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Franklin, Berkstresser and Mauk compete at the quarterback position.



Senior quarterback James Franklin takes a snap during the Black and Gold Game April 20, 2013. Franklin completed nine of 15 passes for 80 yards and led the Tiger starters on two scoring drives.

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All eyes were on the signal callers at the annual Black and Gold Game Saturday, April 20, 2013, at Memorial Stadium. The temperature and sky were as crisp and bright as the freshly painted Faurot Field turf field as 18,384 Tiger fans cheered and scrutinized senior James Franklin (Corinth, Texas), redshirt sophomore Corbin Berkstresser (Lee's Summit, Mo.) and redshirt freshman Maty Mauk (Kenton, Ohio).

Franklin's experience showed as he completed nine of 15 passes for 80 yards and led Mizzou's No. 1 offense on two scoring drives. Berkstresser finished nine of 18 for 93 yards with two interceptions, while the Buckeye State phenom Mauk endured some growing pains — six of 17 for 72 yards and a pair of picks.

“That was my first game since high school,” Mauk says. “Obviously, I started out a lot slower than I wanted. I had a couple bad reads, but I finished strong and I'm excited about it. I know what I need to work on, and going into fall camp, I'm ready to go.”

The scorekeeping format, which seems to change every season, showed a final score of “Mizzou 1” 21, “Tiger 2” 14. The No. 1 offense and defense played the reserves in the first half, spotting the reserves a 14–0 lead at the start. The starters then sat out the second half, and the No. 2 offense and defense assumed the score established by the starters.

Running back Henry Josey received an ovation after his first carry and another after a 1-yard touchdown in the second quarter. The redshirt junior returns this season after enduring a devastating triple tear of his anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments and his patellar tendon in 2011.

“I think about my injury a lot, but just being out here and not thinking about it was the biggest thing,” Josey says. “I looked forward to the first contact I was able to get.”

Redshirt junior Marcus Murphy (DeSoto, Texas) led all rushers with 28 yards and a touchdown, and sophomore wideout Dorial Green-Beckham (Springfield, Mo.) had the longest reception of the day, a 35 yarder down the sideline in the second quarter.

Redshirt senior defensive end Michael Sam (Hitchcock, Texas) paced the defense with a pair of sacks.



Former Mizzou quarterback Chase Daniel, left, joined Director of Athletics Mike Alden prior to the Black and Gold Game at a groundbreaking ceremony for Memorial Stadium’s east side expansion.

Before the scrimmage, Mizzou Director of Athletics Mike Alden hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the \$46 million expansion of the east side of Memorial Stadium.

The new tower, which will be roughly two-and-a-half times the size of the west tower, will include 1,200 outdoor premium seats, an

upper deck with 4,500 seats and six new elevators.

“The structure will frankly change the skyline of Columbia in this part of town,” said Alden of the project that will be complete in time for the 2014 season.

Former Mizzou and current Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Chase Daniel, BS BA '09, also attended.

“I would be honored to play in this stadium,” said Daniel, referring to the artist’s renderings on display. “Now that I’m an hour and a half down the road in Kansas City, it’s going to make this drive a little bit easier.”

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