

WEEK TEN
WASHINGTON ST at CALIFORNIA

Modster has 4 touchdowns in return, Cal holds off WSU 33-20

BERKELEY, Calif. -- Devon Modster wasn't too impressed with the best game of his career. That it helped stop California's four-game losing streak was much more important to the Golden Bears quarterback.

Modster passed for a career-high three touchdowns and rushed for a fourth in his first game back from injury, California's defense made a pivotal stop late in the fourth quarter, and the Golden Bears beat the Cougars 33-20 on Saturday night to end a four-game losing streak.

"I would say it was average," Modster said of his night. "A couple throws I should have made, a couple reads. I just think it was more of a great team win. We can all improve on this."

Modster did not play in Cal's 35-0 loss to No. 8 Utah on Oct. 26 because of an unspecified injury but was cleared earlier this week. He completed 16 of 24 passes for 230 yards and had a pivotal 26-yard scramble prior to his 52-yard touchdown pass to Makai Polk. Modster also had scoring throws of 9 and 13 yards, then sealed the game with a 13-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

"I felt like he just played free and like himself and left it all out there on the field," Polk said of Modster.

Chris Brown Jr. rushed for 95 yards and scored twice to help California (5-4, 2-4 Pac-12) win for the first time since Sept. 21. The Bears outgained the Cougars 196-16 on the ground.

The win keeps California on track to become bowl eligible for the third time in three seasons under coach Justin Wilcox.

"The resiliency of the group, it's always been that way" Wilcox said. "The effort's always been good. We just executed a bit better tonight. It was great."

Modster agreed.

"It just shows a lot of grit," Modster said. "Coming off a four-game losing streak, our spirits didn't die. We came out to work every day and it showed tonight."

Washington State quarterback Anthony Gordon was 45 of 58 for 407 yards passing and threw two touchdown passes and one interception. Gordon, who entered the game leading the nation in passing yards and touchdowns, completed 19 consecutive throws during one stretch to help make up for a rocky start when his first throw of the night was picked off.

Coach Mike Leach's team came unraveled in the fourth quarter. Safety Tyrese Ross was called for a late hit out of bounds on Cal's Ben Skinner. On the same play, a member of the Cougars coaching staff was called for sportsmanlike conduct, giving the Bears 30 yards in penalties.

Washington State (4-5, 1-5) never led and lost for the fifth time in six games.

"We definitely regressed," Leach said. "Somehow, it's got to be meaningful enough to the players, and as coaches we've got to make it meaningful. We pretend it's meaningful and we'll pretend to try hard. As soon as it gets difficult, then we wilt."

THE TAKEAWAY

Washington State: The Cougars were comfortable throwing the majority of the time, which made it easier for the Bears to defend. Gordon was sharp most of the game and found a nice rhythm with wide receiver Brandon Arconado (12 catches, 130 yards, one touchdown). Washington State still has a shot at a postseason bowl but cannot afford another loss.

California: Modster finally looked like a capable quarterback. He completed three long passes and effectively danced out of trouble for most of the game. Brown's running allowed the Bears to be balanced offensively for one of the few times this season. Major credit goes to the defense, which has held 15 of its last 16 opponents to under 25 points.

NO GIMMES HERE

Both teams struggled to convert extra point attempts. Cal's Greg Tomas had his PAT blocked in the first half while Modster's pass on a 2-point try in the fourth quarter fell incomplete. Washington State also came up empty on a pair of 2-point conversion attempts.

MAKING UP FOR HIS MISTAKE

Tight end Gavin Reinwald, whose fumble deep in Bears territory set up Blake Mazza's first field goal, made up for the gaffe with a 9-yard touchdown reception.

TURNING THE CALENDAR

The 33 points is a season-high for the Bears, who had scored 24 points total in three October games.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
WSU	5	6	3	6	20
CAL	6	7	7	13	33

Scoring Summary -----

	WSU	CAL
FIRST QUARTER		
CAL TD 14:15 Christopher Brown Jr. 27 Yd Run (Greg Thomas blocked)		PAT
1 play, 27 yards, 0:09	0	6
WSU D2P 14:15 George Hicks III Defensive PAT Conversion	2	6
1 play, 27 yards, 0:09		
WSU FG 3:34 Blake Mazza 30 Yd Field Goal	5	6
4 plays, 6 yards, 1:21		
SECOND QUARTER		
CAL TD 14:53 Gavin Reinwald 9 Yd pass from Devon Modster (Greg Thomas Kick)		13
7 plays, 75 yards, 3:41	5	
WSU TD 0:45 Brandon Arconado 0 Yd pass from Anthony Gordon (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)		13
10 plays, 85 yards, 4:02	11	
THIRD QUARTER		
CAL TD 10:14 Christopher Brown Jr. 13 Yd pass from Devon Modster (Greg Thomas Kick)		20
4 plays, 39 yards, 1:56	11	
WSU FG 3:27 Blake Mazza 35 Yd Field Goal	14	20
13 plays, 74 yards, 6:38		
FOURTH QUARTER		
CAL TD 6:15 Makai Polk 52 Yd pass from Devon Modster (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)		26
8 plays, 93 yards, 4:16		
CAL TD 2:26 Devon Modster 13 Yd Run (Greg Thomas Kick)		33
5 plays, 35 yards, 1:45	14	
WSU TD 0:05 Renard Bell 1 Yd pass from Anthony Gordon (PAT failed)		33
8 plays, 81 yards, 2:15	20	

Team Stats	WSU	CAL
First Downs	23	19
Passes for First	20	6
Rushes for First	2	10
Penalties for First	1	3
Third Down Efficiency	3-12	6-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-3	1-2
Total Yards	423	426
Total Plays	72	60
Avg Gain Per Play	5.9	7.1
Net Yards Rushing	16	196
Rushes	14	36
Yards Per Rush	1.1	5.4
Net Yards Passing	407	230
Comp-Att	45-58	16-24
Yards Per Pass	7.0	9.6
Times Sacked	2	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-18	-11
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	4	3
Punt Average	45.3	35.7
Penalties	10	6
Penalty Yards	98	50
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Time of Poss	31:34	28:26

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
WASHINGTON ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Max Borghi	8	19	2.4	0	13		
Anthony Gordon	6	-3	-0.5	0	7		
CALIFORNIA							
	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Christopher Brown Jr.	19	95	5.0	1	27		
Devon Modster	7	43	6.1	1	26		
DeShawn Collins	6	34	5.7	0	11		
Trevon Clark	1	23	23.0	0	23		
Marcel Dancy	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Team	2	-2	-1.0	0	0		
PASSING							
WASHINGTON ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Anthony Gordon	45/58	407	7.0	2	1	53.0	
CALIFORNIA							
	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Devon Modster	16/24	230	9.6	3	0	91.4	
RECEIVING							
WASHINGTON ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Brandon Arconado	12	130	10.8	1	21		
Easop Winston Jr.	9	113	12.6	0	36		
Davontavean Martin	4	66	16.5	0	28		
Max Borghi	8	36	4.5	0	11		
Dezmon Patmon	2	23	11.5	0	13		
Renard Bell	4	16	4.0	1	8		
Travell Harris	3	16	5.3	0	8		
Rodrick Fisher	1	4	4.0	0	4		
Deon McIntosh	2	3	1.5	0	6		
CALIFORNIA							
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Makai Polk	3	71	23.7	1	52		
Kekoa Crawford	4	58	14.5	0	35		
Jordan Duncan	2	47	23.5	0	48		
Gavin Reinwald	3	34	11.3	1	17		
Christopher Brown Jr.	2	13	6.5	1	13		
Ben Skinner	1	7	7.0	0	7		
Marcel Dancy	1	0	0.0	0	0		