



CANADIANS MAKE AN IMPACT IN THE NCAA - WEEK 5

By Lok Tin Yao

Quarterbacks love a deep threat in their receiving corps and Canadian wideout Ismael Bamba (Montreal, QC) is developing into that coveted target for the North Dakota Fighting Sioux. He caught passes of 26, 37, and 40 yards among the prominent Canadians playing NCAA college football south of the border.

The St. Leonards grad tallied six catches for a career high 141 reception yards and had a kickoff return for 39 yards. Defensively, linebacker Curtis Dublanko (Thorsby, AB) accumulated eight tackles as after a strong second half, North Dakota defeated South Dakota, 27-12.

Nevada's John Bender (Cochrane, AB) took part in school history by helping the offense rack up 559 rushing yards in a 63-28 win, eclipsing the prior mark set in 1977 of 545 rushing yards against Sacramento State. The offense had a total of 773 yards in the blowout.

Central Michigan squeaked past Buffalo 20-13 as both schools combined for 845 yards of total offense. Chippewas receiver Kito Poblah (Montreal, QC) snagged four passes for 34 yards and safety Eric Fraser (Burnaby, BC) collected three tackles in the win. Bulls defensive end Bruno Lapointe (Lenoxville, QC) made one tackle.

After failing to put up any offensive points, Wagner College lost a defensive road battle 6-2 at Bryant as linebacker Carl-Olivier Prime (Quebec, CA) gathered nine tackles and scooped up a fumble.

Wofford defensive end Ameet Pall (Montreal, QC) compiled five tackles and two sacks. Despite the strong effort by the sophomore and former Team Canada MVP at the 2007 NFL Global Junior Championship, the Terriers' comeback fell short against Georgia Southern, 26-21.

Oregon smoked Washington State 52-6 for a home victory. Ducks running back Jide Shinaba (Victoria, BC) rushed for 16 yards on four carries. Offensive linemen Tyson Pencer (Delta, BC) and Joe Eppel (Vancouver, BC) both started for the Cougars.

Baylor amassed 374 yards of total offense in a 31-15 triumph over Kent State as Danny Watkins (Kelowna, BC) and Phillip Blake (Brampton, ON) started on the Bears offensive line.

Duke corner Chris Rwabukamba (Windsor, ON) gathered four tackles and a fumble recovery in a 34-26 loss to Virginia Tech, while Idaho State linebacker Nic Edgson (West Vancouver, BC) made four tackles and recovered a fumble in a 38-3 loss to Eastern Washington.

Harvard receiver Marco Iannuzzi (Calgary, AB) pulled in three passes for 22 yards, returned a punt for 13 yards, and ran back a kickoff for 16 yards as the Crimson took the road win over Lehigh 28-14.

Adrian punter Kevin Allaer (Wallaceburg, ON) punted twice for 68 yards in a blowout victory over Kalamazoo 65-15.

Among those putting up defensive numbers, Carson Newman defensive back Blaine Ruttan (Ottawa, ON) had a tackle in a 55-28 win against Mars Hill, Eastern Michigan linebacker Andy Mulumba (Montreal, QC) made a tackle in a 24-12 triumph over Temple, and New Hampshire corner Ryan Hinds (Toronto, ON) had a tackle in a 57-7 win over Towson. Howard linebacker Jean-Mary Patrick (Montreal, QC) took down one ball carrier in a win over Winston-Salem State, 7-3.