

WEEK FOUR  
WEST VIRGINIA at KANSAS

**Pettaway scores twice as West Virginia beats Kansas 29-24**

LAWRENCE, Kan. -- Martell Pettaway couldn't remember the last time he spent an entire game watching from the sideline, never once getting onto the field after warmups -- much less getting a carry.

That was the case for West Virginia's senior running back a week ago. But after the game-plan precluded him from seeing any action in a win over North Carolina State, Pettaway made up for it on his very first carry Saturday. He shook a couple Kansas defenders at the line of scrimmage, broke into the open and ran 23 yards for a third-quarter touchdown.

Pettaway added another score in the fourth quarter, helping the Mountaineers squeak out a 29-24 victory over the Jayhawks in the Big 12 opener for both teams.

"The two touchdown runs he had were big-time plays," said West Virginia coach Neal Brown, who leaned on running backs Kennedy McCoy and Leddie Brown against the Wolfpack. "Martell had a good week of practice and that's the kind of guy he can be."

McCoy added 73 yards rushing and a touchdown for the Mountaineers (3-1). Kendall Austin threw for 202 yards, and Evan Staley bounced back from an early miss to hit three field goals.

Meanwhile, their defense held Kansas (2-2) to 377 yards total offense, one week after new coach Les Miles' bunch had 567 yards and five TDs in a road rout of Boston College. And much of the yardage Saturday came as the Jayhawks drove frantically for a touchdown with 2:10 left in the game.

They tried an onside kick but it went out of bounds, and by the time West Virginia gave the ball back, the Jayhawks only had time for a hook-and-ladder from midfield that came up short.

"Including the last play I felt like we were going to win," Miles said. "If we could've made a cut in the back end of that play we may have."

Carter Stanley led the Jayhawks with 235 yards passing and three touchdowns, but he also threw a costly interception when they were trailing 23-17 midway through the fourth quarter.

Pettaway finished the ensuing drive with his second TD run to make it a two-possession game.

"Coach Brown just told me I could play better. I took that to do better in practice," said Pettaway, who ran for more than 600 yards last season. "It was a good week of practice for me and the offensive line did a hell of a job."

West Virginia and Kansas had played to a first-half draw, though the real winner was the wind. It was whipping out of the south at 25 mph, making it tough for both offenses to move the ball.

The Mountaineers scored first -- with the wind -- on McCoy's short plunge, then Kansas answered -- also with the wind -- when Stanley hit Kwamie Lassiter with a 28-yard TD strike.

The momentum shifted late in the first half, though. The Jayhawks had the ball, the wind and three timeouts in the closing minutes but went three-and-out and punted. West Virginia then raced 51 yards in just 49 seconds to set up Staley's go-ahead field goal.

The Mountaineers kept the momentum to start the second half.

Pettway, getting his first carry of the game, picked through a couple tackles at the line of scrimmage and cruised 23 yards for the score. And when Kansas got a chip-shot field goal and appeared to recover the onside kick, Jamahl Horne was flagged for kick-catch interference.

West Virginia was given the ball back and drove for another field goal for a 20-10 lead.

Stanley gave the Jayhawks a chance when he hit Andrew Parchment on a 75-yard catch-and-run. But after West Virginia got another field goal, the Jayhawks' quarterback ruined any chance of a comeback when his throw to the sideline was picked off by the Mountaineers' Keith Washington II.

Pettaway's second touchdown run made it a two-score game for West Virginia.

"They weren't really doing anything we hadn't seen, hadn't prepared for all week," said the Jayhawks' Bryce Tornado. "It really just came down to little things we were doing to ourselves. Kind of self-inflicted wounds."

**THE TAKEAWAY**

West Virginia was abysmal on its last road trip, losing 38-7 to Missouri. But the Mountaineers bounced back to spank North Carolina State last weekend and are flying high entering a week off.

Kansas was trying to build on its win in Chestnut Hill, but two turnovers and the penalty on the onside kick cost valuable possessions. Might have cost its best chance to win a Big 12 game, too.

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WVU	7	3	10	9	29
KU	0	7	10	7	24

**Scoring Summary -----**

	WVU	KU
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
WVU TD 7:37 Kennedy McKoy 3 Yd Run (Evan Staley Kick)		7
13 plays, 71 yards, 5:59	7	0
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
KU TD 12:06 Kwamie Lassiter II 28 Yd pass from Carter Stanley (Liam Jones Kick)		7
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:43	7	7
WVU FG 0:00 Evan Staley 37 Yd Field Goal		7
9 plays, 51 yards, 0:49	10	7
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
WVU TD 10:31 Martell Pettaway 23 Yd Run (Evan Staley Kick)		7
10 plays, 70 yards, 4:24	17	7
KU FG 6:06 Liam Jones 23 Yd Field Goal		10
11 plays, 71 yards, 4:25	17	10
WVU FG 4:20 Evan Staley 44 Yd Field Goal		10
4 plays, 5 yards, 1:45	20	10
KU TD 4:08 Andrew Parchment 75 Yd pass from Carter Stanley (Liam Jones Kick)		17
1 play, 75 yards, 0:12	20	17
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
WVU FG 12:35 Evan Staley 22 Yd Field Goal		17
12 plays, 73 yards, 6:28	23	17
WVU TD 5:04 Martell Pettaway 7 Yd Run (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)		17
11 plays, 51 yards, 5:36	29	17
KU TD 2:10 Andrew Parchment 3 Yd pass from Carter Stanley (Liam Jones Kick)		24
10 plays, 70 yards, 2:49	29	24

Team Stats	WVU	KU
First Downs	25	20
Passes for First	11	9
Rushes for First	13	9
Penalties for First	1	2
Third Down Efficiency	9-18	4-10
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-0
Total Yards	394	417
Total Plays	85	56
Avg Gain Per Play	4.6	7.4
Net Yards Rushing	192	142
Rushes	48	30
Yards Per Rush	4.0	4.7
Net Yards Passing	202	275
Comp-Att	25-37	19-26
Yards Per Pass	5.5	10.6
Times Sacked	2	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-8	-24
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	4	5
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	5	4
Penalty Yards	41	45
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Time of Poss	37:41	22:19

**Individual Stats**

RUSHING		Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>						
Kennedy McKoy		20	73	3.7	1	15
Leddie Brown		12	70	5.8	0	30
Martell Pettaway		6	40	6.7	2	23
Austin Kendall		9	8	0.9	0	11
Sam James		1	1	1.0	0	1
<b>KANSAS</b>						
Pooka Williams Jr.		15	76	5.1	0	17
Carter Stanley		8	39	4.9	0	19
Khalil Herbert		7	27	3.9	0	12

PASSING		Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>								
Austin Kendall		25	37	202	5.5	0	0	55.2
<b>KANSAS</b>								
Carter Stanley		19	25	275	11.0	3	1	75.4
Team		0	1	0	0.0	0	0	--

RECEIVING		Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>						
T.J. Simmons		4	46	11.5	0	18
Kennedy McKoy		5	44	8.8	0	15
Sam James		6	41	6.8	0	11
Winston Wright		3	27	9.0	0	13
Sean Ryan		3	20	6.7	0	10
Ali Jennings		3	18	6.0	0	8
Isaiah Esdale		1	6	6.0	0	6
<b>KANSAS</b>						
Andrew Parchment		5	132	26.4	2	75
Daylon Charlot		4	52	13.0	0	19
Stephon Robinson Jr.		5	48	9.6	0	14
Kwamie Lassiter II		3	45	15.0	1	28
Pooka Williams Jr.		2	-2	-1.0	0	1