Maine 28-0 after intermission and run away with the victory. UMass outgained the Black Bears, 344-117, in the second half, including a 198-19 advantage in rushing yards. Marcel Shipp led the Minutemen with 256 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 30 carries. UMass appeared to start off the game strong when Jerard White intercepted a pass on Maine's first possession and Todd Bankhead hit Adrian Zullo with a 36-yard touchdown pass on the next play to give the Minutemen an early 7-0 lead. But UMass could manage only a 27-yard field goal from Jason Cherry the remainder of the half, while the Black Bears used a pair of Brent Naccara touchdown runs and a 22-yard field goal by Todd Jagoutz to build a 17-10 lead at half-time. The Minutemen came out on fire in the second half, with Bankhead scoring on a one-yard run and also hitting Sean Higgins with a 24-yard scoring strike to put UMass back on top 24-17 entering the fourth quarter. Shipp then took control of the game, rushing nine times for 152 yards in the final period, including scoring runs of eight and 50 yards. Bankhead completed 15 of 22 passes for 191 yards and a pair of scores, with Zullo bringing in four catches for 115 yards and a touchdown. Maine's Jake Eaton completed 16 of 26 passes for 185 yards with two interceptions, while Naccara ran 15 times for 73 yards. Kole Ayi led the UMass defense with 13 tackles, while Corey Potter added 10 tackles and White made four pass breakups. Terry Harris led the Maine defense with 10 tackles.

Team Statistics	UMass	Maine
First Downs	16	18
Rushing Yards	257	107
Passing Yards	191	238
Total Offense	448	345
Passes	15-23	20-38
Interceptions Thrown	1	2
Fumbles / Lost	0 / 0	2 / 0
Penalties / Yards	9 / 65	8 / 58
Punts / Average	5 / 39.6	8 / 38.4
Punt Returns	4-36	2-25
Kickoff Returns	4-83	4-61
Time of Possession	24:11	35:49



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Scoring Summary	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	—	Total
UMass	10	0	14	14	—	38
Maine	6	11	0	0	—	17

1st	13:24	UMass—Zullo 36 pass from Bankhead (Cherry kick)
	7:57	Maine—Naccara 1 run (Jagoutz kick failed)
	0:30	UMass—Cherry 27 field goal
2nd	6:50	Maine—Jagoutz 22 field goal
	0:42	Maine—Naccara 34 run (Naccara pass from Eaton)
3rd	9:11	UMass—Higgins 24 pass from Bankhead (D. White kick)
	0:04	UMass—Bankhead 1 run (Cherry kick)
4th	8:34	UMass—Shipp 50 run (D. White kick)
	3:45	UMass—Shipp 8 run (Cherry kick)

Stat Leaders	UMass	Maine
Rushing	Shipp (30-256-2)	Naccara (15-73-2) English (13-41-0)
Passing	Bankhead (15-22-191-2-1)	Eaton (16-26-185-0-2) Scott (4-12-53-0-0)
Receiving	Shipp (5-9-0) Zullo (4-115-1) Higgins (4-44-1)	Hayes (5-73-0) Wilmot (4-44-0) McGeoghan (4-28-0)

Game #7 • UMass 26, Delaware 19

October 23, 1999 • Newark, Del.

Twenty-fourth ranked UMass used a dominating defensive performance to post a come-from-behind 26-19 victory over No. 18 Delaware in front of 19,590 fans at Delaware Stadium. The win was only UMass' third in 22 games against the Blue Hens, and first at Newark since 1990. The Minutemen surrendered only 247 total yards in the game, with Delaware's longest drive going for just 45 yards. The Blue Hens could also manage only 107 rushing yards in the game, after entering the contest with an Atlantic 10-best average of 229.5 rushing yards. Marcel Shipp led the UMass offense with 176 yards on a career-high 44 carries. The Minutemen opened the scoring midway through the first quarter, when Todd Bankhead capped off a 63-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown run. But the Blue Hens would rebound with three touchdowns in the next 20 minutes, set up by a pair of interceptions and a blocked punt. Jamin Elliott, Steve Ricco and Butter Pressey all scored rushing touchdowns for Delaware, but a pair of missed conversions left the score at 19-7 in the second quarter. The UMass offense then came back to life, with Shipp scoring from one yard out to finish off an 86-yard drive and make the score 19-14. An interception by Jeremy Robinson then set up a 34-yard field goal by Doug White on the final play of the half, cutting Delaware's lead to 19-17 at the break. Neither team had much success moving the ball in the third quarter, but late in the period Kole Ayi picked off a Matt Nagy pass and returned it to the Blue Hen seven-yard line to put UMass in business. Three plays later, Jason Cherry kicked a 21-yard field goal to give the Minutemen the lead for good. Shipp added a 23-yard touchdown run midway through the fourth quarter, and also had a key two-yard run on fourth and one with less than two minutes to go to secure the win. Bankhead completed 20 of 33 passes in the game for 191 yards, with Adrian Zullo making seven receptions for 83 yards. Pressey led the Delaware offense by rushing for 50 yards on 10 carries, while Nagy completed six of 18 passes for 122 yards with two picks. Ayi led the UMass defense with 11 tackles and his interception, while Corey Potter had three sacks among his 10 tackles. Brian McKenna led the Blue Hens with 17 tackles and an interception.

Team Statistics	UMass	Delaware
First Downs	22	13
Rushing Yards	165	107
Passing Yards	191	140
Total Offense	356	247
Passes	20-34	7-21
Interceptions Thrown	3	2
Fumbles / Lost	0 / 0	4 / 1
Penalties / Yards	5 / 55	8 / 77
Punts / Average	7 / 33.6	8 / 30.4
Punt Returns	4-27	3-17
Kickoff Returns	4-86	5-58
Time of Possession	33:12	26:48

Scoring Summary	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	—	Total
UMass	7	10	0	9	—	26
Delaware	7	12	0	0	—	19

1st	7:53	UM—Bankhead 1 run (Cherry kick)
	4:56	UD—Elliott 9 run (Sizemore kick)
2nd	10:24	UD—Ricco 11 run (Sizemore kick failed)
	6:19	UD—Pressey 20 run (Nagy pass failed)
	2:41	UM—Shipp 1 run (D. White kick)
	0:00	UM—D. White 34 field goal
4th	14:53	UM—Cherry 21 field goal
	8:02	UM—Shipp 23 run (Cherry kick failed)

Stat Leaders	UMass	Delaware
Rushing	Shipp (44-176-2)	Pressey (10-50-1) Ricco (9-38-1) Cummings (6-36-0)
Passing	Bankhead (20-33-191-0-3) Bowman (0-1-0-0-0)	Nagy (6-18-122-0-2) Ginn (1-3-18-0-0)
Receiving	Zullo (7-83-0) Higgins (5-55-0) Shipp (4-27-0)	Elliott (3-70-0)

Game #8 • UMass 31, Rhode Island 9

October 30, 1999 • Amherst, Mass.

The 20th-ranked Minutemen used another dominating defensive performance to post a 31-9 victory over Rhode Island on Family Day at McGuirk Alumni Stadium. UMass surrendered only 249 total yards in the game, while holding an opponent to less than 10 points for the second time on the season. Todd Bankhead led a balanced offensive effort for the Minutemen by completing 16 of 27 passes for 322 yards and a pair of touchdowns. The Rams scored the first points of the game early in the first quarter on a 26-yard field goal by Ryan Szczesniak after the Minutemen turned the ball over in their own territory on a fumbled lateral. UMass came back with two touchdowns before the end of the first period, with Adrian Zullo scoring from 49 yards out on a reverse and Jimmie Howard taking in a 21-yard pass from Bankhead. Bankhead and Howard hooked up again early in the second quarter on a 68-yard scoring play, giving the Minutemen a 21-3 lead before the Rams had even gained a first down. Marcel Shipp added a one-yard touchdown run later in the period, while Jeremy Robinson intercepted a Vince Nedimyer pass in the end zone to keep the Rams from scoring any more points before halftime. UMass would score its final points on a 23-yard field goal by Jason Cherry in the third quarter, then Rhode Island concluded the scoring when Matt Birkett caught a nine-yard pass from Ken Mastrole in the fourth quarter. Zullo led a trio of UMass receivers with over 80 yards, catching four passes for 96 yards. Eric Bross had three catches for 81 yards and Howard made his two scoring catches for 89 yards, while Steve Ley had a career-high four receptions for 38 yards. Mastrole led the Ram offense by completing 18 of 30 passes for 134 yards and a score. Kole Ayi had a game-high 17 tackles and a pair of sacks for the Minutemen, while Aaron Parker added eight tackles, two sacks and a forced

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fumble. Jerard White broke up four passes, recovered a fumble and made eight tackles, while Robinson added three pass breakups and eight tackles to go with his interception. Lance Small led the Ram defense with 10 tackles and an interception.

Team Statistics	Rhode Island	UMass
First Downs	18	16
Rushing Yards	49	141
Passing Yards	200	322
Total Offense	249	463
Passes	25-45	16-27
Interceptions Thrown	3	1
Fumbles / Lost	2 / 1	2 / 2
Penalties / Yards	5 / 35	7 / 63
Punts / Average	7 / 39.4	4 / 37.5
Punt Returns	2-21	3-36
Kickoff Returns	6-128	3-77
Time of Possession	36:44	23:16

Scoring Summary	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	—	Total
Rhode Island	3	0	0	6	—	9
UMass	14	14	3	0	—	31

1st 11:02 URI—Szczesniak 26 field goal
 5:58 UM—Zullo 49 run (Cherry kick)
 0:59 UM—Ji. Howard 21 pass from Bankhead (D. White kick)
 2nd 14:04 UM—Ji. Howard 68 pass from Bankhead (Cherry kick)
 6:52 UM—Shipp 1 run (D. White kick)
 3rd 9:30 UM—Cherry 23 field goal
 4th 7:40 URI—Birkett 9 pass from Mastrole (Szczesniak kick failed)

Stat Leaders	Rhode Island	UMass
Rushing	Jamison (15-42-0) Nedimyer (8-24-0)	Zullo (1-49-1) Shipp (23-48-1) Quinlan (4-29-0)
Passing	Mastrole (18-30-134-1-1) Nedimyer (7-15-66-0-1)	Bankhead (16-27-322-2-1)
Receiving	Wellington (7-49-0) Tajong (4-28-0)	Zullo (4-96-0) Ley (4-38-0)

Game #9 • UMass 33, Richmond 6

November 6, 1999 • Richmond, Va.

The 17th-ranked Minutemen used another outstanding defensive performance to post a 33-6 victory on the road against defending Atlantic 10 champion Richmond. The UMass defense allowed Richmond only six points and 266 yards of total offense on the day, while also blocking a field goal and a punt. On the offensive side of the ball, Adrian Zullo led a balanced attack with 11 receptions for 210 yards and a touchdown. Zullo broke the school record for receiving yards in a game, while tying the single-game mark for most catches. The game was scoreless after the first quarter, thanks to a blocked field goal by Chris Price and Dan Schneider, before the Minutemen exploded for 19 points in the second period. Marcel Shipp opened the scoring with a one-yard run midway through the second quarter to cap off a 17-play, 99-yard drive. Zullo increased the lead to 14-0 on UMass' next possession, scoring from 26 yards out on a reception from Todd Bankhead. On Richmond's next possession, Compton Webster blocked a Tom Mahony punt through the end zone for a safety, making the UMass lead 16-0. The Minutemen then came down the field and added a 25-yard field goal by Jason Cherry to make the score 19-0 at the break. UMass picked up right where it left off in the third quarter, taking the opening kickoff and marching 62 yards for a touchdown, with Bankhead scoring from 28 yards out on a scramble. Richmond would score its lone points of the game late in the third quarter on a four-yard run by Jimmie Miles, then Bankhead concluded the scoring with a five-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. Bankhead completed 21 of

27 passes for 296 yards and one touchdown, while also rushing five times for 26 yards and a pair of scores. Shipp added 76 yards rushing for UMass. Miles completed 10 of 27 passes for 104 yards with an interception for the Spiders, while being held to one rushing yard on 10 attempts. Kole Ayi led the UMass defense with 16 tackles, while Price added six tackles, a sack and the blocked kick. Brian Smith also had a big day, totaling 10 tackles and an interception. Toby Booker led the Richmond defense with 13 tackles and a fumble recovery.

Team Statistics	UMass	Richmond
First Downs	23	17
Rushing Yards	137	162
Passing Yards	296	104
Total Offense	433	266
Passes	21-27	10-27
Interceptions Thrown	0	1
Fumbles / Lost	1 / 1	1 / 0
Penalties / Yards	4 / 25	6 / 50
Punts / Average	5 / 36.8	7 / 31.3
Punt Returns	5-48	4-40
Kickoff Returns	2-36	3-34
Time of Possession	27:30	32:30

Scoring Summary	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	—	Total
UMass	0	19	7	7	—	33
Richmond	0	0	6	0	—	6

2nd 7:34 UM—Shipp 1 run (Cherry kick)
 5:14 UM—Zullo 26 pass from Bankhead (D. White kick)
 3:10 UM—Webster safety
 0:42 UM—Cherry 25 field goal
 3rd 13:53 UM—Bankhead 28 run (Cherry kick)
 2:35 UR—Miles 4 run (Miles pass failed)
 4th 3:07 UM—Bankhead 5 run (D. White kick)

Stat Leaders	UMass	Richmond
Rushing	Shipp (32-76-1) Quinlan (5-47-0)	Turner (15-57-0) Fulton (9-40-0) Gustus (3-31-0)
Passing	Bankhead (21-27-296-1-0)	Miles (10-27-104-0-1)
Receiving	Zullo (11-210-0)	Jones (4-32-0)

Game #10 • UMass 25, William & Mary 16

November 13, 1999 • Williamsburg, Va.

The 17th-ranked Minutemen used a balanced offensive attack and a strong defensive performance to post a 25-16 victory over William & Mary at Zable Stadium. Marcel Shipp led the offense by rushing for 210 yards and all three UMass touchdowns on 35 carries, while Todd Bankhead completed 22 of 37 passes for 250 yards. The defense surrendered only 190 total yards in the game, after the Tribe entered the contest averaging 422.9 yards. The Minutemen opened the scoring late in the first quarter, when Jason Cherry capped off a 71-yard drive with a 30-yard field goal. William & Mary came right back with a 42-yard field goal by Brent Sterba on its next possession, to tie the score at 3-3 after one period. UMass regained the lead in the second quarter when a snap went over the head of Tribe quarterback David Corley, and Dan Schneider chased him out of the end zone for a safety. The Minutemen held on to their 5-3 lead until the third quarter, when Hameen Ali scored on a seven-yard run to put William & Mary ahead 10-5. Shipp would then take control of the game, scoring his first touchdown on a 14-yard run to put UMass back in the lead for good, 11-10, late in the third quarter. Shipp added touchdown runs of three and two yards during the final period, while the Tribe scored their final points on a five-yard run by Marcus Howard. Adrian Zullo led the UMass receivers with six catches for 72 yards, while Sean Higgins totaled six receptions for

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71 yards. Corley, who went on to win Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year honors, completed only eight of 18 passes on the day for 104 yards, while also being held to nine rushing yards on 14 attempts. Ali led the Tribe rushing attack with 85 yards on 11 carries, while Mike Leach caught four passes for 44 yards. Jeremy Robinson led the UMass defense with 10 tackles on the day, including three sacks for 29 yards. Kole Ayi added six tackles with a sack and a forced fumble, while Lance Overby also had six tackles on the day. Jason Sisto led the William & Mary defense with 16 tackles and a sack.

Team Statistics	UMass	William & Mary
First Downs	28	9
Rushing Yards	234	86
Passing Yards	250	104
Total Offense	484	190
Passes	22-37	8-18
Interceptions Thrown	2	0
Fumbles / Lost	2 / 1	4 / 1
Penalties / Yards	5 / 47	4 / 31
Punts / Average	4 / 35.8	7 / 40.6
Punt Returns	5-37	2-6
Kickoff Returns	5-70	4-84
Time of Possession	35:49	24:11

Scoring Summary	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	—	Total
UMass	3	2	6	14	—	25
William & Mary	3	0	7	6	—	16

1st 3:48 UM—Cherry 30 field goal
 2:35 W&M—Sterba 42 field goal
 2nd 11:47 UM—Schneider safety
 3rd 13:09 W&M—Ali 7 run (Sterba kick)
 4:32 UM—Shipp 14 run (Shipp run failed)
 4th 14:00 UM—Shipp 4 run (Cherry kick)
 9:36 W&M—Howard 5 run (Corley pass failed)
 2:27 UM—Shipp 2 run (D. White kick)

Stat Leaders	UMass	William & Mary
Rushing	Shipp (35-210-3) Quinlan (10-27-0)	Ali (11-85-1) Howard (6-22-1)
Passing	Bankhead (22-37-250-0-2)	Corley (8-18-104-0-0)
Receiving	Zullo (6-72-0) Higgins (6-71-0) Shipp (4-41-0)	Leach (4-44-0)

Game #11 • UMass 62, Connecticut 20

November 20, 1999 • Amherst, Mass.

The 13th-ranked Minutemen completely dominated play on both sides of the ball to defeat Connecticut 62-20 at McGuirk Alumni Stadium in their final regular season game of the year. In winning its seventh straight game, UMass ran up 599 yards of total offense in the contest, with 317 yards coming through the air and 282 yards coming on the ground. The Huskies totaled just 254 yards on the day, including 81 rushing yards. Marcel Shipp opened the scoring with a pair of one-yard touchdown runs in the first quarter, giving UMass a 14-0 lead after one period. Eric Bross added a pair of scoring catches in the second quarter, both coming on passes from Todd Bankhead, while Jerard White scored a touchdown on a 60-yard interception return. Jason Cherry added a 28-yard field goal on the final play of the first half to put the Minutemen ahead 38-0 at intermission. Shipp added another one-yard scoring run in the third quarter, then Kevin Quinlan scored on a 17-yard run to build the lead to 52-0 before the Huskies finally put points on the board with a 37-yard pass from Brian Hoffman to John Taxiltaridis. UMass' remaining points were scored on a 26-yard pass from Kelly Seibert to DeShon Hardy and a 34-yard field goal by Doug White,

while Connecticut added touchdowns on an 18-yard pass from Hoffmann to Ayo Sorrells and a 70-yard fumble return by Jeff Delucia. Bankhead led the UMass offense by completing 19 of 24 passes for 232 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions, despite playing only one series after half-time. Shipp ran 24 times for 142 yards and three scores, while Quinlan added 100 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries. Adrian Zullo had four receptions in the game for 59 yards, while Pete Cariello added four catches for 27 yards. Connecticut starting quarterback Luke Richmond completed only three of 17 passes on the day for 60 yards with two interceptions, while Taber Small was limited to only 57 rushing yards on 13 carries. Compton Webster, Brian Smith and Dan Healey all had five tackles on the day, while Lance Overby had an interception, a forced fumble, three tackles and two quarterback hurries. Kamari Stroman had a game-high 15 tackles for the Huskies.

Team Statistics	Connecticut	UMass
First Downs	10	27
Rushing Yards	81	282
Passing Yards	173	317
Total Offense	254	599
Passes	8-27	26-36
Interceptions Thrown	3	0
Fumbles / Lost	1 / 1	1 / 1
Penalties / Yards	6 / 39	12 / 86
Punts / Average	6 / 42.3	3 / 56.0
Punt Returns	2-10	4-13
Kickoff Returns	6-90	3-82
Time of Possession	21:31	38:29

Scoring Summary	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	—	Total
Connecticut	0	0	6	14	—	20
UMass	14	24	21	3	—	62

1st 10:32 UM—Shipp 1 run (Cherry kick)
 5:20 UM—Shipp 1 run (D. White kick)
 2nd 13:36 UM—Bross 41 pass from Bankhead (Cherry kick)
 12:35 UM—J. White 60 interception return (D. White kick)
 6:56 UM—Bross 9 pass from Bankhead (Cherry kick)
 0:00 UM—Cherry 28 field goal
 3rd 12:06 UM—Shipp 1 run (D. White kick)
 10:59 UM—Quinlan 17 run (Cherry kick)
 8:38 UC—Taxiltaridis 37 pass from Hoffmann (Morelli rush failed)
 2:03 UM—Hardy 26 pass from Seibert (D. White kick)
 4th 10:19 UC—Sorrells 18 pass from Hoffmann (Small pass failed)
 5:30 UM—D. White 34 field goal
 1:28 UC—Delucia 70 fumble return (Deignan pass from Hoffmann)

Stat Leaders	Connecticut	UMass
Rushing	Small (13-57-0)	Shipp (24-142-3) Quinlan (16-100-1) Brady (6-29-0)
Passing	Richmond (3-17-60-0-2) Hoffmann (5-9-113-2-1)	Bankhead (19-24-232-2-0) Seibert (6-9-76-1-0) Gornish (1-2-9-0-0)
Receiving	Timko (3-31-0)	Zullo (4-59-0) Cariello (4-27-0)



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NCAA First Round

Game #12 • UMass 30, Furman 23 (OT)

November 27, 1999 • Greenville, S.C.

Marcel Shipp scored on a one-yard touchdown run in overtime to lift the 10th-ranked Minutemen to a 30-23 victory over No. 8 Furman in the first round of the NCAA I-AA Playoffs at Paladin Stadium. Shipp totaled 170 rushing yards on 36 carries in the victory, while scoring a pair of touchdowns. The Paladins opened the scoring on their first possession of the game with a one-yard touchdown run by Derek Russell, but the Minutemen came right back with a 15-yard scoring pass from Todd Bankhead to Adrian Zullo to tie the score at 7-7. UMass would take a 10-7 lead in the second quarter on a 34-yard field goal by Jason Cherry, but then Russell added another one-yard touchdown run to give Furman a 14-10 advantage at the break. The Minutemen regained the lead in the third quarter on a 13-yard scoring run by Shipp, before Russell added his third one-yard touchdown run to put the Paladins back in front 20-16. UMass came right back with a 31-yard touchdown pass from Bankhead to Sean Higgins, and had a chance to increase the lead before Shipp was stripped of the ball at the Furman one-yard line to halt a Minuteman drive. Following the turnover, the Paladins moved down the field and tied the score at 23-23 on a 39-yard field goal by Jason Wells. Neither team was able to score again in regulation, with Wells missing a 37-yard field goal with less than 15 seconds remaining. UMass received the ball first in the overtime and scored on only four plays, with Shipp scoring his second touchdown of the game to give UMass a 30-23 lead. On Furman's overtime possession, Matt Dawson tackled Des Kitchings for a four-yard loss, then Aaron Parker sacked Justin Hill for a six-yard loss to make it third and 20. The Minutemen then forced a pair of incompletions on the final two plays to seal the victory. Bankhead completed 28 of 41 passes for 287 yards and a pair of touchdowns with no interceptions, with Zullo catching 10 passes for 121 yards and a score. Louis Ivory led Furman with 143 rushing yards on 19 carries, while Hill completed 15 of 25 passes for 183 yards with one interception. Jeremy Robinson led the UMass defense with 13 tackles, a fumble recovery and a pass breakup, while Will Bouton and John Keith both had 16 tackles for Furman.

Team Statistics	UMass	Furman
First Downs	28	25
Rushing Yards	202	240
Passing Yards	287	183
Total Offense	489	423
Passes	28-41	15-25
Interceptions Thrown	0	1
Fumbles / Lost	2 / 1	1 / 1
Penalties / Yards	4 / 21	6 / 36
Punts / Average	4 / 39.8	4 / 34.3
Punt Returns	2-13	1-8
Kickoff Returns	4-58	5-92
Time of Possession	29:50	30:10

Scoring Summary	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	—	Total
UMass	7	3	13	0	7	—	30
Furman	7	7	6	3	0	—	23

1st 8:53 FU—Russell 1 run (Wells kick)
 5:00 UM—Zullo 15 pass from Bankhead (Cherry kick)
 2nd 14:21 UM—Cherry 34 field goal
 5:57 FU—Russell 1 run (Wells kick)
 3rd 11:05 UM—Shipp 13 run (D. White kick blocked)
 8:33 FU—Russell 1 run (Hill pass failed)
 5:01 UM—Higgins 31 pass from Bankhead (Cherry kick)
 4th 11:21 FU—Wells 39 field goal
 OT — UM—Shipp 1 run (D. White kick)

Stat Leaders	UMass	Furman
Rushing	Shipp (36-170-2)	Ivory (19-143-0) Hill (19-40-0) Kitchings (7-26-0)
Passing	Bankhead (28-41-287-2-0)	Hill (15-25-183-0-1)
Receiving	Zullo (10-121-1) Higgins (5-87-1) Cariello (5-35-0)	Kitchings (5-83-0) Smerdzinski (4-40-0)

NCAA Quarterfinals

Game #13 • Georgia Southern 38, UMass 21

December 4, 1999 • Statesboro, Ga.

In a rematch of the 1998 NCAA I-AA title game, Walter Payton Award winner Adrian Peterson rushed for 333 yards and five touchdowns on 32 carries, to lead No. 2 Georgia Southern to a 38-21 victory over the 10th-ranked and defending NCAA champion Minutemen in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Playoffs at Paulson Stadium. The game began as a defensive struggle, with the Eagles scoring the only points of the first quarter on a safety when Todd Bankhead was tripped in the UMass end zone. But the Minutemen came right back on their next possession and marched 80 yards on 11 plays for a touchdown, with Marcel Shipp going in from two yards out for the score. The Eagles regained the lead before intermission on Peterson's first touchdown, with the two-point conversion giving Georgia Southern a 10-7 halftime lead. UMass took the opening kickoff of the second half and went 69 yards to take a 14-10 lead on Shipp's two-yard scoring run. The Eagles would then go back on top with a pair of scoring runs from Peterson, taking a 24-14 lead into the fourth quarter. The Minutemen cut the lead to 24-21 on an eight-yard touchdown pass from Bankhead to Pete Cariello, but were unable to get any closer. Peterson added two more touchdowns late in the fourth quarter to conclude the scoring. Shipp finished the day with 28 carries for 104 yards and two touchdowns, while also catching seven passes for 68 yards. Bankhead completed 21 of 33 passes for 316 yards and one score, with Adrian Zullo bringing in six receptions for 102 yards and Cariello catching five passes for 84 yards and a touchdown. Compton Webster led the UMass defense with 11 tackles and a fumble recovery, while Paul Bolden and Dan Schneider both totaled nine tackles. Georgia Southern had 470 of its 500 yards of total offense on the ground, with Freddy Pesqueira leading the Eagle defense with nine tackles and a sack.

Team Statistics	UMass	Georgia Southern
First Downs	19	23
Rushing Yards	81	470
Passing Yards	316	30
Total Offense	397	500
Passes	21-34	2-6
Interceptions Thrown	1	0
Fumbles / Lost	2 / 1	3 / 1
Penalties / Yards	9 / 78	8 / 73
Punts / Average	5 / 47.2	5 / 40.0
Punt Returns	1-4	2-42
Kickoff Returns	4-76	4-77
Time of Possession	26:37	33:23

Scoring Summary	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	—	Total
UMass	0	7	7	7	—	21
Georgia Southern	2	8	14	14	—	38

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1st 4:40 GSU—Team safety
2nd 13:24 UM—Shipp 2 run (Cherry kick)
2:14 GSU—Peterson 3 run (Peterson run)
3rd 12:47 UM—Shipp 2 run (D. White kick)
10:34 GSU—Peterson 25 run (Chambers kick)
0:00 GSU—Peterson 9 run (Chambers kick)
4th 11:58 UM—Cariello 8 pass from Bankhead (Cherry kick)
6:52 GSU—Peterson 25 run (Chambers kick)
6:11 GSU—Peterson 25 run (Chambers kick)

Stat Leaders	UMass	Georgia Southern
Rushing	Shipp (28-104-2)	Peterson (32-333-5) Coley (8-75-0) Hill (18-57-0)
Passing	Bankhead (21-33-316-1-1) Hardy (0-1-0-0-0)	Hill (1-5-6-0-0) Johnson (1-1-24-0-0)
Receiving	Shipp (7-68-0) Zullo (6-102-0) Cariello (5-84-0)	Hill (1-24-0)

