

2018 MAKERS WANTED BAHAMAS BOWL Postgame Notes Dec. 21, 2018 Final Score: FIU 35, Toledo 32



## **Superlatives**

• A 3-yard touchdown run by Toledo's Bryant Koback just 23 seconds into the game was the fastest score in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history, surpassing the previous mark of 1:17 by Richie James of Middle Tennessee in 2015.

• That drive covered only 3 yards, which is the shortest drive in Bahamas Bowl history. It broke the mark of 4 yards by Western Michigan in 2015.

• FIU's Christian Alexander set a Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl record for rushing yards by a quarterback with 87 (on 10 carries), breaking the mark of 31 set in 2017 by A.J. Erdely of UAB.

• Alexander also had the longest rushing play by a quarterback in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history of 41 yards.

• FIU's Anthony Jones finished the game with 3 rushing touchdowns (6,30,18), which is the third-most in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history.

• The 52-yard punt by FIU's Stone Wilson was the second-longest in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history.

• FIU overcame the largest deficit to win in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history. FIU trailed 10-0 with 12 seconds left in the first quarter before rallying to win 35-32.

• FIU's 96-yard second quarter drive, which took 7 plays, was the longest drive in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history. In 2015, Western Michigan had a 85-yard drive which took 2 plays.

• The team with the strong 15-20 mph wind at its back scored the first 31 points of the game. Toledo scored the first 10 points in the first quarter, FIU answered with 14 second quarter points and UT scored the first touchdown of the third quarter, all at the North end of the field. FIU broke the streak with a 30-yard run by Anthony Jones at the 3:47 mark of the third quarter.

• Teams going with the wind outscored those heading into the wind 45-22.

• The 29 4th quarter points were the second-most in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history.

• Toledo converted the first 2-point conversion in Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl history when Eli Peters threw a conversion pass to Diontae Johnson with 7:21 left in the game.

• FIU had a Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl record 4 fumbles in the game, but lost only 1.

## Honors

• Christian Alexander of FIU was named the Offensive MVP of the game, joining previous winners Dorian Brown (Ohio - '17), Ray Lawry (Old Dominion - '16), Jamauri Bogan (Western Michigan - '15) and Brandon Doughty (WKU - '14)

• Alexander finished with 209 yards passing (17-of-26) and a Bahamas Bowl quarterback rushing record of 87 yards on 10 attempts.

• Edwin Freeman of FIU was named the Defensive MVP of the game, joining previous winners Javon Hagan (Ohio - '17), T.J. Ricks (Old Dominion - '16), Grant DePalma (Western Michigan - '15) and Derik Overstreet (Western Kentucky - '14)

• Freeman finished with 8 tackles, 5 of which were solo.

• Butch Davis (FIU) was the winning head coach, joining 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 81 degrees with a WSW wind at 17 mph.
- FIU's victory gives C-USA a 3-2 series advantage in the bowl, with victories alternating between conferences.
  - Today's attendance was 13,510.
- Toledo won the coin toss and elected to defer. FIU received and defended the East goal.

