Offense defeats defense 12-9 in spring game

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Defense ruled the day to the annual Purple and White spring football game Saturday at Stokes Stadium.
The first-team offense White allowed the first-team defense Purple 12-9 in a game that had 28 points scored from 13 plays in total yards of offense. White led the way with 233 yards of offense — and a 4.4 per-play average — but 77 yards came from one play.

The regular season home opener for the Bulldogs Aug. 28 against Central Missouri, the home-opener is the following Saturday against Ottawa University.

"They give us a lot more difficult backs offensive wise weaker receiver thread Harvey said of the defense.

"Don't know — sometimes play well in the first half you'll still be in this situation. Other times there'll be four-downs and still bring eight. You never know what they're going to do."

Freshman kicker Derek Donkey provided nearly half the scoring while playing for both teams. Keen was 3-for-4 on field goal attempts and perfect from inside the 10 yard line.
The 5.54 mark in the first quarter then find it up for Purple.

After scoring for the rest of the half. Keen again put White with the lead with a 27-yarder with 9:15 left in the third quarter.

"From that we are just going to open it to the run, to do roll

Athlete of the Week

Devon Myers

Devon Myers Sport: Baseball Position: Catcher Year: Sophomore Hometown: Fenton, Mo. Sophomore catcher Devon Myers has been a force this year for the team in home plate. The Mules, who have won five consecutive games and are No. 12 in the MIAA, have scored 11 runs in the last five games. The Bulldogs have scored 11 runs in the last four games.

If Myers is the team's offensive leader, the defense is led by the team's pitcher, senior Tommy Davis. Davis has won four games this season and leads the team with a 2.50 earned run average. He has struck out 38 batters and walked 19 in 39 innings.

The Bulldogs have allowed 33 runs in their last five games, compared to 24 in their first three.

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"He has a really good arm and has got a great eye at the plate," head coach Brian O'Shaughnessy said.

"He is currently in the middle of an 11-game hitting streak. He leads the team in home runs and RBIs."

"In the last five games he has been rolling over the top of the ball preventing the swing, just because of certain situation. He has found to hit it, you have to get it up on the outside."

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