

WEEK Three

EASTERN WASHINGTON AT WASHINGTON STATE

PULLMAN, Wash. -- Gardner Minshew threw for 470 yards, James Williams ran for three touchdowns, and Washington State beat Eastern Washington 59-24 on Saturday night to avenge a 2016 loss to its FCS neighbor.

Tay Martin caught 13 passes for 149 yards for Washington State (3-0), which piled up 565 yards of offense.

Gage Gubrud threw three touchdown passes but was intercepted three times for Eastern Washington (2-1), which upset the Cougars 45-42 in Pullman in 2016.

Eastern Washington came in leading the FCS with an average of 623 yards per game, but was limited to 372 yards.

Minshew completed 45 of 57 passes, two for touchdowns, and was not intercepted.

Jalen Thompson intercepted a Gubrud pass to give the Cougars the ball on their own 32. James Williams punched the ball over from the 1 to give Washington State a 7-0 lead.

Minshew's 14-yard touchdown pass to Easop Winston Jr. lifted Washington State to a 14-0 lead.

Eastern Washington drove to Washington State's 19, but had to settle for Roldan Alcobendas' 37-yard field goal.

Travell Harris ran the subsequent kickoff back 100 yards for a touchdown.

Gubrud was intercepted near the goal line by Darrien Molton. Washington State drove 98 yards, and Williams plowed over from the 2 for a 28-3 lead.

But the Eagles were not going away.

Gubrud fired a 26-yard touchdown pass to Andrew Boston to cut Washington State's halftime lead to 28-10.

On the opening drive of the second half, Gubrud hit a wide-open Zach Eagle for a 34-yard touchdown pass to cut WSU's lead to 28-17.

Minshew completed seven consecutive passes as the Cougars drove from their 1 to the EWU 8. Williams covered that distance for his third touchdown and a 35-17 lead.

Gubrud replied with a 44-yard touchdown pass to Dennis Merritt to bring the Eagles within 35-24.

Gubrud was intercepted late in the third by Jahad Woods, giving the Cougars possession on Eastern's 27. But they had to settle for Blake Mazza's 44-yard field goal.

Minshew hit Martin with a 21-yard touchdown pass for a 45-24 lead with 9:47 left in the game and the Eagles did not threaten again.

THE TAKEAWAY

Eastern Washington: Coming into this game, the Eagles had won three of their past eight games against FBS opponents. They clearly belonged on the field with the Cougars for most of this game.

Washington State: Washington State's Air Raid offense gave the Cougars an early lead the Eagles could not overcome.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
EWU	0	10	14	0	24
WSU	14	14	7	24	59

Scoring Summary -----

	EWU	WSU
FIRST QUARTER		
WSU TD 9:27		
James Williams 1 Yd Run (Blake Mazza Kick)	0	7
7 plays, 68 yards, 2:07		
WSU TD 1:45		
Easop Winston 14 Yd pass from Gardner Minshew (Blake Mazza Kick)	0	14
8 plays, 0 yards, 4:01		
SECOND QUARTER		
EWU FG 12:11		
Roldan Alcobendas 37 Yd Field Goal	3	14
11 plays, 60 yards, 4:29		
WSU TD 11:56		
Travell Harris 100 Yd Kickoff Return (Blake Mazza Kick)	3	21
0 plays, 0 yards, 0:00		
WSU TD 2:17		
James Williams 2 Yd Run (Blake Mazza Kick)	3	28
15 plays, 98 yards, 7:20		
EWU TD 0:39		
Andrew Boston 26 Yd pass from Gage Gubrud (Roldan Alcobendas Kick)	10	28
7 plays, 82 yards, 1:33		
THIRD QUARTER		
EWU TD 11:41		
Zach Eagle 34 Yd pass from Gage Gubrud (Roldan Alcobendas Kick)	17	28
9 plays, 75 yards, 3:19		
WSU TD 4:37		
James Williams 8 Yd Run (Blake Mazza Kick)	17	35
8 plays, 99 yards, 4:10		
EWU TD 3:54		
Dennis Merritt 44 Yd pass from Gage Gubrud (Roldan Alcobendas Kick)	24	35
3 plays, 54 yards, 0:43		
FOURTH QUARTER		
WSU FG 14:05		
Blake Mazza 44 Yd Field Goal	24	38
4 plays, 0 yards, 1:25		
WSU TD 9:47		
Davontavean Martin 21 Yd pass from Gardner Minshew (Blake Mazza Kick)	24	45
6 plays, 69 yards, 3:28		
WSU TD 8:24		
Max Borghi 6 Yd Run (Blake Mazza Kick)	24	52
3 plays, 18 yards, 1:17		
WSU TD 1:21		
Robert Lewis 6 Yd pass from Trey Tinsley (Blake Mazza Kick)	24	59
10 plays, 65 yards, 3:35		

Team Stats	EWU	WSU
First Downs	17	36
Total Yards	379	565
Total Plays	71	80
Avg Gain Per Play	5.3	7.1
Net Yards Rushing	148	41
Rushes	35	15
Yards Per Rush	4.2	2.7
Net Yards Passing	231	524
Comp-Att	14-36	51-65
Yards Per Pass	6.4	8.1
Times Sacked	2	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-12	-23
Interceptions	3	0
Punts	4	3
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	6	7
Penalty Yards	52	80
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	23:58	36:02

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
EWU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Tamarick Pierce	6	67	11.2	0	21		
Sam McPherson	16	65	4.1	0	10		
Eric Barriere	2	13	6.5	0	9		
Dennis Merritt	1	-1	-1.0	0	0		
Gage Gubrud	9	-3	-0.3	0	7		
WSU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
James Williams	6	19	3.2	3	8		
Max Borghi	4	15	3.8	1	7		
Keith Harrington	2	11	5.5	0	9		
Gardner Minshew	3	-4	-1.3	0	8		
PASSING							
EWU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Gage Gubrud	14	36	231	6.4	3	3	103.6
WSU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Gardner Minshew	45	57	470	8.2	2	0	159.8
Trey Tinsley	6	8	54	6.8	1	0	173.0
RECEIVING							
EWU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Zach Eagle	4	73	18.3	1	34		
Andrew Boston	4	47	11.8	1	26		
Nsimba Webster	2	46	23.0	0	42		
Dennis Merritt	1	44	44.0	1	44		
Jayson Williams	2	16	8.0	0	11		
Dre' Sonte Dorton	1	5	5.0	0	5		
WSU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Davontavean Martin	13	149	11.5	1	21		
Jamire Calvin	6	70	11.7	0	26		
Dezmon Patmon	5	57	11.4	0	26		
Kyle Sweet	4	44	11.0	0	16		
Easop Winston	6	42	7.0	1	14		
James Williams	4	40	10.0	0	16		
Calvin Jackson Jr.	3	36	12.0	0	13		
Max Borghi	4	30	7.5	0	16		
Renard Bell	2	22	11.0	0	13		
Keith Harrington	2	16	8.0	0	9		
Rodrick Fisher	1	12	12.0	0	12		
Robert Lewis	1	6	6.0	1	6		