



Vipers bite Florida in South showdown, 69-43

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The Tennessee Valley Vipers overwhelmed the Florida Firecats in the second quarter and never looked back, cruising to 69-43 victory

before 3,726 fans Saturday night at the Von Braun Center.

Vipers QB Kevin Eakin completed 25-of-33 passes for 245 yards and seven touchdowns, with three each going to wide receivers Chris Bocage and Bradly Chavez. Florida QB Chris Wallace completed 26 of 46 passes for 254 yards and six touchdowns with one interception. Bruce Gordon led the Firecats with 10 catches for 116 yards and Bocage 8 for 72 with his three scores for Tennessee Valley.

The Vipers (3-2) led by 20 points at halftime and led it 48-21 early in the second after Eakin's 14-yard pass to Bocage. Florida (2-3) could manage only one touchdown in the third quarter and Tennessee Valley held strong down the stretch.

It was all Vipers in the first half.

The Vipers scored on the game's opening possession when Eakin hit Chavez for a 5-yard touchdown and led 20-14 after Bocage snagged a 5-yarder. Bocage then answered a Florida score with a 55-yard kickoff return and Tennessee valley led it 20-14 after Nick Hayes missed the extra point.

Tennessee Valley would go ahead by 20 after Shipp's 23-yard touchdown catch from Eakin and Benji McDowell's 1-yard interception return. The game stood at 41-21 at the half as Eakin hit Chavez for a 9-yard score.

Tennessee Valley hosts South Georgia next Saturday night at the VBC. Kickoff is set for 7:30.

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
Florida	7	14	7	15	43
Tenn. Valley	14	27	7	21	69

JLS Ironman of the Game: Chris Bocage (TVV)

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