

WEEK SEVEN
IOWA ST at WEST VIRGINIA

Frosh RB Hall leads Iowa State over West Virginia 38-14

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. -- Breece Hall may have given Iowa State the dependable option at running back the Cyclones have been looking for since star David Montgomery left.

The freshman rushed for 132 yards and scored three touchdowns to lead Iowa State to a 38-14 victory over West Virginia on Saturday night in a game in which the Mountaineers lost quarterback Austin Kendall to injury.

Hall scored on a pair of 1-yard runs in the second and fourth quarters and also had a 12-yard TD in the third quarter.

“He certainly did a great job tonight and hopefully he can build on that,” Iowa State coach Matt Campbell said. “I expect that he would.”

The 205-pound Hall is the third different running back to lead the Cyclones (4-2, 2-1 Big 12) in rushing this season and the first to eclipse 100 yards. Quarterback Brock Purdy had 102 yards a week ago against TCU.

Johnnie Lang started Saturday’s game and had four carries for 11 yards before giving way to Hall, who entered the game fifth on the team with 84 rushing yards on 18 carries.

“Breece just brings a lot to the table,” said Iowa State wide receiver La’Michael Pettway. “He’s physical. He can move. I like his feet. He’s got a quick twitch and he’s smart. With Breece just being a freshman he still has a lot to learn so that can be scary.”

Kendall was hit hard while attempting a pass during West Virginia’s first series. He did not return and was replaced by backup Jack Allison.

West Virginia coach Neal Brown said Kendall appeared to sustain a chest injury and will know more by early in the week.

“It’s not an arm or shoulder injury,” Brown said.

Purdy threw for one TD and ran for another for Iowa State, who held the Mountaineers (3-3, 1-2) scoreless in the second half. The Cyclones scored 17 points in the fourth quarter to pull away.

“I’m not disappointed in our effort. I thought our guys were ready to play,” Brown said. “We just ran out of gas. They are one of the top offenses in the country and I thought we did a pretty good job holding them in check, 372 yards.”

THE TAKEAWAY

Iowa State: Hall’s performance will help the Cyclones take the running load off of Purdy, who entered the game with the most carries on the team.

West Virginia: The Mountaineers were limited to 190 yards of offense. Allison had one good series but couldn’t generate enough offense to keep up with Purdy. Allison finished 18 of 24 for 140 yards with one touchdown pass and an interception.

“I think it’s tough when a backup quarterback has to come into a game and play,” Brown said. “In college football, you don’t get as many reps. I thought under the circumstances he did an OK job.”

TARGETING

The Mountaineers will be without cornerback Hakeem Bailey for most of next weekend’s game after the senior was called for targeting for a hit on wide receiver Tarique Milton early in the third quarter.

EARLY CYCLONE STRUGGLES

Iowa State’s offense had two three-and-outs all season entering the game but failed to get a first down on two of its first three series Saturday. On the second one, West Virginia’s Tykee Smith caught a deflected pass from Purdy and went 19 yards for the opening touchdown.

CHANGE OF FORTUNE

West Virginia’s Nicktroy Fortune broke up a second-quarter pass that would have forced an Iowa State punt near midfield. Instead, linebacker VanDarius Cowan was called for using his hands to the face on the play, giving the Cyclones a first down at the 34. Purdy later converted a fourth-down run and then scored on a 2-yard run to put Iowa State ahead 14-7.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
ISU	0	14	7	17	38
WVU	7	7	0	0	14

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER		ISU	WVU
WVU TD 4:29 Tykee Smith 19 Yd Interception Return (Evan Staley Kick)		0	7
3 plays, -5 yards, 0:18			
SECOND QUARTER		ISU	WVU
ISU TD 14:55 Breece Hall 1 Yd Run (Connor Assalley Kick)		7	7
11 plays, 65 yards, 4:34			
ISU TD 6:32 Brock Purdy 2 Yd Run (Connor Assalley Kick)		14	7
10 plays, 66 yards, 5:39			
WVU TD 0:28 T.J. Simmons 9 Yd pass from Jack Allison (Evan Staley Kick)		14	14
14 plays, 76 yards, 6:04			
THIRD QUARTER		ISU	WVU
ISU TD 9:39 Breece Hall 12 Yd Run (Connor Assalley Kick)		21	14
6 plays, 68 yards, 2:07			
FOURTH QUARTER		ISU	WVU
ISU FG 12:20 Brayden Narveson 45 Yd Field Goal		24	14
11 plays, 47 yards, 6:27			
ISU TD 6:54 Joseph Scates 18 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley Kick)		31	14
7 plays, 62 yards, 3:55			
ISU TD 1:42 Breece Hall 1 Yd Run (Connor Assalley Kick)		38	14
7 plays, 26 yards, 4:09			

Team Stats	ISU	WVU
First Downs	26	12
Passes for First	13	6
Rushes for First	10	6
Penalties for First	3	0
Third Down Efficiency	6-14	6-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	3-3	0-0
Total Yards	372	190
Total Plays	73	53
Avg Gain Per Play	5.1	3.6
Net Yards Rushing	143	41
Rushes	43	28
Yards Per Rush	3.3	1.5
Net Yards Passing	229	149
Comp-Att	19-30	19-25
Yards Per Pass	7.6	6.0
Times Sacked	3	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-18	-19
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	3	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	4	6
Penalty Yards	30	53
Fumbles	0	3
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Time of Poss	36:11	23:49

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
IOWA ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Breece Hall	26	132	5.1	3	18		
Re-al Mitchell	4	18	4.5	0	11		
Johnnie Lang	4	11	2.8	0	8		
Team	3	-3	-1.0	0	0		
Brock Purdy	6	-15	-2.5	1	2		
WEST VIRGINIA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Leddie Brown	10	26	2.6	0	11		
Lorenzo Dorr	2	9	4.5	0	4		
Kennedy McKoy	8	6	0.8	0	5		
Austin Kendall	3	5	1.7	0	10		
Sam James	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Jack Allison	4	-8	-2.0	0	1		
PASSING							
IOWA ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Brock Purdy	19	30	229	7.6	1	1	71.4
WEST VIRGINIA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jack Allison	18	24	140	5.8	1	1	57.2
Austin Kendall	1	1	9	9.0	0	0	2.7
RECEIVING							
IOWA ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
La'Michael Pettway	8	81	10.1	0	20		
Charlie Kolar	3	45	15.0	0	24		
Tarique Milton	2	38	19.0	0	28		
Dylan Soehner	1	21	21.0	0	21		
Joseph Scates	1	18	18.0	1	18		
Sean Shaw Jr.	1	17	17.0	0	17		
Breece Hall	1	5	5.0	0	5		
Chase Allen	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Johnnie Lang	1	1	1.0	0	1		
WEST VIRGINIA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
T.J. Simmons	5	75	15.0	1	27		
Sam James	5	30	6.0	0	10		
Mike O'Laughlin	3	16	5.3	0	8		
Ali Jennings	1	11	11.0	0	11		
Leddie Brown	1	8	8.0	0	8		
Kennedy McKoy	2	8	4.0	0	9		
Winston Wright	2	1	0.5	0	1		