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Army Answers the Call and is Everything Right with College Football

Army provides hope for college football

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USPA NEWS - Lead. Fight. Win. That´s Army West Point´s motto. They did just that over Middle Tennessee State in a 42-0 blowout victory to kickoff the 2020 season. The story was more than that. After a summer of anxiety and uncertainty the Black Knights and the Army cadets gave college football fans everything they have been yearning for.

With 4,300 core cadets in attendance spread out throughout Michie Stadium “Were great! They gave a true home field advantage,“ said Coach Jeff Monken. Cannons were blasting, fans were cheering. And with that, college football is back, even under new guidelines, what is most-special about college football was embraced.

College football has a special relationship with their fans. Once one becomes a fan of a team, whether is a national powerhouse like an Alabama, Ohio State or Notre Dame or yes, even a military academy school, like Army West Point, the relationship with that school and that sports program is with you the rest of your life.

And whether it is ironic or appropriate that of all schools and programs, Army West Point as the school that provided hope and leadership for the 2020 season to move forward, Army proved it can be done.

Tailgating might now be located on the back deck for most fans this season, but the pageantry and tradition of college football today proved it and continue through different and difficult times.

The game itself was never in doubt. Army ran a hurry-up tempo triple option attack and never looked back. The Black Knights scored a touchdown on every offensive possession (minus the final possession of the game) gaining 363 yards in total offense. “It was a complete game. Couldn´t have asked for anything better,“ added Coach Monken.

"I am excited for the seniors," Coach Moken exclaimed, as most coaches use that standard phrase. But here, that phrase means more. Perfectly proven by Senior Linebacker, Jonathan Rhattigan, in his first career start for the Black Knights came up huge registering 5 tackles and running an interception back for a touchdown.

While Army has one week to prepare for their next opponent, Louisiana-Monroe, the rest of country can follow the Black Knight lead and welcome back college football into their lives!

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