September 22, 2001 - Kalamazoo College vs. Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

KALAMAZOO - Kalamazoo improved to 3-0 for the first time since 1997 with a 33-23 victory over Rose-Hulman at Angell Field this afternoon. The game featured 88 passing attempts, including 48 by Rose-Hulman.

Kalamazoo had 419 yards of total offense, including 286 yards passing and 149 yards on the ground. Rose-Hulman threw for 333 yards and rushed for 62 for a total of 371 yards.

Bryan Gnyp was 27-of-40 passing for 286 yards with three touchdowns and zero interceptions. His longest completion was 29 yards.

T.J. Thayer had 12 receptions for 120 yards and a touchdown. Andy Graham and Jason Charnley each had touchdown receptions.


Tom Hillemeier was 4-for-4 on field goal attempts, giving the Hornets the edge numerous times in the game. He connected on field goals of 21, 33, 22, and 43 yards. Hillemeier was also 3-for-3 on extra point attempts.

Neil Laws had a big day on the defensive side. He had eight tackles along with a 30-yard interception return late in the game that set the Hornets up at the Rose-Hulman eight-yardline, eventually leading to the touchdown that put the game away.

Mark LaCombe led the team with nine tackles. Brant Haverdink and Brad Zielaskowski each had eight tackles, with Zielaskowski adding a pair of quarterback sacks. Freshman David Bent had four tackles, an interception, and two pass break-ups.

Rose-Hulman quarterback Jared Tharpe was 29-of-48 for 333 yards with two interceptions and zero touchdowns. Tharpe rushed for 12 net yards on 11 carries with two touchdowns. Jake Yoder set a school record with 15 receptions for 183 yards. Jason Short had nine carries for 15 yards and a touchdown.

Kalamazoo hosts Colorado College next Saturday at 1 p.m. The Hornets look to improve to 4-0, a feat they have not accomplished since 1982.

Game Statistics