

**NEW MEXICO STATE VS WASHINGTON STATE**

Gordon shines as No. 23 Washington State rolls to 58-7 win

PULLMAN, Wash. -- Anthony Gordon's starting debut for No. 23 Washington State was perfect for most of the first half and nearly flawless overall.

Gordon completed his first 15 passes, threw for 330 yards and four touchdowns in the first half, and No. 23 Washington State rolled past New Mexico State 58-7 on Saturday night.

Gordon made his first college start memorable throwing touchdowns of 41, 48, 19 and 54 yards in the first half as the Cougars (1-0) built a 35-7 lead and coasted to an easy opening victory. Gordon finished 29 of 35 for 420 yards and five TD passes before checking out late in the third quarter.

"It goes to show what our preparation does. Been working at this for a long time now so all this as a team kind of came together and we united pretty well I thought," Gordon said. "It was pretty rewarding to see all that happen."

Gordon, who had just five career passes coming into the season, beat out Eastern Washington transfer Gage Gubrud for the starting job with a stellar fall camp and his performance in camp continued into the start of the season. Gordon hit Rodrick Fisher for a 41-yard TD on the opening drive of the game and the passing onslaught was only getting started.

Gordon added a 48-yard catch-and-run TD to Dezmon Patmon, hit Easop Winston Jr. on a 19-yard score and capped his big half with a 54-yard touchdown toss to Travell Harris.

Gordon hit 22 of 23 passes in the first half. The only incomplection was a drop by Brandon Arconado midway through the second quarter.

"He didn't look nervous or anything out there. He executed his job well and it's no different than what he does in practice and that's why he's the guy," Washington State running back Max Borghi said. "He can make plays and that's exactly what he did out there today."

Harris added a 20-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter, breaking a couple of tackles and traversing from one side of the field to the other to complete the run after catch.

Borghi added 128 yards rushing on 10 carries, including a 12-yard touchdown. Borghi became the first Washington State running back to rush for 100 yards since Gerard Wicks against California in 2016.

New Mexico State quarterback Josh Adkins scored on a 3-yard touchdown run in the first quarter when he recovered a fumble and took the loose ball into the end zone to tie the game at 7-7. That was the highlight of the night for the Aggies (0-1) who were limited to 317 total yards, a big chunk coming in the fourth quarter.

Adkins was 28 of 42 for 221 yards and two interceptions.

"When you play elite teams like this and what we're going to do next week, you can't give them help or it will really get out of hand, and that's what happened tonight," New Mexico State coach Doug Martin said.

**QB TRIO**  
The night wasn't just about Gordon. Gubrud entered late in the third quarter and threw a 9-yard touchdown to Renard Bell. And, Trey Tinsley got some time in the fourth quarter going 1-of-3 passing in his limited action.

**THE TAKEAWAY**  
New Mexico State: The Aggies knew it was going to be a challenging start to the season beginning with the Cougars and No. 2 Alabama next week. New Mexico State must cut down on the miscues after committing three turnovers and was just 5 of 15 on third downs.

"It's disappointing that we didn't play better. We have another great opportunity to play the second best ranked team in the country," Martin said.

Washington State: Part of Gordon's big debut was distributing the wealth to his pass catchers. Ten Cougars caught at least one pass, showing the depth of Washington State's receiver group. Patmon led the way with seven catches for 103 yards.

"It appeared we had some depth at that position. I thought they caught the ball well and came to play," Washington State coach Mike Leach said.

<b>Final</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>NMSU</b>	7	0	0	0	7
<b>WSU</b>	14	21	13	10	58

**Scoring Summary -----**

	NMSU	WSU
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
WSU td 9:21 Rodrick Fisher 41 Yd pass from Anthony Gordon (Blake Mazza Kick)5 plays, 66 yards, 2:12	0	7
NMSU td 6:25mJosh Adkins 3 Yd Run (Dylan Brown Kick)7 plays, 75 yards, 2:56	7	7
WSU td 5:11 Dezmon Patmon 48 Yd pass from Anthony Gordon (Blake Mazza Kick)3 plays, 75 yards, 1:14	7	14
<b>second Quarter</b>		
WSU td 11:07,Easop Winston Jr. 19 Yd pass from Anthony Gordon (Blake Mazza Kick)11 plays, 76 yards, 6:55	7	21
WSU 9:55 Travell Harris 54 Yd pass from Anthony Gordon (Blake Mazza Kick)1 play, 54 yards, 0:09	7	28
WSU 1:23 Max Borghi 12 Yd Run (Blake Mazza Kick)11 plays, 80 yards, 5:21	7	35
<b>third Quarter</b>		
WSU td 11:56mTravell Harris 20 Yd pass from Anthony Gordon (Blake Mazza Kick)8 plays, 75 yards, 3:04	7	42
FG 8:38 Blake Mazza 45 Yd Field Goal		45
WSU FG 6:12 Blake Mazza 50 Yd Field Goal	7	48
4 plays, -6 yards, 1:25		48
<b>fourth Quarter</b>		
WSU TD 14:13mRenard Bell 9 Yd pass from Gage Gubrud (Blake Mazza Kick)10 plays, 90 yards, 5:20	7	55
WSU FG 12:18Blake Mazza 34 Yd Field Goal		58
4 plays, 1 yard, 1:15	7	58

<b>Team Stats</b>	<b>New Mexico ST</b>	<b>Washington St</b>
First Downs	18	28
Total Yards	317	618
Total Plays	67	69
Avg Gain Per Play	4.7	9.0
Net Yards Rushing	96	111
Rushes	25	20
Yards Per Rush	3.8	5.6
Net Yards Passing	221	507
Comp-Att	28-42	39-49
Yards Per Pass	5.3	10.3
Times Sacked	3	1
Penalties	2	6
Penalty Yards	0	69
Fumbles	3	0
<b>Time of Poss</b>	<b>25:19</b>	<b>34:41</b>

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
<b>NMSU</b>					
Jason Huntley	9	57	6.3	27	0
Christian Gibson	4	25	6.3	17	0
Naveon Mitchell	6	22	3.7	8	0
Josh Adkins	6	-8	-1.3	10	1
<b>WSU</b>					
Max Borghi	10	128	12.8	54	1
Clay Markoff	5	7	1.4	5	0
Deon McIntosh	1	1	1.0	1	0
Anthony Gordon	2	-7	-3.5	1	0
Max Borghi	10	128	12.8	54	1
Clay Markoff	5	7	1.4	5	0
Deon McIntosh	1	1	1.0	1	0
Anthony Gordon	2	-7	-3.5	1	0

**PASSING**

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
<b>NMSU</b>							
Josh Adkins	28	42	221	5.3	0	2	101.3
<b>WSU</b>							
Anthony Gordon	29	35	420	12.0	5	0	230.8
Gage Gubrud	9	11	76	6.9	1	0	169.9
Trey Tinsley	1	3	11	3.7	0	0	64.1

**RECEIVING**

	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
<b>MSU</b>					
OJ Clark	7	47	6.7	18	0
Tony Nicholson	7	40	5.7	12	0
Robert Downs III	5	31	6.2	11	0
Drew Dan	2	27	13.5	17	0
Jason Huntley	3	23	7.7	16	0
Naveon Mitchell	1	22	22.0	22	0
Izaiah Lottie	1	17	17.0	17	0
Tevis Abraham	1	11	11.0	11	0
Christian Gibson	1	3	3.0	3	0
<b>WSU</b>					
Dezmon Patmon	7	103	14.7	48	1
Travell Harris	4	91	22.8	54	2
Rodrick Fisher	3	66	22.0	41	1
Brandon Arconado	5	57	11.4	17	0
Davontavean Martin	5	57	11.4	32	0
Easop Winston Jr.	5	51	10.2	19	1
Kassidy Woods	4	40	10.0	26	0
Renard Bell	2	18	9.0	9	1
Brandon Gray	2	13	6.5	11	0
Max Borghi	2	11	5.5	9	0