

QUARTERBACKS - WV was known for mobile running QB's under Rich Rodriguez including Pat White who was arguably the most exciting player in college football from 2005-'08. White set the NCAA record for career QB rush yds (4,480). In '09 they had to replace White and Jarrett Brown threw for 2,144 (63%, 11-9, 466 rush). In '10 I projected Geno Smith (PS#4) as the st'r as he was the most exp'd QB (309, 65%, 1-1). Smith had the 2nd highest single season passing total (Marc Bulger, 3,607 in '98) but had the lowest rush total for a WV QB since '00. Smith played all yr with a broken foot and threw for 2,763 (65%, 24-7). Coming into '11, three of the last 6 QB's running Dana Holgorsen's offense had 5,000 ttl yds so naturally in a pass happy offense, Smith set the schl rec for comp, att's and yds passing (set BE record as well) finishing with 4,385 (65.8%, 31-7). True frosh Paul Millard (PS#130) saw mop-up action in 4 gms. Smith also led the BE in pass eff and should put up big numbers in his 2nd ssn operating Holgorsen's offense.

NG BACKS - Since 1991 only 10 diff players have led WV in rushing with TB's like Noel Devine, Steve Slaton, Kay-Jay Harris, Quincy Wilson, Avon Cobourne and Amos Zereoue. LY they had no clear cut starter into August and in the first 2 gms with Shawne Alston (5'11" 235 lbs) inj none of the RB's stood taller than 5'10" or weighed more than 184. True frosh Andrew Buie (PS#34) began the yr as the starter but had just 30 yds on 15 att in the opener before taking a hard hit and left in the 3Q. He finished #4 with 172 (3.4). After 4 gms true frosh Vernard Roberts (PS#112) led with just 121 yds. Alston (248, 4.4 '10) gave them a power back with his best game being 110 vs Rut. He finished #2 (416, 4.3). Dustin Garrison had 46 vs LSU and won the starting spot. Holgorsen was looking for a back like he had at Okla St in Kendall Hunter to take the bulk of the reps and vs BG Garrison rushed for a WV frosh record 291 (9.1) on 32 carries (Pat White '05, 220). He then got 18 of the team's 23 RB carries vs Conn but did not top 100 for the rest of the year (#1, 742, 5.5) missing the bowl with an ACL inj. Provided Garrison ret's (OFS), the top 4 RB's are back and I look for significantly improved numbers from the WV RB's.

RECEIVERS - In '10 WV had to replace their #2 and #4 rec's and converted RB Tavon Austin (PS#15) led with 787 (13.6) while Jock Sanders, who was #1 in '09 (688, 9.6), was #2 with 728 (10.6). LY Austin, Stedman Bailey and Ivan Mc-Cartney (PS#12) became the first trio in schl history to each

finish with 100 yds rec in a single gm vs Maryland. Bailey had 5 straight 100+ gms (schl rec) and both he (1279, 17.8, 12 td's) and Austin (1186, 11.7) topped the old school record of 1,043 held by David Saunders ('96). Both earned 1st Tm BE honors while Austin led the FBS with 2,574 all-purp yards and was a 1st Tm AA . McCartney was the #3 rec (585, 11.9). WV got a late signee in Devin Brown (302, 7.7 at WF '10) and he was #4 (404, 13.9). This year they lose Brad Starks (174, 12.4), Tyler Urban (8 st, 226, 11.3) and Brown (2 st) but adding depth is Cody Clay (6'3" 251 rFr, PS#55TE). The top 3 are back and now in the 2nd year of Holgorsen's high flying offense.

OFFENSIVE LINE- WV's OL paved the way for 303 ypg

(6.7 ypc) in '06 but their numbers dropped each of the 5 yrs since. In Stewart's last year ('10) they had 9 of the top 10 back, but only rushed for 160 ypg (3.9, 27 sk) as they threw it more often. LY they switched to the TT offense but did have 82% of the OL snaps returning. They had 3 st'rs back (68 car sts) as LG Josh Jenkins (PS#2) RS due to injury and they dropped to 123 (3.8) with 26 sks (4.8%). TY they lose RG Tyler Rader (12 st), 1st Tm BE LT Don Barclay (13 st, 3Y st'r) and bkp Chad Snodgrass (13 gm). With the return of Jenkins it's like having 4 ret sts (105 car sts) and I'll call for them to stop their 5 yr downward rushing trend with a top notch O-line.

EFENSIVE LINE - WV usually has a tough run D and their worst season from '05-'10 was '08 when they allowed 132 ypg rush (3.6). In '10 they added PS#5JC Bruce Irvin (16 sk at JC in '09). Irvin finished with 14 sks (3rd best WV) despite sharing time at DE with Julian Miller (9 sk). WV allowed just 86 ypg rush (2.7) and 45 sks (#3 FBS in '10) their best marks s/96. LY WV had to replace 2 st'rs incl a #7DC. Miller and Irvin comb for 23 of the 30 sks but the unit was less exp'd. WV all'd 145 ypg (4.0, worst s/01) and their sk total dropped to 31. TY they lose DT Miller (9 st, 57 tkl, 6 sk, 5 tfl), 1st Tm BE DE Irvin (6 st, 40 tkl, 8.5 sk, 6.5 tfl, #1DC SEA) and NT Josh Taylor (1 st, 9 tkl). Will Clarke is the top returning DL sack man (just 2 LY) This group is a little more exp'd (2 ret sts) and I'll call for them to improve against the run but for the sack total to drop.

UNEBACKERS - Last year WV had to replace their #2 tkl'r (1st Tm BE, #6DC), #3 and #4 and a bkp (2 st, 25 tkl). They added in PS#35JC Josh Francis (IFS) but had just 0.00 st'r back. With just 4 st'rs back on defense WV allowed 26.8 ppg (worst s/'00). TY they lose 1st Tm BE LB Najee Goode (13 st, #1 tkl'r, 5 sk, 9 tfl, #5DC TB) and WLB Casey Vance 7 st, 30 tkl, 2.5 tfl). They do return their #4 and #8 tkl'rs. SS Terence Garvin is now listed as a LB in their switch to the 3-4 (3-3-5 LY). Even though WV has just 2 st'rs back, they are more exp'd, Francis should be more comfortable in his 2nd year and this unit should be stronger.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '08 despite having to replace all 4 st'rs plus 3 bkps, WV only fell from #19 in my PDR (15-16 ratio in '07) to #34 (11-17 ratio). They only had to replace 1 st'r in '09 (ret 8 w/st exp) and moved up to #26. In '10 they ret'd 3 st'rs but only finished #33. LY they had to replace a 2nd Tm BE CB (#4DC) and a 1st Tm BE FS (#5DC). WV still moved up a little to #27 (56.9%, 15-14). TY they lose 1st Tm BE CB Keith Tandy (13 st, 4 int, 64 tkl, 9 pbu, #6DC TB) and 3rd Tm BE FS Eain Smith (13 st, 76 tkl, 6 pbu) but return 6 of the top 8 making them equal to LY in terms of exp.

SPECIAL TEAMS - In Rich Rodriguez's final 4 yrs, they were #35, #32, #8 and #37 in my ST rankings. Since then they have dropped to #43, #55, #87 and #84. WV had to replace their solid P (37.7 net '10) and Alabama transfer Corey Smith (PS#9) struggled early in the ssn. He had 14 and 27 vd punts vs LSÚ and a 14 vďr vs BG to lose his spot to rFr Michael Molinari. Molinari also struggled and Smith came into the Pitt

game in the 2Q and avg 57.2 on 4 punts (pinned Pitt at 2 yd line). The team's net slipped to 34.6. Smith had 8 TB on 64 KO in '10 but only 5 on 73 LY. K Tyler Bitancurt was 1st Tm BE as a rFr in '09 (13-15, L45) but was less effective in '10 (10-17 L43). LY Bitancurt hit 12 of his first 13 FG before missing 5 of 6 incl a FG that was blk'd and ret'd 82 yd for a td by L'ville. He then hit his final 3 to finish 16-22 (L45). NCAA All-Purp yardage leader Tavon Austin was #6 in the FBS in PR (14.1) and #20 in KR (26.1) scoring 2 td's. This year all of the key players return giving them a shot at their first top 20 finish s/'06.

LEHES - Bill Stewart was forced to hire OC Dana Holgorsen by AD Oliver Luck in Dec '10 as the HC in waiting. After conflicts, Stewart was let go and Holgorsen was named HC a year early in June '11. He led the Mountaineers to a BE Title and an Orange Bowl win in his first ssn and calls his own plays. He did name WR coach Shannon Dawson as the OC this year but not much will change. Needing to find a new DC for this season he made a great hire in co-DC Joe DeForest who was an Asst HC, ST and safeties coach for Okla St from '01-'11. He is also known as one of the NCAA's top ST's coaches. The other co-DC is Keith Patterson who was the co-DC at Tulsa ('06-'10) and DC at Pitt LY where he served as the interim HC in the bowl

ALSO ON ROSTER:

WR Connor Arlia 5'11" 187 rFr WR Vince Colaianni 5'11" 182 rFr LB Nick Kwiatkoski 6'2" 226 rFr

Rich Rodriguez had his team finish in the Top 10 in each of his last 3 yrs winning 11 each time. An upset loss to 29 pt dog Pitt kept them from playing in the '07 Nat'l Title game. Rodriguez left for Michigan after the loss to their rival and Bill Stewart engineered a 20 pt Fiesta Bowl win over #3 Okla and was given the HC job. WV tied for the best record in the Big East from '08-'10 but did not play to their potential, finishing 9-4 in each of Stewart's 3 yrs. In my '10 magazine I said they had the Big East's best D and they allowed a paltry 261 ypg and 13.5 ppg (best s/96). In a game that cost them a BCS berth, WV suffered a tough luck loss fmbl at the Conn1 in OT. WV was #1 in the BE at +116.7 ypg in '10. LY they hired Okla St OC Dana Holgorsen to be their HC in 12 but over the summer Stewart was let go. They did have just 11 ret sts but caught some breaks to win the Big East Title and finished 10-3.WV opened 3-0 having to hold on against MD (WV led 34-10 3Q). Gameday was on hand for the 1st time ever for their battle vs #2 LSU and while they lost 47-21, they were down just 27-21 when they gave up a 99 yd KR td and 28 of LSU's pts were set up by WV TO's. They beat BG and Conn (comb 98-26) but then were ambushed by Syr, 49-23. They appeared headed for another loss trailing Rut 31-21 at half in a blizzard but rallied for a 41-31 win (17 consec win over RU). After losing to L'ville 38-35 at home, #23 Cincy lost QB Collaros to inj in the 2Q and WV would pull out the win, 24-21. Pitt lost their top 3 RB's to injury and WV was outgained 216-141 at the half to trail 17-7 but rallied for a 21-20 win as Holgorsen became the first WV HC to win his "Brawl" debut s/1903! Against USF they were down 27-20 getting a td with 5:09 left to tie it. USF's QB Daniels fumbled on a FD carry at the WV26 and WV drove for the gm winning FG. They needed Cincy to beat Conn to wrap up the BE Title (highest BCS ranking) and got it. In the bowl WV got a 99 yd FR td to turn the momentum and beat CU 70-33 to $\check{\mathsf{I}}$ inish #1 $\check{\mathsf{I}}$. In the last 10 yrs of BE play, WV finished either #1 or #2. TY WV moves into the Big 12 (much tougher sked) but they are a more exp'd tm with 14 ret sts. Their offense got better as the ssn went on in their 1st yr under Holgorsen. They were #1 in the BE LY with +69.0 ypg despite finishing in a 3 way tie for first but did have 3 net close wins. Holgorsen knows the B12 but despite the fact that this year's team is much stronger than the '11 version, so is their schedule. The Mountaineers probably will not match LY's 10 win total

JFFENSE QB 12 GENO SMITH SR 6-3 214 PS#4.5 gm, 309 (65%, 1-1) true. 13 st, 2763 (65%, 24-7), 217 rush (2.0) 10. 13 st, 4385 (66%, 31-7) LY. 2x 1st Tm BE. M Paul Millard (61* 221 So) PS#130. 4 gm, 124 (47%, 1-2) as true. RB DUSTIN GARRISON SO. 5-9 166 PS#200.8 st, 12 gm, 742 (5.5), 201 (8.4) rec as true. OFS '12 (knee) 3 Shawne Alston (5'11" 235 Sr) PS#141. 13 gm, 248 (4.4) '10. 1 st, 11 gm, 416 (4.3) LY. 19 Andrew Buie (5'9" 187 So) PS#34 WR 81 JD Woods Sr. 6-1 189 PS#104. 4 st, 13 gm, 205 (11.4) '10. 1 st, 9 gm, 67 (9.6) LY. FB 22 Ryan Clarke (6'0" 231 Sr) 4 st, 291 (3.6) '10.5 st, 12 gm LY. 35 Anthony Gutta (5'10" 233 rFr). 39 Nate Majnaric (6'0" 228 Sr). WR 3 STEDMAN BAILEY JR. 5-10 193 PS#64. 9 st, 317 (13.2) rFr. 13 st, 1279 (17.8), 1st Tm BE LY. Deontay McManus is PS#30. 10 KJ Myers (6'2" 201 rFr) PS#119. Rob Kressler (5'11" 209 Jr). 4 Terrence Gourdine (6'0" 195 So). WR | IVAN McCARTNEY JR. WR ■ IVAN McCARTNEÝ JR. 6-2 182 PS#12. 10 st, 13 gm, 585 (11.9), 3rd Tm BE LY. ● Ryan Nehlen (6'3' 205 Sr) PS#359. 1 st, 13 gm, 64 (12.8) LY. 20 Dustin Brown (5'10" 179 So) DNP LY. 4 Matt Shull (6'4" 215 rFr). C M JOE MADSEN SR. 6-4 310 PS#252.13 st (6C, 7RG), 840pl rFr. 12 st, 846pl, 1st Tm BE 10.13 st, led tm in kd w/55 LY. 9 John Bassler (6'4' 308 Sr) PS#212. 4 gm, 20pl rFr. 13 gm, 35pl '10. 8 gm bkp LY. LS Jerry Cooper (5'11" 216 So). RG 37 JEFF BRAUN SR. 6-4 321 PS#94DL. 11 gm, 27pl rFr. 13 st RT, 846pl, 3rd Tm BE '10. 13 st, 912 CB PAT MILLER SR. snaps, 52 kd & all'd just 1 sk LY. Mark Glowinski (6'5" 290 Jr) PS#31JC. 8 Russell Haughton-James (6'5" 316 rFr). Chestnut (5'11" 185 rFr) P 6-4 291 PS#2. 13 st, 3rd Tm BE '09. 11 st, 709 snaps, 4 sk all'd, 2nd Tm BE '10. LG 77 Josh Jenkins Sr. OFY LY (inj). 70 Brandon Jackson (6'3" 326 rFr). Tyler Orlosky (6'4" 290 Fr) PS#88. Cole Bowers (6'5" 298 Jr) PS#62. RT 70 PAT EGER JR. 6-6 301 PS#185.3 gm bkp, 45 snaps. 1 kd in '10. 12 sì RT, 13 gm, 880 pl 24 kd LY. 22 Curtis Feigt (6'7" 316 Jr) PS#338.1 st, 4 gm, from DL LY. Adam Pankey (6'5" 324 Fr) is PS#180. LT 🕎 Quinton Spain So. 6-5 335 PS#36. 1 st RG, 13 gm, 329 pl LY. Moved to LT spg '12. 78 Marquis 40 Nick Kindler (6'6" 298 Jr) PS#86. Out '10 (shoulder). 12 gm bkp OT LY.

6-4 270 PS#174. 31 JB Lageman (6'3" 272 Sr) PS#463. 1 gm, 1 sk rFr. 10 DT 🥦 Kyle Rose rFr. gm, 8 tkl L2Y. Christian Brown (6'3" 290 Fr) PS#132. Korey Harris (6'4" 230 Fr) PS#275. 53 tkl, 4.5 sk in HS. NT JORGE WRIGHT SR. 6-2 289 1 st, 10 tkl, 1.5 tfl '10. 12 st, 38 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. 10 Shaq Rowell (6'4" 310 Jr) PS#730L '08, JC, 10 gm, 8 tkl LY 🕵 Imariave Albury (6'0" 292 Fr) PS#165, IFS, 👫 Ben Tomasek (6'1" 312 rFr). DE 88 WILL CLARKE JR. 6-6 269 PS#251. 4 gm, 2 tkl, inj rFr. 11 st (7DE, 4DT), 34 tkl, 5 tfl LY. 12 Trevoi 3 tkl LY. 88 Ted Rietschlin (6'6" 270 So) DNP LY. Noble Nwachukwu is PS#214. Demko (6'6" 256 So) PS#209.4 BUCK 📑 JEWONE SNOW SO. SAM **7** Doug Rigg Jr. Gloster (5'11" 230 So) PS#94. 10 gm, 5 tkl LY. 30 Taige Redman (6'1" 228 Jr) PS#182. 45 Kelvin Owusu (6'2" 240 rFr). WILL 17 Josh Francis Sr. 6-1 221 PS#35JC. 1 st, 8 gm, 9 tkl LY. 38 Jared Barber (6'0" 230 So) PS#191 12 gm, 23 tkl, 3 pbu as true. 🗐 Isaiah Bruce (6'1" 226 rFr). Garrett Hope is PS#199. 🅦 Nick Kwiatkoski (6'2" 226 rFr). STAR 🚵 TERENCE GARVIN SR. 6-3 223 PS#166.13 st SS, 76 tkl, 4 pbu, 3rd Tm BE '10.11 st SS, 72 tkl, 5 pd LY. STAR 28 TERENCE GARVIN SR. 37 Wes Tonkery (6'2" 214 So) PS#137. 1 st SS, 9 gm, 4 tkl LY. 38 Shaq Petteway (6'0" 222 So) PS#114. 13 gm, 8 tkl LY. 5-11 191 PS#364.2 st, 22 tkl, 5 pbu 2Y. 9 st, 13 gm, 66 tkl, 3 pbu, 2 int LY. 18 Terrell Chestnut (5'11" 185 rFr) PS#33 Cecil Level (5'10" 186 Jr) 13 gm, 11 tkl LY. 18 Anthony Vecchio (5'9" 182 So). 5-10 186 PS#201. 18 kl/ Fr. 4 st, 13 gm, 27 tkl, 8 pbu, 2 int LY 22 Avery Williams (5'11' wrence Smith (5'9" 182 Sr) 13 gm, 6 tkl '10. DNP '11. 40 Alex Burdette (5'10" 178 rFr). CB 28 Brodrick Jenkins Jr. 181 So) PS#221. 5 gm, 3 tkl LY. 18 SS 25 DARWIN COOK JR. 5-11 204 PS#213. 13 st, 85 tkl, 4 pbu, 2 int, 99 yd FR td in bowl LY. 18 Karl Joseph PS#149. IFS. 鍋 William Marable (6'0" 198 Sr) 6 gm, 3 tkl LY. Lucas Henn (6'0" 208 So). [Nana Agyire (6'0" 191 rFr). 6-2 201 PS#235.13 gm, 5 tkl true. 1 st, 11 gm, 10 tkl LY. Ishmael Banks (6'0" 184 192 Sr) 7 gm, 6 tkl LY. Mack Van Gorder (6'0" 195 rFr). Nick Cadwell (5'9" 192 Sr). FS 28 Travis Bell Jr. So) 13 gm, 11 tkl LY. 7 Matt Moro (6'0"

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