

WEEK TEN  
UTAH at WASHINGTON

No. 9 Utah keeps rolling, rallies past Washington 33-28

SEATTLE -- Tyler Huntley threw for one touchdown and ran for another, Jaylon Johnson returned an interception 39 yards for a score, and No. 9 Utah overcame an 11-point first-half deficit to beat Washington 33-28 Saturday.

The Utes (8-1, 5-1 Pac-12) kept alive their College Football Playoff hopes thanks to a defense that forced Washington quarterback Jacob Eason into three turnovers and got just enough offense from Huntley to rally from an early 14-3 hole.

"It says a lot. We've had a lot of games, the last three games or whatever it's been by putting up 40 points and our defense looking impeccable," Utah running back Zack Moss said. "When we can do this and come on the road and win a game like this and doing it the way we did, that's what championship teams do and that's what we've been missing the last couple of years."

Huntley hit Moss on a 9-yard TD late in the first half and added a 1-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter to give Utah its first lead, 26-21. Huntley's TD run capped a drive that featured a key third-and-12 conversion where Huntley was able to hit Jaylen Dixon for a 41-yard completion.

Huntley finished 19 of 24 for 284 yards. He was sacked four times -- Utah had allowed just seven all season -- but all came in the first half and the Utes were able to protect Huntley much better as the game progressed. Huntley also had a pair of key third-down conversions on Utah's final scoring drive, hitting Solomon Enis for 14 yards and Samson Nacua for 28 yards. Moss capped the 84-yard drive with a 2-yard TD run with 4:52 left.

Moss finished with 100 yards on 27 carries.

"It's up there for me," Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said. "I'd have to go back and look at them but it's up there. It's very, very satisfying, especially under the circumstances."

Washington (5-4, 2-4) dropped its second straight after losing to Oregon two weeks ago and lost for the third time at home this season. Eason was 29 of 52 for 316 yards and four touchdowns. He had a nearly perfect beginning before a pair of critical mistakes in the third quarter.

"Those turnovers hurt. Hurt bad," Washington coach Chris Petersen said.

Eason threw an 11-yard TD to Jordin Chin on Washington's first possession, and despite a fumble leading to a Utah field goal early in the second quarter, Eason's 34-yard TD pass to Hunter Bryant gave the Huskies a 14-3 advantage.

But it got significantly more difficult for Eason from there. Leading 14-13, Eason foolishly threw into triple coverage on the first drive of the second half and was intercepted by Julian Blackmon at the Utah 8. Eason rebounded with a 40-yard TD to Bryant, but his next major mistake came later in the quarter when Utah brought a blitz. Eason made a careless throw that was an easier catch for Johnson than intended target Aaron Fuller, and the interception return pulled the Utes within 21-19.

Eason threw a 3-yard TD to Fuller with 1:01 left to pull within five, but Utah recovered the onside kick and ran the clock. Eason was 17 of 35 in the second half, and the Huskies had a series of dropped passes to go along with the turnovers.

THE TAKEAWAY

Utah: The Utes entered the week with the best run defense in the country, giving up just 56 yards per game. The Huskies finished with 53 yards rushing, most of it coming in the first half.

Washington: Petersen's streak of being unbeaten coming off an open date came to an end. In his career at Boise State and Washington, Petersen's teams had been 18-0 when coming off an open date.

INJURIES

Washington's thin wide receiver corps took another hit when promising freshman WR Puka Nacua did not play due to a broken foot suffered in practice. Nacua underwent surgery and Petersen said is expected to be out at least four or five weeks. The Huskies were also without Chico McClatcher, who was hurt late in their last game.

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UTAH	0	13	6	14	33
WASH	7	7	7	7	28

Scoring Summary -----

	UTAH	WASH
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
WASH TD 7:36 Jordan Chin 11 Yd pass from Jacob Eason (Peyton Henry Kick)		7
13 plays, 70 yards, 5:56	0	7
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
UTAH FG 14:56 Jadon Redding 31 Yd Field Goal	3	7
4 plays, 2 yards, 1:41	3	7
WASH TD 12:19 Hunter Bryant 34 Yd pass from Jacob Eason (Peyton Henry Kick)		14
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:37	3	14
UTAH TD 2:46 Zack Moss 9 Yd pass from Tyler Huntley (Jadon Redding Kick)	10	14
12 plays, 75 yards, 6:06	10	14
UTAH FG 0:01 Jadon Redding 32 Yd Field Goal	13	14
8 plays, 41 yards, 1:09	13	14
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
WASH TD 8:15 Hunter Bryant 40 Yd pass from Jacob Eason (Peyton Henry Kick)		21
4 plays, 52 yards, 1:04	13	21
UTAH TD 3:06 J. Eason pass intercepted for a TD, J. Johnson return for 39 yds for a TD	19	21
2 plays, -12 yards, 0:17	19	21
UTAH TD 3:06 Jaylon Johnson 39 Yd Interception Return (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)	19	21
2 plays, -12 yards, 0:17	19	21
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
UTAH TD 11:23 Tyler Huntley 1 Yd Run (Jadon Redding Kick)	26	21
9 plays, 82 yards, 5:18	26	21
UTAH TD 4:52 Zack Moss 2 Yd Run (Jadon Redding Kick)	33	21
11 plays, 84 yards, 5:22	33	21
WASH TD 1:01 Aaron Fuller 3 Yd pass from Jacob Eason (Peyton Henry Kick)		28
19 plays, 75 yards, 3:51	33	28

Team Stats	UTAH	WASH
First Downs	19	21
Passes for First	10	16
Rushes for First	8	4
Penalties for First	1	1
Third Down Efficiency	9-16	6-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	4-5
Total Yards	399	369
Total Plays	68	74
Avg Gain Per Play	5.9	5.0
Net Yards Rushing	115	53
Rushes	44	22
Yards Per Rush	2.6	2.4
Net Yards Passing	284	316
Comp-Att	19-24	29-52
Yards Per Pass	11.8	6.1
Times Sacked	4	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-16	-21
Interceptions	0	2
Punts	4	4
Punt Average	41.3	48.0
Penalties	3	6
Penalty Yards	15	25
Fumbles	2	2
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Time of Poss	34:34	25:26

Individual Stats

RUSHING

UTAH	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Zack Moss	27	100	3.7	1	18
Jordan Wilmore	2	10	5.0	0	14
Tyler Huntley	7	6	0.9	1	12
Derrick Vickers	3	5	1.7	0	4
Jason Shelley	2	-1	-0.5	0	5
Team	3	-5	-1.7	0	0

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Salvon Ahmed	14	50	3.6	0	10
Terrell Bynum	1	9	9.0	0	9
Sean McGrew	1	6	6.0	0	6
Andre Baccellia	1	4	4.0	0	4
Hunter Bryant	1	4	4.0	0	4
Jacob Eason	4	-20	-5.0	0	1

PASSING

UTAH	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tyler Huntley	19	24	284	11.8	1	0	91.9

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Jacob Eason	29	52	316	6.1	4	2	48.0

RECEIVING

UTAH	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Jaylen Dixon	2	72	36.0	0	41
Bryan Thompson	2	60	30.0	0	41
Zack Moss	5	41	8.2	1	15
Demari Simpkins	4	31	7.8	0	11
Samson Nacua	1	28	28.0	0	28
Solomon Enis	2	24	12.0	0	14
Derrick Vickers	1	18	18.0	0	14
Brant Kuithe	1	8	8.0	0	8
Devin Brumfield	1	2	2.0	0	2

WASHINGTON	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Hunter Bryant	6	105	17.5	2	40
Terrell Bynum	7	68	9.7	0	16
Cade Otton	4	43	10.8	0	14
Andre Baccellia	4	29	7.3	0	16
Aaron Fuller	3	24	8.0	1	12
Marquis Spiker	1	21	21.0	0	21
Jordan Chin	1	11	11.0	1	11
Kamari Pleasant	1	8	8.0	0	8
Salvon Ahmed	2	7	3.5	0	9