

WEEK TWELVE

ARIZONA AT WASHINGTON ST

PULLMAN, Wash. -- This record-setting season just keeps getting better for Gardner Minshew.

Washington State's star quarterback broke a school mark with seven touchdown passes and the No. 8 Cougars routed Arizona 69-28 on Saturday night to boost their longshot bid for a spot in the College Football Playoff.

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"In high school I got six one time," Minshew said. "I never done seven. It was pretty crazy tonight."

Washington State (10-1, 7-1 Pac-12, No. 8 CFP) raced out to a 55-14 lead at halftime and was not seriously threatened on the way to its seventh consecutive victory. The Cougars host archrival No. 17 Washington next Friday, with the Apple Cup winner taking the Pac-12 North title.

With their 10th win of the season, the Cougars matched a program record last accomplished in 2003. They also won their 13th straight home game and set a season high for points.

Minshew, being pushed by WSU as a Heisman Trophy candidate, completed 43 of 55 passes for 473 yards and was not intercepted.

"The offensive line worked their tail off tonight," he said.

Running back James Williams, who scored two touchdowns, said the lopsided win was better than a recent run of close games.

"The last three or four games about gave me a heart attack," he said. "I'd rather just blow a team out."

Washington State coach Mike Leach called it a "floodgate" game that favored the Cougars.

"We're not that good and they're not that bad," he said.

This is Leach's first 10-win season at Washington State.

"We're excited about it for a night," Leach said. "Tomorrow we start preparing for the next one."

Khalil Tate threw four touchdown passes for Arizona (5-6, 4-4), which had a two-game winning streak snapped.

Arizona was hurt by six penalties and three turnovers in the first half, helping Washington State put the game away early.

"You can't put the ball on the ground six times," coach Kevin Sumlin said. "We had a pick early in the game and turnovers and fumbles against a team that scores them kind of points, it just can't happen."

Washington State scored on its first possession, with Williams rushing over from the 1.

On the next series, Tate was intercepted by Marcus Strong. Aided by two consecutive facemask penalties against the Wildcats, Washington State advanced to the 1-yard line. Max Borghi ran in for the touchdown.

Tate fired a 24-yard pass to Shawn Poindexter to cut Washington State's lead to 14-7.

Minshew replied with touchdown passes to Calvin Jackson Jr. and Dezmon Patmon for a 28-7 lead.

Tate threw a 37-yard TD pass to Tony Ellison.

Minshew hit Jackson for a 6-yard touchdown pass, but the kick failed and Washington State led 34-14.

Arizona fumbled the ensuing kickoff and the ball was booted into the end zone, where Kainoa Wilson fell on it for a 41-14 Washington State lead.

Minshew added touchdown passes to Williams and Tay Martin for a 55-14 lead at halftime.

Tate threw a pair of touchdown passes in the third quarter and Minshew tossed a couple in the fourth.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The blowout win should only bolster the Cougars in the Top 25 and CFP rankings.

COLD AS ICE

Playing in 20-degree temperatures, Arizona fumbled six times, losing three. The Wildcats also committed seven penalties for 75 yards.

THE TAKEAWAY

Arizona: The Wildcats lead the Pac-12 with an average of 206 yards rushing per game, but couldn't get much going against a stout WSU defense. They need a win next weekend to become bowl eligible.

Washington State: The balanced Cougars own the nation's best passing attack (392 yards per game) and rank 20th in defense. They need two victories to win the Pac-12 and have a chance at a CFP berth.

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ARIZ	7	7	14	0	28
WSU	21	34	0	14	69

**Scoring Summary**

Quarter	Time	Team	Player	Yards	Result
FIRST QUARTER					
WSU TD 10:44		WSU	James Williams	1 Yd Run (Blake Mazza Kick)	7
		ARIZ			0
WSU TD 7:38		WSU	Max Borghi	1 Yd Run (Blake Mazza Kick)	14
		ARIZ			0
ARIZ TD 3:19		ARIZ	Shawn Poindexter	24 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Lucas Havrisik Kick)	14
		WSU			7
WSU TD 0:19		WSU	Calvin Jackson Jr.	27 Yd pass from Gardner Minshew (Blake Mazza Kick)	21
		ARIZ			7
SECOND QUARTER					
WSU TD 12:03		WSU	Dezmon Patmon	11 Yd pass from Gardner Minshew (Blake Mazza Kick)	28
		ARIZ			7
ARIZ TD 10:43		ARIZ	Tony Ellison	37 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Lucas Havrisik Kick)	28
		WSU			14
WSU TD 7:08		WSU	Calvin Jackson Jr.	6 Yd pass from Gardner Minshew (Blake Mazza PAT failed)	34
		ARIZ			14
WSU TD 7:04		WSU	Kainoa Wilson	0 Yd Fumble Return (Blake Mazza Kick)	41
		ARIZ			0
WSU TD 3:22		WSU	James Williams	9 Yd pass from Gardner Minshew (Blake Mazza Kick)	48
		ARIZ			6
WSU TD 0:10		WSU	Davontavean Martin	50 Yd pass from Gardner Minshew (Blake Mazza Kick)	55
		ARIZ			14
THIRD QUARTER					
ARIZ TD 12:18		ARIZ	Shun Brown	2 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Lucas Havrisik Kick)	55
		WSU			8
ARIZ TD 1:02		ARIZ	Shawn Poindexter	14 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Lucas Havrisik Kick)	55
		WSU			11
FOURTH QUARTER					
WSU TD 12:37		WSU	Jamire Calvin	2 Yd pass from Gardner Minshew (Blake Mazza Kick)	62
		ARIZ			5
WSU TD 7:06		WSU	Easop Winston	9 Yd pass from Gardner Minshew (Blake Mazza Kick)	69
		ARIZ			7

Team Stats	ARIZ	WSU
First Downs	21	31
Total Yards	431	605
Total Plays	71	79
Avg Gain Per Play	6.1	7.7
Net Yards Rushing	127	123
Rushes	37	23
Yards Per Rush	3.4	5.3
Net Yards Passing	304	482
Comp-Att	20-34	44-56
Yards Per Pass	8.9	8.6
Times Sacked	4	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-37	-7
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	5	3
Punt Average	40.8	35.7
Penalties	7	3
Penalty Yards	75	35
Fumbles	6	0
Fumbles Lost	3	0
Possession	26:19	33:41

Individual Stats

RUSHING

ARIZ	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
21 J.J. Taylor	20	69	3.5	14	0
14 Khalil Tate	8	25	3.1	33	0
20 Darrius Smith	5	24	4.8	12	0
23 Gary Brightwell	3	15	5.0	9	0
4 Rhett Rodriguez	1	-6	-6.0	0	0

WSU	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
21 Max Borghi	8	50	6.3	22	1
32 James Williams	5	50	10.0	43	1
24 Keith Harrington	5	14	2.8	5	0
16 Gardner Minshew II	4	6	1.5	10	0
39 Clay Markoff	1	3	3.0	3	0

PASSING

ARIZ	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
14 Khalil Tate	18	30	294	9.8	4	1	179.7
4 Rhett Rodriguez	2	4	10	2.5	0	0	71.0
WSU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
16 Gardner Minshew II	43	55	473	8.6	7	0	192.4
10 Trey Tinsley	1	1	9	9.0	0	0	175.6

RECEIVING

ARIZ	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
7 DeVaughn Cooper	3	97	32.3	48	0
9 Tony Ellison	3	54	18.0	37	1
18 Cedric Peterson	2	39	19.5	30	0
19 Shawn Poindexter	2	38	19.0	24	2
6 Shun Brown	8	37	4.6	8	1
81 Bryce Wolma	1	30	30.0	30	0
23 Gary Brightwell	1	9	9.0	9	0
WSU	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
1 Davontavean Martin	7	124	17.7	50	1
85 Calvin Jackson Jr.	5	85	17.0	38	2
21 Max Borghi	6	65	10.8	30	0
5 Travell Harris	2	41	20.5	29	0
8 Easop Winston Jr.	3	39	13.0	26	1
6 Jamire Calvin	5	37	7.4	23	1
17 Kyle Sweet	4	36	9.0	14	0
32 James Williams	6	24	4.0	9	1
81 Renard Bell	3	13	4.3	8	0
12 Dezmon Patmon	2	11	5.5	11	1
24 Keith Harrington	1	7	7.0	7	0