

WEEK THIRTEEN

WASHINGTON AT WASHINGTON STATE

Snow Dawgs: No. 16 Washington topples No. 7 Wazzu 28-15  
 PULLMAN, Wash. -- Chris Petersen walked away from the party happening in the end zone where the Apple Cup was being passed around by his players for the sixth straight year. He reached down and grabbed a chunk of the snow that blanketed the turf of Martin Stadium and fired back at the snowballs being flung his way from his two sons.

There was plenty of celebrating by Washington's coach and his players -- snow angels, snowball fights -- after the Huskies continued their dominance over Washington State in an Apple Cup the purple and gold won't soon forget. "I've heard it sucks to lose to the Cougs. I'm glad I don't have to experience it," Washington quarterback Jake Browning said.

Myles Gaskin broke free for an 80-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter, and No. 16 Washington won its second Pac-12 North Division title in three years, beating No. 7 Washington State 28-15 on Friday night.

With blustery winds blowing in waves of snow, Gaskin found enough traction to carry the Huskies into the Pac-12 championship game and ruin yet again the title hopes of Washington State. It was the third straight year the Huskies denied Washington State the North crown.

Gaskin rushed for 170 yards and three touchdowns, a year after running for 192 and four scores against the Cougars. He was the best player on the field on a night Washington needed its senior ball carrier to be just that. The Huskies (9-3, 7-2 Pac-12) will face Utah in the conference title game next Friday in Santa Clara, California. The winner will earn a spot in the Rose Bowl.

"Myles, what do you say? That guy can do it all. He is the ultimate competitor. When you need something good to happen he is the guy that is going to get it done," Petersen said.

Washington State (10-2, 7-2) carried the Pac-12's last remaining hope of finding a way into the College Football Playoff, but the Air Raid was mostly grounded by a combo of snow and Washington's sticky secondary. Gardner Minshew was 26 of 35 for 152 yards.

"We had a lot riding on this game," Minshew said. "Big goals that we have set for ourselves kind of depended on the outcome of this game and we just felt like we let each other down and wanted to win for each other but couldn't do it."

James Williams rushed for two touchdowns and the Cougars trailed 20-15 going to the fourth quarter, the first time since 2008 the game had been within five points going to the final quarter. Gaskin made sure that didn't last long.

Facing third-and-1 at the Washington 20, Gaskin broke through the line and found no one in crimson there to make the stop. He outraced Marcus Strong, getting to the goal line just in time and putting him over 1,000 yards for the season. Gaskin became the first Pac-12 running back to top 1,000 yards rushing in all four seasons.

Gaskin finished his career against Washington State with 10 rushing touchdowns.

"We balled out," Gaskin screamed as he ran off the field in the postgame celebration.

Browning threw for 207 yards, overcoming an interception and fumble to finish his career 4-0 as the Huskies starting QB against their rivals. He made a key third-down conversion early in the third quarter, hitting Hunter Bryant for a 59-yard gain, and on the next play a double-pass had Aaron Fuller hit Bryant for a 22-yard touchdown and a 20-9 lead after the extra point was blocked and returned for a Washington State score.

"It felt good just to be able to help my team and help us get this win ... just to be able to do all the things we want to do with our season," said Bryant who missed the first nine games of the season.

The Cougars' pulled within 20-15 on Williams' 1-yard TD run late in the third quarter but that was as close as Washington State would get.

"I thought it was a unique way to see a football game. The biggest thing is that they came out on top, that's the part really troubling me," Washington State coach Mike Leach said.

THE TAKEAWAY

Washington: The Huskies rushed for 258 yards in the snow and have 533 yards rushing in the past two games.

Washington State: The Cougars have struggled with Washington's pass defense in recent years and the slick conditions made it even more challenging. No Washington State wide receiver had more than four catches.

WASHINGTON BAND

The Washington band did not perform, a day after one of its three charter buses rolled onto its side while traveling from Seattle. The Washington State band performed the Washington fight song "Bow Down to Washington" during a pregame performance on the field. The section of Martin Stadium where the Washington band would have sat was roped off and left empty. The bus crashed Thursday evening on an icy stretch of Interstate 90 in central Washington. Of the 56 people on board, 47 were taken to hospitals for evaluation or treatment.

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WASH	7	7	6	8	28
WSU	0	7	8	0	15

Scoring Summary -----

	WASH	WSU
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
WASH TD 0:08 Myles Gaskin 5 Yd Run (Peyton Henry Kick)	7	0
6 plays, 77 yards, 2:43		
<b>second Quarter</b>		
WASH TD 5:37 Myles Gaskin 5 Yd Run (Peyton Henry Kick)	14	0
9 plays, 80 yards, 4:55		
WSU TD 0:33 James Williams 11 Yd Run (Blake Mazza Kick)	14	7
11 plays, 49 yards, 5:04		
<b>third Quarter</b>		
WASH TD 12:40 Hunter Bryant 22 Yd pass from Aaron Fuller (Peyton Henry PAT blocked)	20	7
4 plays, 75 yards, 2:20		
D2P 12:40 Hunter Dale Defensive PAT Conversion	20	9
4 plays, 75 yards, 2:20		
WSU TD 4:44 James Williams 1 Yd Run (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)	20	15
5 plays, 24 yards, 2:08		
<b>fourth Quarter</b>		
WASH TD 12:30 Myles Gaskin 80 Yd Run (Salvon Ahmed Run for Two-Point Conversion)	28	15
3 plays, 89 yards, 1:34		

Team Stats

	WASH	WSU
First Downs	20	15
Total Yards	487	237
Total Plays	59	59
Avg Gain Per Play	8.3	4.0
Net Yards Rushing	258	85
Rushes	44	24
Yards Per Rush	5.9	3.5
Net Yards Passing	229	152
Comp-Att	12-15	26-35
Yards Per Pass	15.3	4.3
Times Sacked	1	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-17	-17
Interceptions	1	2
Punts	2	5
Punt Average	41.5	42.0
Penalties	6	4
Penalty Yards	47	21
Fumbles	3	2
Fumbles Lost	2	1
<b>Possession</b>	<b>32:50</b>	<b>27:10</b>

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
<b>WASH</b>					
9 Myles Gaskin	27	170	6.3	80	3
26 Salvon Ahmed	9	87	9.7	18	0
3 Jake Browning	6	5	0.8	12	0
<b>WSU</b>					
32 James Williams	11	65	5.9	18	2
21 Max Borghi	5	20	4.0	10	0
16 Gardner Minshew II	7	11	1.6	8	0

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
<b>WASH</b>							
3 Jake Browning	11	14	207	14.8	0	1	188.5
2 Aaron Fuller	1	1	22	22.0	1	0	614.8
<b>WSU</b>							
Gardner Minshew II	26	35	152	4.3	0	2	99.3

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
<b>WASH</b>					
1 Hunter Bryant	3	108	36.0	59	1
5 Andre Baccellia	5	89	17.8	48	0
26 Salvon Ahmed	2	22	11.0	24	0
20 Ty Jones	1	12	12.0	12	0
87 Cade Otton	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
<b>WSU</b>					
21 Max Borghi	7	49	7.0	22	0
32 James Williams	7	30	4.3	18	0
Calvin Jackson Jr.	4	25	6.3	7	0
17 Kyle Sweet	3	19	6.3	8	0
1 Davontavean Martin	3	13	4.3	5	0
8 Easop Winston Jr.	1	11	11.0	11	0
12 Dezmon Patmon	1	5	5.0	5	0