

WEEK ONE
 JAMES MADISON at WEST VIRGINIA

Kendall tosses 2 TDs, West Virginia tops James Madison 20-13

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. -- Austin Kendall threw two second-half touch-down passes in his debut at West Virginia and the Mountaineers overcame some struggles to hold off FCS No. 2 James Madison 20-13 Saturday.

Kendall couldn't generate a ton of offense under constant pressure, but the Oklahoma graduate transfer did just enough to give new coach Neal Brown a victory in his debut while preventing the Mountaineers from losing to a Championship Subdivision opponent for the first time.

West Virginia's strengths entering the season were its depth at running back and on the offensive and defensive lines. All of those units underperformed as James Madison dominated the line of scrimmage throughout.

The Mountaineers averaged just 1.4 yards per rush, leaving it up to Kendall to bail them out.

He did -- barely.

Kendall found Tevin Bush on a short pass that turned into a 41-yard gain to start the third quarter, leading to Kendall's 28-yard TD toss to Florida State transfer George Campbell.

Evan Staley kicked two field goals for West Virginia, including a 43-yarder early in the fourth that put West Virginia ahead 13-10.

Keith Washington intercepted Ben DiNucci's next pass and West Virginia took over at the Dukes 30. On third down, Kendall found Bush wide open behind two defenders in the end zone on a 22-yard scoring pass. Kendall finished 27 of 42 for 260 yards.

James Madison's DiNucci impressed with both his running and passing. He twice converted long third-down throws on the next drive, leading to Ethan Ratke's 31-yard field goal with 4:33 remaining.

James Madison had two chances with the ball after that but couldn't get into scoring position.

THE TAKEAWAY

James Madison: The Dukes looked like the better team for much of the game under new coach Curt Cignetti and showed why they are ranked No. 2 in the Championship Subdivision preseason polls.

West Virginia: The Mountaineers entered the season with a young squad and their concerns only seemed to grow after getting out-gained 328-294.

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JMU	7	0	3	3	13
WVU	0	3	7	10	20

Scoring Summary -----

	JMU	WVU
FIRST QUARTER		
JMU TD 1:47 S. Vanhorse run for 9 yds for a TD, (E. Ratke KICK)	7	0
7 plays, 80 yards, 2:38		
SECOND QUARTER		
WVU FG 12:33 E. Staley 38 yd FG GOOD		3
11 plays, 53 yards, 4:09	7	
THIRD QUARTER		
WVU TD 12:32 A. Kendall pass, to G. Campbell for 28 yds for a TD, (E. Staley KICK)		10
7 plays, 82 yards, 2:24	7	
JMU FG 6:34 E. Ratke 29 yd FG GOOD	10	
13 plays, 63 yards, 5:58		10
FOURTH QUARTER		
WVU FG 10:26 E. Staley 43 yd FG GOOD		13
10 plays, 30 yards, 4:35	10	
WVU TD 8:43 A. Kendall pass, to T. Bush for 22 yds for a TD, (E. Staley KICK)		20
3 plays, 30 yards, 1:25	10	
JMU FG 4:33 E. Ratke 31 yd FG GOOD		20
10 plays, 51 yards, 4:04	13	

Team Stats	JMU	WVU
First Downs	18	13
Passes for First	8	11
Rushes for First	10	2
Penalties for First	0	0
Third Down Efficiency	5-14	6-18
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	1-1
Total Yards	328	294
Total Plays	68	66
Avg Gain Per Play	4.8	4.5
Net Yards Rushing	172	34
Rushes	48	24
Yards Per Rush	3.6	1.4
Net Yards Passing	156	260
Comp-Att	13-20	27-42
Yards Per Pass	7.8	6.2
Times Sacked	1	4
Yds Lost To Sacks	-3	-27
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	5	8
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	2	6
Penalty Yards	20	35
Fumbles	2	0
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Time of Poss	30:50	29:10

Individual Stats

RUSHING

JAMES MADISON	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Solomon Vanhorse	12	55	4.6	1	10
Ben DiNucci	14	36	2.6	0	22
Percy Agyei-Obese	8	29	3.6	0	7
Jawon Hamilton	8	26	3.3	0	6
Austin Douglas	5	17	3.4	0	8
Brandon Polk	1	9	9.0	0	9
WEST VIRGINIA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Martell Pettaway	9	20	2.2	0	5
Kennedy McKoy	11	11	1.0	0	5
Alec Sinkfield	1	3	3.0	0	3
Austin Kendall	3	0	1.5	0	2

PASSING

JAMES MADISON	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Ben DiNucci	13	20	156	7.8	0	1	
WEST VIRGINIA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Austin Kendall	27	42	260	6.2	2	0	

RECEIVING

JAMES MADISON	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Brandon Polk	4	66	16.5	0	21
Kyndel Dean	4	63	15.8	0	29
Devin Ravenel	1	14	14.0	0	14
Austin Douglas	2	7	3.5	0	7
Solomon Vanhorse	1	4	4.0	0	4
Jawon Hamilton	1	2	2.0	0	2
WEST VIRGINIA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Tevin Bush	4	74	18.5	1	41
T.J. Simmons	5	58	11.6	0	20
Sam James	6	32	5.3	0	16
Sean Ryan	2	31	15.5	0	19
George Campbell	1	28	28.0	1	28
Kennedy McKoy	6	18	3.0	0	8
Bryce Wheaton	1	7	7.0	0	7
Alec Sinkfield	1	6	6.0	0	6