UAB picked up its fourth win of the season, downing Rice 35-20 on Saturday night at Legion Field. UAB is now 4-1 overall and 1-1 in Conference USA.

Following The Return, UAB is yet to lose a game at Legion Field as the Blazers have now won 15 straight in front of the home crowd.

UAB put up 21 points in the second quarter, the first time the Blazers have scored 20+ points in a quarter since the Conference USA Championship game against Middle Tennessee last season.

Redshirt sophomore quarterback Tyler Johnston III threw for 282 yards and three touchdowns as his go-to receivers combined for 257 yards. The ball was spread out to Kendall Parham (three catches, 109 yards, two TDs), Austin Watkins Jr. (five catches, 78 yards, one TD) and Myron Mitchell (three catches, 70 yards). The trio has now combined for 250+ yards three times this season, totaling 260 yards against South Alabama and 277 yards against Akron.

Senior receiver Kendall Parham's total of 109 yards and two touchdowns on the day were both career highs. The Hattiesburg, Miss., native has scored a touchdown in four of five games this season. This is the second time Parham has broken the 100 yard receiving benchmark in the first half this season after putting up 107 yards in the first half against South Alabama.

Parham has now scored at least one 40+ yard touchdown three times this season. The speedster hauled in touchdown passes of 46 and 57 yards against the Rice after running out a 67-yard touchdown on South Alabama and bringing down a 49-yard bomb against Akron. Parham has finished with 20+ yards per catch in each of those contests as he averaged 36.3 ypc on the day. Parham now averages 29.5 ypc on the season, one of the top averages in the country.

Lucious Stanley had a career night on the ground with 19 rush attempts for 88 yards and two touchdowns including a long of 25 yards, all career bests.

UAB outgained Rice by over 100 total yards (409-305) and 111 passing yards (282-171) after averaging 20.1 yards per completion through the game. The Blazer defense came up big in the game as a unit, holding Rice to 4-of-15 on third downs while forcing and recovering four fumbles. Rice was held to 48 yards of total offense in the second half.

UAB’s four forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries increased its streak of consecutive games with at least one fumble recovery to four straight games.

True junior linebacker Kris Moll led the UAB defense in tackles for the second straight week and notched new career highs with 14 total tackles (2.5 TFL), 1.5 sacks and one forced fumble. Moll also had two quarterback hurries, which tied his career high.

Redshirt sophomore Noah Wilder finished second on the team with seven tackles while earning career highs in sacks (1.5), tackles for loss (2.5) and quarterback hurries (2).

Redshirt junior defensive tackle Tony Fair was third on the team with six tackles, adding one sack and one forced fumble to earn career highs with each mark.

Redshirt sophomore safety Grayson Cash and true freshman outside linebacker Alex Wright each made their first career starts for the Blazer defense. Cash made five tackles and forced one fumble in the game, while Wright finished the day with three tackles and one quarterback hurry.