

WEEK SEVEN
WASHINGTON at ARIZONA

Eason, Ahmed lead Washington over Arizona 51-27

TUCSON, Ariz. -- Jacob Eason and the Washington offense had struggled for the better part of two games by the time the quarterback saw Aaron Fuller sprinting toward the front corner of the end zone. Then came a beautifully-thrown ball over Fuller's right shoulder for a 22-yard touchdown.

Suddenly, the Huskies couldn't stop scoring.

Eason threw for 243 yards and two touchdowns, Salvon Ahmed ran for three touchdowns and Washington rallied in the second half to beat Arizona 51-27 on Saturday night.

It was an impressive bounce back win -- especially for the offense -- after a deflating 23-13 loss to Stanford the week before.

"We know how we can play football," Eason said. "Some guys stepped up. We played our brand of football in the second half and it showed today."

Washington (5-2, 2-2 Pac-12) trailed 17-13 at halftime but responded with two touchdowns in the third quarter to take a 27-17 lead.

The Huskies left little doubt about the outcome early in the fourth quarter after two good throws by Eason. The first was a 39-yard completion to Jordan Chin over the middle of the field and the second was the 22-yarder to Fuller that led him into the corner of the end zone, just inside the pylon.

If was quite the offensive performance after a rough first half. Washington finished with 207 yards rushing, including 106 yards by Sean McGrew and another 95 from Ahmed.

"Credit to the kids," Washington coach Chris Petersen said. "There wasn't a lot to say. They just knew it wasn't good enough. We couldn't get into any sort of rhythm. We'd have a penalty, a false start, or wouldn't make a play."

"We knew if we could stay on the field, we would get a rhythm going."

Arizona (4-2, 2-1) had its four-game win streak snapped. Khalil Tate threw for 184 yards, one touchdown and one interception. He couldn't find any of his usual running room and finished with minus-28 yards on the ground.

The Wildcats were hurt by four turnovers, including three lost fumbles.

"You can't play a team of that caliber and turn it over that many times," Arizona coach Kevin Sumlin said.

Washington jumped to a 13-3 lead midway through the second quarter after Tate fumbled while scrambling. Linebacker Brandon Wellington scooped up the bouncing ball and ran it in for a 5-yard touchdown.

Arizona bounced back on the ensuing drive when Tate hit Jamarye Joiner for a 40-yard touchdown pass. The Wildcats scored again on J.J. Taylor's 1-yard run, capping a nine-play, 68-yard touchdown drive just before halftime for a 17-13 lead at the break.

MISSED CHANCES

Washington made a few big plays on special teams in the first quarter but squandered a chance to take a big early lead.

Huskies' defensive lineman Levi Onwuzurike burst through Arizona's defensive line to block a punt on the first drive of the game. Washington didn't score on the ensuing drive, but it did give the Huskies good field position that eventually resulted in a 3-0 lead.

Later in the quarter, a Washington punt bounced off Arizona's Thomas Reid III, who was trying to make a block in front of the punt returner. The Huskies recovered at Arizona's 8-yard line but had to settle for another short field goal and a 6-0 advantage.

INJURIES

Washington linebacker MJ Tafisi was taken off the field on a stretcher late in the third quarter after making a tackle. He was strapped down and had his face mask removed but was moving his arms and waved at the crowd as the cart drove off the field.

Peterson said Tafisi was moving at the hospital and doctors were "doing the final checks" and making sure "they're not missing anything." He hoped Tafisi would be able to go home with the team.

THE TAKEAWAY

Washington: The Huskies are still inconsistent on offense, but Eason made a few good throws in the second half in important moments. The defense put constant pressure on Tate, forcing him into some bad decisions. If Washington can keep up that combination against other teams, it could string some wins together in the second half of the season.

Arizona: The Wildcats couldn't capitalize on the momentum they gained in the second quarter and the team's three lost fumbles hurt. Tate rarely looked comfortable and the Wildcats' offense really struggled without him as a running threat.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Washington has a decent shot at jumping back into the rankings after the win. The Huskies received 54 points in last week's poll, which was four spots out of the Top 25. Arizona was getting some interest, too, but that probably ends after the loss.

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WASH	6	7	14	24	51
ARIZ	0	17	0	10	27

Scoring Summary -----

	WASH	ARIZ
FIRST QUARTER		
WASH FG 5:43 Peyton Henry 27 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 62 yards, 3:36	3	0
WASH FG 0:35 Peyton Henry 25 Yd Field Goal		
4 plays, 0 yards, 1:47	6	0
SECOND QUARTER		
ARIZ FG 12:59 Lucas Havrisik 50 Yd Field Goal		
4 plays, 8 yards, 1:15	6	3
WASH TD 8:55 Brandon Wellington 5 Yd Fumble Return (Peyton Henry Kick)		
3 plays, -15 yards, 4:28	13	3
ARIZ TD 5:31 Jamarye Joiner 40 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Lucas Havrisik Kick)		
9 plays, 75 yards, 3:24	13	10
ARIZ TD 1:06 J.J. Taylor 1 Yd Run (Lucas Havrisik Kick)		
9 plays, 68 yards, 2:47	13	17
THIRD QUARTER		
WASH TD 10:40 Jack Westover 3 Yd pass from Jacob Eason (Peyton Henry Kick)		
10 plays, 75 yards, 4:20	20	17
WASH TD 2:41 Salvon Ahmed 4 Yd Run (Peyton Henry Kick)		
6 plays, 36 yards, 3:02	27	17
FOURTH QUARTER		
ARIZ FG 14:46 Lucas Havrisik 31 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 62 yards, 2:55	27	20
WASH TD 13:07 Aaron Fuller 22 Yd pass from Jacob Eason (Peyton Henry Kick)		
4 plays, 75 yards, 1:39	34	20
WASH TD 9:54 Salvon Ahmed 3 Yd Run (Peyton Henry Kick)		
5 plays, 63 yards, 2:15	41	20
WASH FG 6:59 Peyton Henry 27 Yd Field Goal		
5 plays, 20 yards, 2:48	44	20
ARIZ TD 4:25 Nathan Tilford 25 Yd Run (Lucas Havrisik Kick)		
9 plays, 79 yards, 2:28	44	27
WASH TD 2:12 Salvon Ahmed 10 Yd Run (Peyton Henry Kick)		
4 plays, 43 yards, 2:11	51	27

Team Stats	WASH	ARIZ
First Downs	18	18
Passes for First	8	8
Rushes for First	9	9
Penalties for First	1	1
Third Down Efficiency	3-13	5-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	1-1
Total Yards	450	360
Total Plays	67	72
Avg Gain Per Play	6.7	5.0
Net Yards Rushing	207	151
Rushes	45	39
Yards Per Rush	4.6	3.9
Net Yards Passing	243	209
Comp-Att	15-22	16-33
Yards Per Pass	11.0	6.3
Times Sacked	1	4
Yds Lost To Sacks	-11	-41
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	4	7
Punt Average	44.3	34.3
Penalties	8	5
Penalty Yards	67	33
Fumbles	1	3
Fumbles Lost	1	3
Time of Poss	34:24	25:36

Individual Stats

RUSHING

WASHINGTON	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Sean McGrew	13	106	8.2	0	44
Salvon Ahmed	23	95	4.1	3	13
Chico McClatcher	3	17	5.7	0	6
Team	3	-4	-1.3	0	0
Jacob Eason	3	-7	-2.3	0	4
ARIZONA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
J.J. Taylor	18	89	4.9	1	16
Nathan Tilford	6	49	8.2	1	25
Michael Wiley	6	35	5.8	0	17
Grant Gunnell	1	6	6.0	0	6
Khalil Tate	8	-28	-3.5	0	11

PASSING

WASHINGTON	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jacob Eason	15	22	243	11.0	2	0	78.5
ARIZONA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Khalil Tate	13	25	184	7.4	1	1	24.3
Grant Gunnell	3	8	25	3.1	0	0	32.1

RECEIVING

WASHINGTON	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Puka Nacua	3	97	32.3	0	49
Aaron Fuller	4	60	15.0	1	22
Hunter Bryant	3	45	15.0	0	22
Jordan Chin	1	39	39.0	0	39
Jack Westover	2	7	3.5	1	4
Chico McClatcher	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Sean McGrew	1	-4	-4.0	0	0
ARIZONA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Cedric Peterson	3	64	21.3	0	29
Jamarye Joiner	3	55	18.3	1	40
J.J. Taylor	3	37	12.3	0	22
Bryce Wolma	1	23	23.0	0	23
Stanley Berryhill III	1	15	15.0	0	15
Michael Wiley	2	11	5.5	0	7
Jalen Johnson	1	9	9.0	0	9
Brian Casteel	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2
Tayvian Cunningham	1	-3	-3.0	0	-3