

WEEK EIGHT  
**UTAH STATE AT WYOMING**

LARAMIE, Wyo. -- Its high-scoring offense largely kept at bay, Utah State turned to defense and special teams to earn its sixth straight victory, 24-16 over Wyoming on Saturday.

Jontrell Rocquemore's 20-yard interception return on the first play of the second half set up a 3-yard TD run by Darwin Thompson, and Savon Scarver's 99-yard kick return late in the third -- his third career scoring return -- put Utah State (6-1, 3-0 Mountain West) up 24-6.

Wyoming freshman quarterback Sean Chambers, No. 3 on the depth chart, came off the bench to spark a long-dormant offense with 100 yards rushing and 62 passing. He led the Cowboys (2-6, 0-4) to three scores in four drives to cut the lead to 24-16 with 5:32 remaining.

Wyoming got the ball back at its own 25 with 2:12 to play but Tyler Vander Waal came back in and misfired on four straight passes, and Utah State ran out the clock.

Thompson's 56-yard scamper on the third play of the game was the only touchdown of the first half, which ended with the Aggies up 10-3. He finished with 109 yards on 17 carries.

Jordan Love, who was completing 67.2 percent of his passes coming in, was 12 of 28 for 53 yards and an interception.

Nico Evans led all carriers with 133 yards on 25 attempts, including a 53-yard TD run for the Cowboys.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Utah State: The Aggies rolled into Laramie with the No. 2 scoring offense in the nation (51.7) and were averaging 478.7 yards per game, but Love misfired repeatedly and Utah State finished with only 194 yards and punted a season high nine times. Still, the defense held when necessary to keep the Aggies atop the Mountain Division.

Wyoming: The offense (128th in scoring, 127th in yardage) continued to struggle until coach Craig Bohl gave play-calling duties to Chambers. The freshman fumbled on his first series in the first quarter and returned to bench. But after Tyler Vander Waal threw an interception on the first play of the second half, Chambers led the offense until the final series.

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USU	7	3	14	0	24
WYO	3	0	10	3	16

**Scoring Summary -----**

	USU	WYO
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
USU TD 14:30		
Darwin Thompson 56 Yd Run (Dominik Eberle Kick)		
3 plays, 65 yards, 0:30	7	0
WYO FG 0:14		
Cooper Rothe 27 Yd Field Goal		
4 plays, 3 yards, 1:24	7	3
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
USU FG 7:47		
Dominik Eberle 45 Yd Field Goal		
12 plays, 52 yards, 2:55	10	3
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
USU TD 14:45		
Darwin Thompson 3 Yd Run (Dominik Eberle Kick)		
1 play, 3 yards, 0:06	17	3
WYO FG 4:25		
Cooper Rothe 47 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 37 yards, 3:41	17	6
USU TD 4:11		
Savon Scarver 99 Yd Kickoff Return (Dominik Eberle Kick)		
0 plays, 0 yards, 0:00	24	6
WYO TD 2:37		
Nico Evans 53 Yd Run (Cooper Rothe Kick)		
4 plays, 75 yards, 1:34	24	13
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
WYO FG 5:32		
Cooper Rothe 21 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 78 yards, 4:56	24	16

Team Stats	USU	WYO
First Downs	11	15
Total Yards	194	327
Total Plays	61	74
Avg Gain Per Play	3.2	4.4
Net Yards Rushing	141	231
Rushes	33	50
Yards Per Rush	4.3	4.6
Net Yards Passing	53	96
Comp-Att	12-28	10-24
Yards Per Pass	1.9	4.0
Times Sacked	1	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-6	-8
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	9	8
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	6	10
Penalty Yards	52	80
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	22:21	37:39

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

USU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Darwin Thompson	17	109	6.4	2	56
Gerold Bright	12	35	2.9	0	14
Aaren Vaughns	1	2	2.0	0	2
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Jordan Love	2	-4	-2.0	0	2
WYO	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nico Evans	25	133	5.3	1	53
Sean Chambers	19	100	5.3	0	14
Jevon Bigelow	2	3	1.5	0	2
Xazavian Valladay	1	2	2.0	0	2
Austin Conway	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Tyler Vander Waal	2	-6	-3.0	0	2

**PASSING**

USU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jordan Love	12	28	53	1.9	0	1	51.6
WYO	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Sean Chambers	3	5	62	12.4	0	0	164.2
Tyler Vander Waal	7	19	38	2.0	0	1	43.1

**RECEIVING**

USU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Aaren Vaughns	2	14	7.0	0	9
Jordan Nathan	3	12	4.0	0	7
Ron'quavion Tarver	1	7	7.0	0	7
Carson Terrell	1	7	7.0	0	7
Darwin Thompson	2	7	3.5	0	8
Gerold Bright	3	6	2.0	0	7
WYO	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Nico Evans	2	40	20.0	0	47
James Price	3	22	7.3	0	13
Tyree Mayfield	2	15	7.5	0	13
Austin Conway	2	14	7.0	0	9
Ayden Eberhardt	1	9	9.0	0	9