

RCA IN THE NEWS

KNIGHTS FALL TO CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN MTAC BOWL

Riverside Christian Academy's varsity football team lost a close one in the Middle Tennessee Athletic Conference Bowl game on Friday night. They were defeated by Christian Community School in a 36-34 battle that lasted until the last minute of the game. It was the Knights' fourth appearance in the MTAC Bowl in five years.

"It's a disappointing way to end the season. We played hard, but I feel like we left some big plays out on the field. I'm very proud of what we accomplished this year, and these seniors have changed this program for the better," said RCA's head coach, Travis Creasy.

On offense, the Knights focused mostly on the passing game. Quarterback Will Eldridge scored RCA's only rushing touchdown on a one-yard run. Eldridge also had 237 passing yards and four passing touchdowns. Adam Hamilton had two catches for 20 yards and one touchdown, Jarrod Trahin had four catches for 98 yards and one touchdown, and Hunter Meeks had three catches for 105 yards and two touchdowns.

"I feel like we got away from the run game early in the second half. I feel like if we had been a little more balanced in our attempts we would have been harder to stop. Will did a great job even after getting banged up late in the first half," said Creasy.

On defense the Knights were led by Jarrod Trahin with seven tackles, a sack, and a pass deflection; Bill Flynt with three tackles and a fumble recovery, Hunter Meeks and Ryan Altimari with seven tackles each, and Jim Hammons with three tackles, a tackle for a loss, and two sacks.

"Our senior leadership showed up big on Friday night especially on defense. We had a lot of players who contributed and were able to adapt to their offense," said Creasy.

On special teams, Kicker Antonio Zita had two punts, both of which were inside the 20-yard line and six kickoffs for a total of 378 yards, five of which were touchbacks.

"We were blessed with some great young men this year. Some that have been at RCA a long time and some who were new to us. They came together and despite adversity overcame and competed with a lot of integrity. At the end of the day, that's a victory. As for our seniors, I expect a lot of them in their next venture. God is good all the time, all the time God is good," said Creasy.

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