

WEEK EIGHT  
COLORADO at WASHINGTON ST

**Gordon, Borghi lead Washington State past Colorado 41-10**

PULLMAN, Wash. -- After a few frustrating weeks, Washington State coach Mike Leach was pleased to see the Cougars play with a level of consistency that has been absent.

"Consistency and the mental toughness to stay focused from one play to the next," Leach said. "Everyone wants to get ahead of themselves but all you have is that one play in the present moment and you better focus on that one and I thought we did a better job of keeping track of that tonight."

Anthony Gordon passed for 369 yards and four touchdowns and Washington State rolled over Colorado 41-10 on Saturday, snapping the Cougars' three-game losing streak.

Gordon threw a 4-yard TD pass to Max Borghi and a 22-yarder to Dezmon Patmon in the first quarter as the Cougars (4-3, 1/3 Pac-12) jumped to a 14-0 lead, scored touchdowns on their first three drives and cruised to a needed victory. Gordon was 35-of-51 passing and connected with eight different receivers.

The WSU defense was excellent after weeks of getting of getting shredded. Colorado was limited to 320 total yards and quarterback Steven Montez was intercepted twice.

"I think we are emerging defensively," Leach said. "We simplified some things but we are still kind of coming together there a little bit, honestly. I think the defense has some of its best football ahead of us."

Borghi was also outstanding on the ground, rushing for 105 yards, including a 47-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter that gave the Cougars a 21-3 lead.

Montez was 16-of-30 passing for 129 yards. Alex Fontenot had 11 carries for 105 yards, but the Buffaloes' only touchdown came on Laviska Shenault Jr.'s 6-yard TD run in the third quarter that pulled Colorado (3-4, 1-3) within 24-10.

But Gordon responded with a 44-yard TD pass to Brandon Arconado and hit Tay Martin for a 1-yard TD early in the fourth quarter.

Colorado Coach Mel Tucker was frustrated with turnovers and the inability to finish drives.

"We need to be able to score touchdowns, especially against a team like this who can move the ball and score," Tucker said. "That has been an issue for us the past couple of weeks. Obviously, we are moving the ball but we can't finish drives and we missed a couple field goals. Those are thing that we have to get cleaned up."

**TURNOVERS**

Washington State recorded three takeaways, improving to 28-5 since 2015 when forcing multiple turnovers. It was the first time the Cougars intercepted three passes in a game since its win over Eastern Washington last season.

**GROUND GAME**

Borghi posted his third 100-yard rushing game of the season. Borghi is the first Cougar with three 100-yard games in a season since Jerome Harrison had eight in 2005. Borghi also had nine catches, tying a career-high.

**ROUGH DEBUT**

Montez was replaced in the fourth quarter by Tyler Lytle, but he was injured on his first play. Freshman Blake Stenstrom stepped in for the first action of his career and his first pass attempt was intercepted.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Colorado: The Buffaloes lost their third straight and could not get off the field on third downs, continuing a season-long issue. Washington State converted 7-of-14 third downs. The Buffaloes were giving up 49% on third down entering the game.

Washington State: The Cougars were giving up 47.7 points per game in conference play, but didn't allow Colorado out of its own territory on seven of its final nine drives. The Buffaloes have five drives of three plays or less.

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COLO	3	0	7	0	10
WSU	21	3	7	10	41

**Scoring Summary -----**

	COLO	WSU
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
WSU TD 8:42 Max Borghi 4 Yd pass from Anthony Gordon (Blake Mazza Kick)		7
8 plays, 69 yards, 2:11	0	7
WSU TD 6:53 Dezmon Patmon 22 Yd pass from Anthony Gordon (Blake Mazza Kick)		14
3 plays, 26 yards, 0:55	0	14
COLO FG 2:15 James Stefanou 24 Yd Field Goal	3	
11 plays, 68 yards, 4:38	3	14
WSU TD 0:22 Max Borghi 47 Yd Run (Blake Mazza Kick)		21
5 plays, 73 yards, 1:49	3	21
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
WSU FG 0:05 Blake Mazza 20 Yd Field Goal		24
12 plays, 76 yards, 2:58	3	24
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
COLO TD 5:06 Laviska Shenault Jr. 6 Yd Run (James Stefanou Kick)	10	
8 plays, 51 yards, 2:53	10	24
WSU TD 2:16 Brandon Arconado 44 Yd pass from Anthony Gordon (Blake Mazza Kick)		31
7 plays, 81 yards, 2:42	10	31
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
WSU TD 11:31 Davontavean Martin 1 Yd pass from Anthony Gordon (Blake Mazza Kick)		38
9 plays, 65 yards, 4:05	10	38
WSU FG 7:28 Blake Mazza 36 Yd Field Goal		41
4 plays, 2 yards, 1:00	10	41

	COLO	WSU
<b>Team Stats</b>		
First Downs	18	22
Passes for First	6	16
Rushes for First	11	6
Penalties for First	1	0
Third Down Efficiency	5-15	7-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-1
Total Yards	320	497
Total Plays	70	73
Avg Gain Per Play	4.6	6.8
Net Yards Rushing	179	128
Rushes	36	20
Yards Per Rush	5.0	6.4
Net Yards Passing	141	369
Comp-Att	17-34	35-53
Yards Per Pass	4.1	7.0
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-11	-9
Interceptions	3	1
Punts	6	4
Punt Average	42.5	46.3
Penalties	7	7
Penalty Yards	55	70
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	30:55	29:05

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

COLORADO	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Alex Fontenot	11	105	9.5	0	25
Jaren Mangham	8	42	5.3	0	10
Laviska Shenault Jr.	3	16	5.3	1	7
Tony Brown	2	14	7.0	0	12
Joe Davis	4	13	3.3	0	7
Deion Smith	4	-1	-0.3	0	2
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Steven Montez	3	-9	-3.0	0	2
<b>WASHINGTON ST</b>	<b>Rush</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>LONG</b>
Max Borghi	12	105	8.8	1	47
Deon McIntosh	4	27	6.8	0	15
Clay Markoff	1	1	1.0	0	1
Anthony Gordon	3	-5	-1.7	0	4

**PASSING**

COLORADO	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Steven Montez	16	30	129	4.3	0	2	12.4
Blake Stenstrom	1	3	12	4.0	0	1	0.1
Tyler Lytle	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	2.7
<b>WASHINGTON ST</b>	<b>Comp</b>	<b>Att</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Y/A</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>Int</b>	<b>QBRat</b>
Anthony Gordon	35	51	369	7.2	4	1	79.3
Trey Tinsley	0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0.4

**RECEIVING**

COLORADO	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Laviska Shenault Jr.	4	46	11.5	0	24
K.D. Nixon	3	38	12.7	0	29
Tony Brown	3	22	7.3	0	9
Brady Russell	3	20	6.7	0	13
Jaylon Jackson	1	12	12.0	0	12
Alex Fontenot	2	5	2.5	0	6
Maurice Bell	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2
<b>WASHINGTON ST</b>	<b>Rec</b>	<b>Yds</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>LONG</b>
Brandon Arconado	5	109	21.8	1	44
Easop Winston Jr.	5	82	16.4	0	30
Max Borghi	9	57	6.3	1	12
Travell Harris	4	42	10.5	0	17
Dezmon Patmon	3	32	10.7	1	22
Renard Bell	4	32	8.0	0	12
Rodrick Fisher	2	21	10.5	0	13
Davontavean Martin	3	-6	-2.0	1	1