

WEEK TWO  
NORTH DAKOTA AT WASHINGTON

SEATTLE -- Jake Browning threw for 313 yards and two touchdowns, Ty Jones had two touchdown receptions, and No. 9 Washington finally pulled away in the second half for a 45-3 victory over North Dakota on Saturday.

The home opener was a chance to regroup after the letdown of last week's season opener loss to No. 7 Auburn. It was a game Washington believed it should have won, and the hangover from the buildup surrounding the opener showed up against the Fighting Hawks (1-1) with a shaky performance on offense.

Browning was sharp at times, but also had stretches of missing open receivers and threw two poor interceptions. Washington's run game was spotty at best against the FCS opponent. Washington picked up just one first down between the middle of the second quarter and the 5-minute mark of the third quarter, the one coming on a meaningless final play of the first half.

"I don't feel like we really dominated at any point. I think we have a standard that we play to and I don't feel like we played to it. I don't feel I played to my standard of how I want to play," Browning said. "Obviously, happy that we won but not really happy with how I played."

Browning was 23 of 37 passing with short TD passes to Jones and Cade Otton. Backup QB Jake Haener added a 12-yard TD pass to Jones in the fourth quarter.

Perhaps most concerning for Washington was the lack of a run game. The Huskies finished with 195 yards rushing on 34 carries, but had just 79 yards through three quarters. Myles Gaskin had a 2-yard TD run in the first half and Sean McGrew added a 23-yard TD run in the fourth quarter.

"We expected a quicker start and to be honest I'm very confused why it was that way. It was such a slow and difficult start," Washington right tackle Kaleb McGary said. "It is what it is at this point. We got the win as ugly as it may or may not be."

John Santiago had 18 carries for 139 yards for North Dakota, putting together a performance that was better than what Saquan Barkley did against Washington last year in the Fiesta Bowl. Santiago's 69-yard dash in the third quarter set up North Dakota's only points on Brady Leach's 20-yard field goal.

Browning was wearing a brace on his right knee, which he appeared to injure on Washington's final offensive play of the loss to Auburn. His mobility didn't appear to be effected, but he was forced to move from the pocket more than the Huskies would have preferred. But his inconsistency seemed to flummox even Washington coach Chris Petersen, who dropped his head in frustration in the third quarter when Browning overthrew an open receiver in the end zone. Browning capped that drive with a 1-yard TD pass to Otton, but made a poor throw on Washington's next possession and was intercepted by Hayden Blubaugh.

Washington's issues on offense aren't isolated to Browning.

The Huskies had just 30 yards rushing on 15 carries before Gaskin ripped off a 24-yard scamper on a meaningless final play of the first half. Washington turned the ball over on downs at the North Dakota 20 early in the second quarter when it couldn't convert third- or fourth-and-1 on running attempts by Gaskin and Browning.

Ultimately the inconsistency of the run game didn't matter against the Fighting Hawks. But it could be an issue next week against Utah.

THE TAKEAWAY

North Dakota: The Fighting Hawks run defense is legit. As week after holding Mississippi Valley State to minus-27 yards rushing, North Dakota clogged run lanes and never let Gaskin or Salvon Ahmed control the game on the ground.

Washington: The return of WR Quinten Pounds continues to be a major boost for the Huskies passing game. Pounds had a one-handed touchdown catch in the opener, and followed up with three receptions for 98 yards in the first half against North Dakota, including a 57-yard catch. ... Two key starters didn't suit up for the Huskies: Center Nick Harris and linebacker D.J. Beavers. Beavers had a walking boot on his left foot on the sideline.

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UND	0	0	3	0	3
WASH	10	7	7	21	45

**Scoring Summary** -----

Quarter	Time	Team	Score
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>			
UND	8:00	WASH	7
Ty Jones 4 Yd pass from Jake Browning (Peyton Henry Kick) 6 plays, 23 yards, 3:01			
WASH	3:32	UND	10
Peyton Henry 29 Yd Field Goal 7 plays, 68 yards, 2:33			
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>			
UND	6:52	WASH	17
Myles Gaskin 2 Yd Run (Peyton Henry Kick) 9 plays, 87 yards, 2:54			
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>			
UND	6:09	WASH	17
Brady Leach 20 Yd Field Goal 9 plays, 87 yards, 3:27			
WASH	3:35	UND	24
Cade Otton 1 Yd pass from Jake Browning (Peyton Henry Kick) 9 plays, 48 yards, 2:22			
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>			
WASH	12:50	UND	31
Sean McGrew 23 Yd Run (Peyton Henry Kick) 6 plays, 88 yards, 2:31			
WASH	8:24	UND	38
Ty Jones 12 Yd pass from Jake Haener (Peyton Henry Kick) 6 plays, 73 yards, 2:50			
WASH	2:13	UND	45
Kamari Pleasant 23 Yd Run (Peyton Henry Kick) 7 plays, 83 yards, 3:08			

Team Stats	UND	WASH
First Downs	10	25
Total Yards	262	632
Total Plays	66	79
Avg Gain Per Play	4.0	8.0
Net Yards Rushing	161	195
Rushes	33	34
Yards Per Rush	4.9	5.7
Net Yards Passing	101	437
Comp-Att	17-33	31-45
Yards Per Pass	3.1	9.7
Times Sacked	2	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-12	0
Interceptions	0	2
Punts	11	4
Punt Average	35.5	47.0
Penalties	0	5
Penalty Yards	0	45
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	28:57	31:03

Individual Stats

RUSHING

UND	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
John Santiago	18	139	7.7	0	69
Brady Oliveira	3	10	3.3	0	4
James Johannesson	4	9	2.3	0	6
Nate Ketteringham	7	3	0.4	0	7
Teddy Sherva	1	0	0.0	0	0

WASH	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Myles Gaskin	15	53	3.5	1	24
Kamari Pleasant	5	47	9.4	1	23
Salvon Ahmed	4	44	11.0	0	34
Sean McGrew	3	23	7.7	1	23
Jake Browning	5	21	4.2	0	9
Malik Braxton	2	7	3.5	0	4

PASSING

UND	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Nate Ketteringham	16	30	96	3.2	0	0	80.2
Andrew Zimmerman	1	2	5	2.5	0	0	71.0

WASH	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jake Browning	23	37	313	8.5	2	2	140.2
Jake Haener	7	7	110	15.7	1	0	279.1
Andre Baccellia	1	1	14	14.0	0	0	217.6

RECEIVING

UND	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Noah Wanzek	3	23	7.7	0	11
John Santiago	1	17	17.0	0	17
Garett Maag	1	17	17.0	0	17
Travis Toivonen	5	14	2.8	0	4
James Johannesson	2	8	4.0	0	4
Izzy Adeoti	2	7	3.5	0	6
Luke Fiedler	1	6	6.0	0	6
Derek Paulson	1	5	5.0	0	5
Alex Cloyd	1	4	4.0	0	4

WASH	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Quinten Pounds	3	98	32.7	0	57
Ty Jones	4	76	19.0	2	43
Aaron Fuller	6	74	12.3	0	25
Chico McClatcher	4	72	18.0	0	36
Salvon Ahmed	5	39	7.8	0	16
Alex Cook	1	26	26.0	0	26
Drew Sample	3	25	8.3	0	11
Andre Baccellia	2	15	7.5	0	10
Sean McGrew	1	9	9.0	0	9
Myles Gaskin	1	2	2.0	0	2
Cade Otton	1	1	1.0	1	1