

WEEK TEN
TCU AT WEST VIRGINIA

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. -- Once No. 7 West Virginia's offense found a rhythm, the Mountaineers imposed their will on TCU.

West Virginia scored three touchdowns in a 3:25 span late in the second quarter to break open a tie game and propel the Mountaineers to a 47-10 victory over the Horned Frogs on Saturday.

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Will Grier had touchdown throws of 32, 8 and 4 yards, the eighth time this season he's had at least three. Grier finished 25 of 39 for 343 yards on a breezy day.

"I have a lot of respect for (TCU coach) Gary Patterson and that team. Controlling the tempo is huge," Grier said, adding that offensive coordinator Jake Spavital "did a great job of mixing it up and just us being on the same page."

West Virginia (8-1, 6-1 Big 12, No. 9 CFP) piled up 535 yards of offense against the injury-riddled Horned Frogs (4-6, 2-5) as it pursues a possible berth in the conference championship game with two regular-season games left.

"Morale's good. Confidence is good. Work ethic is good. It's why we're winning," West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said. "You're only as good as your next one, so these guys have to continue doing that."

Four of West Virginia's six touchdown drives took less than 1:30.

"When we get going, we're dangerous," West Virginia tight end Travon Wesco said. "We've got to come out like that and know that we have to have that mentality every time we touch the ball."

TCU (4-6, 2-5) was held to a season-low 222 yards of offense, the third time in four games it's gained fewer than 300. The Horned Frogs are in jeopardy of missing a bowl for just the third time under Patterson.

"We've been on the other side of these many times," Patterson said. "You've got to find a way to score points and you've got to find a way to stop people."

It also marked the fewest yards allowed this season by West Virginia, who allowed 520 yards in a win at Texas a week ago.

TCU's Mike Collins had some success throwing to sophomore Jalen Reagor, but not much else worked. Collins completed 22 of 37 passes for 229 yards. Reagor had a career-high 11 receptions for 150 yards. His 28-yard scoring catch gave him a TD in five straight games.

Collins also was flagged for intentional grounding in the end zone in the third quarter and West Virginia was awarded a safety.

"We're not good enough right now to make up for mistakes," Patterson said.

Grier followed that by finding Marcus Simms with a 53-yard pass to set up Kennedy McKoy's 1-yard scoring run for a 33-3 lead.

THE TAKEAWAY

TCU: The Horned Frogs must win their final two games to become bowl eligible. Not impossible, but TCU must find the resolve to finish out a challenging season.

West Virginia: Grier didn't get a ton of opportunities to throw downfield, relying on a diet of short- to medium-length passes and completed 10 of them to his tight ends and running backs. Wesco finished with five catches for a team-high 86 yards, including a 32-yard score.

HE'S NO. 2

Holgorsen moved into second place in school history with 61 wins, one ahead of Rich Rodriguez. Hall of Famer Don Nehlen holds the mark with 149 wins.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The effort will be good enough to move West Virginia up in the AP Top 25 if a higher-ranked team loses.

UNBEATEN AT HOME

West Virginia improved to 5-0 at home with the Nov. 23 regular-season finale remaining against Oklahoma. The last time the Mountaineers went unbeaten at home in a season was in 2009.

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TCU	3	0	7	0	10
WVU	0	24	16	7	47

Scoring Summary -----

	TCU	WVU
FIRST QUARTER		
TCU FG 8:10		
Jonathan Song 30 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 65 yards, 5:39	3	0
SECOND QUARTER		
WVU FG 14:49		
Evan Staley 47 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 34 yards, 2:11	3	3
WVU TD 5:09		
Kennedy McKoy 33 Yd Run (Evan Staley Kick)		
5 plays, 76 yards, 1:23	3	10
WVU TD 3:42		
Martell Pettaway 1 Yd Run (Evan Staley Kick)		
5 plays, 17 yards, 1:27	3	17
WVU TD 1:39		
Trevon Wesco 32 Yd pass from Will Grier (Evan Staley Kick)		
4 plays, 64 yards, 0:34	3	24
THIRD QUARTER		
WVU SF 14:13		
Team Safety		
3 plays, -4 yards, 0:47	3	26
WVU TD 13:12		
Kennedy McKoy 1 Yd Run (Evan Staley Kick)		
4 plays, 60 yards, 1:01	3	33
TCU TD 9:48		
Jalen Reagor 28 Yd pass from Michael Collins (Jonathan Song Kick)		
3 plays, 43 yards, 0:45	10	33
WVU TD 1:25		
Gary Jennings Jr. 8 Yd pass from Will Grier (Evan Staley Kick)		
11 plays, 59 yards, 3:40	10	40
FOURTH QUARTER		
WVU TD 10:55		
David Sills V 4 Yd pass from Will Grier (Evan Staley Kick)		
10 plays, 65 yards, 4:05	10	47

Team Stats	TCU	WVU
First Downs	12	26
Total Yards	222	535
Total Plays	61	81
Avg Gain Per Play	3.6	6.6
Net Yards Rushing	-7	164
Rushes	24	40
Yards Per Rush	-0.3	4.1
Net Yards Passing	229	371
Comp-Att	22-37	26-41
Yards Per Pass	6.2	9.0
Times Sacked	4	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-30	0
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	9	5
Punt Average	36.2	40.8
Penalties	2	2
Penalty Yards	15	15
Fumbles	7	2
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Possession	29:42	30:18

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TCU					
Darius Anderson	11	19	1.7	0	6
Team	1	-5	-5.0	0	0
Michael Collins	11	-9	-0.8	0	5
Taye Barber	1	-12	-12.0	0	0

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
WVU					
Martell Pettaway	12	59	4.9	1	17
Leddie Brown	13	53	4.1	0	11
Kennedy McKoy	10	40	4.0	2	33
Alec Sinkfield	4	10	2.5	0	7
Will Grier	1	2	2.0	0	2

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
TCU							
Michael Collins	22	37	229	6.2	1	0	120.4
WVU							
Will Grier	25	39	343	8.8	3	1	158.2
Jack Allison	1	2	28	14.0	0	0	167.6

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TCU					
Jalen Reagor	11	150	13.6	1	35
Taye Barber	2	23	11.5	0	15
Jaelan Austin	2	19	9.5	0	11
Sewo Olonilua	2	19	9.5	0	12
Darius Anderson	1	6	6.0	0	6
Tevailance Hunt	1	6	6.0	0	6
Emari Demercado	2	6	3.0	0	4
Derius Davis	1	0	0.0	0	0

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
WVU					
Trevon Wesco	5	86	17.2	1	32
David Sills V	6	71	11.8	1	23
Marcus Simms	3	69	23.0	0	53
Gary Jennings Jr.	5	58	11.6	1	34
Tevin Bush	2	29	14.5	0	28
Kennedy McKoy	2	24	12.0	0	15
Jovani Haskins	2	19	9.5	0	12
Martell Pettaway	1	15	15.0	0	15