

**WEEK FOUR
WEST VIRGINIA AT TEXAS TECH**

LUBBOCK, Texas -- Will Grier threw for 370 yards with three touchdowns, Keith Washington thwarted a rally with 51-yard interception return for a score and No. 12 West Virginia held on for a 42-34 win over 25th-ranked Texas Tech on Saturday.

Marcus Simms had nine catches for a career-high 138 yards -- all in the first half -- for his third straight 100-yard game. The Mountaineers (4-0, 2-0 Big 12) scored 28 first-quarter points.

Texas Tech true freshman Alan Bowman, the nation's leading passer coming in, didn't return after getting injured in the first half when he was sandwiched on hits by Ezekiel Rose and Washington as he threw a pass.

Sophomore Jett Duffey had his first career touchdown pass and TD run filling in for Bowman as the Red Raiders (3-2, 1-1) stayed close after trailing 35-10 at halftime.

With Texas Tech driving for a potential tying score late in the fourth quarter, Duffey's second interception was a leaping grab by Washington , who returned it for a 42-27 lead.

"I focused all week on starting fast," West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said. "I guess I forgot to tell them there was a second half."

Duffey kept one drive alive with a 27-yard run on fourth-and-9 when he avoided three rushers on a blitz and cut inside another defender on the sideline when he was still short of the first down.

The Red Raiders pulled within eight when Duffey scored on a 3-yard run . The touchdown was set up by a 35-yard catch by Antoine Wesley , who made the grab after the ball bounced off Washington. Duffey threw for 172 yards and ran for 86.

The Heisman Trophy hopeful Grier had 198 yards passing in the first quarter with a 13-yard scoring toss to Gary Jennings and a 45-yarder to Simms for a 21-0 lead .

Kennedy McKoy capped the quarter for the Mountaineers with a 38-yard touchdown run with 4 seconds left to put the Mountaineers up 28-7. McKoy had 77 yards on 11 carries. West Virginia had 382 yards at halftime and finished with 489.

"They're really good on offense," Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury said. "Their skill is tremendous. Their quarterback is a great player. They've got a great scheme. But we can't make it that easy."

THE TAKEAWAY

West Virginia: The Mountaineers missed a chance to put away the Red Raiders early and cruise to an easy road win. Grier overthrew two open receivers on deep balls near the goal line, including one on fourth down. David Sills V had a third-down drop late in the third quarter that let Texas Tech keep the momentum after a touchdown drive.

Texas Tech: Kingsbury, a week removed from an impressive win at then-No. 15 Oklahoma State that vaulted the Red Raiders into the AP Top 25, couldn't get that breakthrough win over a ranked opponent at home. Since beating No. 24 TCU in Kingsbury's first year in 2013, Texas Tech has lost eight straight games to ranked visitors.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The Mountaineers could be headed into the top 10 for the first time since 2012, when they reached No. 5 after a 5-0 start before a loss in Lubbock started a five-game skid that led to a 7-6 finish. The Red Raiders' stay in the rankings could be a lot like it was last year: one week with a loss to West Virginia knocking them out. Texas Tech was 24th before last season's loss in Morgantown.

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WVU	28	7	0	7	42
TTU	7	3	7	17	34

Scoring Summary -----

	WVU	TTU
FIRST QUARTER		
WVU TD 12:21		
Gary Jennings Jr. 13 Yd pass from Will Grier (Evan Staley Kick)		
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:39	7	0
WVU TD 8:06		
Leddie Brown 1 Yd Run (Evan Staley Kick)		
6 plays, 39 yards, 2:07	14	0
WVU TD 3:03		
Marcus Simms 45 Yd pass from Will Grier (Evan Staley Kick)		
3 plays, 68 yards, 0:55	21	0
TTU TD 2:06		
Antoine Wesley 40 Yd pass from Alan Bowman (Clayton Hatfield Kick)		
4 plays, 65 yards, 0:57	21	7
WVU TD 0:04		
Kennedy McKoy 38 Yd Run (Evan Staley Kick)		
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:02	28	7
SECOND QUARTER		
TTU FG 9:38		
Clayton Hatfield 25 Yd Field Goal		
14 plays, 76 yards, 5:26	28	10
WVU TD 1:08		
Gary Jennings Jr. 14 Yd pass from Will Grier (Evan Staley Kick)		
12 plays, 72 yards, 4:08	35	10
THIRD QUARTER		
TTU TD 3:02		
De'Quan Bowman 2 Yd pass from Jett Duffey (Clayton Hatfield Kick)		
11 plays, 64 yards, 3:53	35	17
FOURTH QUARTER		
TTU FG 12:31		
Clayton Hatfield 27 Yd Field Goal		
12 plays, 71 yards, 3:06	35	20
TTU TD 7:50		
Jett Duffey 3 Yd Run (Clayton Hatfield Kick)		
6 plays, 61 yards, 2:18	35	27
WVU TD 2:58		
Keith Washington 51 Yd Interception Return (Evan Staley Kick)		
5 plays, 23 yards, 1:32	42	27
TTU TD 0:38		
Ta'Zhawn Henry 1 Yd Run (Clayton Hatfield Kick)		
9 plays, 42 yards, 2:20	42	34

Team Stats	WVU	TTU
First Downs	26	28
Total Yards	489	463
Total Plays	73	89
Avg Gain Per Play	6.7	5.2
Net Yards Rushing	119	168
Rushes	32	42
Yards Per Rush	3.7	4.0
Net Yards Passing	370	295
Comp-Att	27-41	25-47
Yards Per Pass	9.0	6.3
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-17	-8
Interceptions	0	3
Punts	5	5
Punt Average	41.6	40.6
Penalties	12	7
Penalty Yards	115	60
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	30:26	29:34

Individual Stats

RUSHING

WVU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Kennedy McKoy	11	77	7.0	1	38
Martell Pettaway	6	31	5.2	0	12
Leddie Brown	9	18	2.0	1	6
Tevin Bush	1	7	7.0	0	7
Team	2	-3	-1.5	0	0
Will Grier	3	-11	-3.7	0	6
TTU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jett Duffey	15	86	5.7	1	27
Da'Leon Ward	6	24	4.0	0	11
Ta'Zhawn Henry	8	20	2.5	1	8
Tre King	2	16	8.0	0	13
Demarcus Felton	8	12	1.5	0	6
SaRodorick Thompson	2	8	4.0	0	7
Alan Bowman	1	2	2.0	0	2

PASSING

WVU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Will Grier	27	41	370	9.0	3	0	83.7
TTU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jett Duffey	16	27	172	6.4	1	2	57.1
Alan Bowman	9	20	123	6.2	1	1	30.8

RECEIVING

WVU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Marcus Simms	9	138	15.3	1	45
Gary Jennings Jr.	7	70	10.0	2	14
T.J. Simmons	2	61	30.5	0	43
David Sills V	4	48	12.0	0	24
Trevon Wesco	2	33	16.5	0	28
Kennedy McKoy	2	11	5.5	0	8
Dominique Maiden	1	9	9.0	0	9
TTU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Antoine Wesley	8	110	13.8	1	40
Ja'Deion High	6	105	17.5	0	31
De'Quan Bowman	6	54	9.0	1	17
KeSean Carter	4	33	8.3	0	13
Seth Collins	1	-7	-7.0	0	0