



2019 MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL

Post-Game Notes

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Superlatives

- Buffalo running back Jaret Patterson set a Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl record with 32 rushing attempts.
- Patterson became the fourth player in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history to rush for more than 100 yards, running for 173 yards and two touchdowns. His 173 yards is the second-most in the history of the bowl, trailing only Jamauri Bogan of Western Michigan, who ran for 215 yards in 2015.
- Buffalo's defense set a Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl record with 5 sacks.
- Buffalo defensive end Malcolm Koonce tied the bowl game record with 2 sacks. WKU's Derik Overstreet had 2 sacks in the 2014 game.
- Charlotte's Markees Watts set a Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl record with 9 assisted tackles. His 11 total tackles is the second-most in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history.
- Buffalo had the two longest scoring drives in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history at 9:07 and 8:26.
- The Bulls marched 75 yards in a record-tying 16 plays, and scored on a 10-yard rush by Patterson with 1:43 left to make it 31-9. Patterson carried the ball 13 times for 81 yards on the drive, which actually covered 90 yards as a 15-yard penalty was assessed on Buffalo during the drive. Old Dominion had a 16-play drive that took 7:17 off the clock in 2016 that resulted in a 34-yard field goal.
- Buffalo also drove 74 yards drive in 15 plays and took 8:26 off the clock in the second quarter, which is the second longest touchdown drive in the 6-year history of the bowl.
- Nafees Lyon of Charlotte finished with 33 punt return yards, one shy of the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl record of 34 set in 2017 by Kylan Nelson of Ohio.
- Buffalo became the eighth team out of the 12 teams that have played in the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl to have scored on its opening drive of the game. After a 3-and-out by Charlotte, Buffalo marched 61 yards in 7 plays and scored on a 15-yard pass from Kyle Vantrease to Antonio Nunn with 9:12 left in the first quarter.
- The 22-yard punt return by Charlotte's Nafees Lyon was the third-longest in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history.
- Teams that hold an advantage in rushing yardage are 6-0 in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history. This year, Buffalo out-gained Charlotte 205-80 on the ground.
- Despite the strongest winds in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history at 20 mph sustained and gusts of more than 30 mph, the teams going with the wind and those heading into the wind each scored 20 points in the game.

Honors

- Jaret Patterson of Buffalo was named the Offensive MVP of the game, joining previous winners Christian Alexander (FIU — '18), Dorian Brown (Ohio — '17), Ray Lawry (Old Dominion — '16), Jamauri Bogan (Western Michigan — '15) and Brandon Doughty (WKU — '14).
- Patterson finished with a Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl record 32 rushing attempts for 173 yards and 2 touchdowns.
- Malcolm Koonce of Buffalo was named the Defensive MVP of the game, joining previous winners Edwin Freeman (FIU — '18), Javon Hagan (Ohio — '17), T.J. Ricks (Old Dominion — '16), Grant DePalma (Western Michigan — '15) and Derik Overstreet (Western Kentucky — '14).
- Koonce finished with 5 tackles, a bowl record-tying 2.0 sacks and a forced fumble.
- Lance Leipold (Buffalo) was the winning head coach, joining Butch Davis (FIU — '18), Frank Solich (Ohio — '17), Bobby Wilder (Old Dominion — '16), P.J. Fleck (Western Michigan — '15) and Jeff Brohm (WKU — '14).

Miscellaneous

- Today's weather at kickoff was 73 degrees with a ESE wind at 20 mph with gusts of more than 30 mph.
- The 73 degree temperature is the lowest in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history, breaking the previous low mark of 79 degrees in 2014.
- The 20 mph sustained winds were the highest in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history, breaking the mark of 17 mph in 2018.
- Buffalo's victory evens the series between the MAC and C-USA at 3-3, with victories alternating between conferences.
- Today's attendance was 13,547.
- Buffalo won the coin toss and elected to defer. Charlotte received and defended the South goal.