

“Morgantown Massacre”

**WVU Perfect on Offense and Defense, Rout Tigers 65-7
All four Mountaineer Quarterbacks see action in Victory
WVU rolls up 624 yards of offense in evenly balanced attack**

Well Mountaineers it was certainly easier to watch on Saturday afternoon and even accounting for the fact that it was the Towson Tigers they did come in 2-0 against a reeling WVU football program hoping to at least stay in the game for a while but unfortunately for veteran head Rob Ambrose his Tigers were out of this game almost as quickly as it began.

Taking the opening kick, the Mountaineer offense drove 75 yards on 10 plays capped off by a 2-yard touchdown pass from J.T. Daniels to sophomore wideout Kaden Prather for a quick 7-0 lead. On the ensuing kick Towson senior wideout Dago Hunter provided the only bright spot for the Tigers with a 96-yard kick return for a touchdown. This was a strange play where at least 4 Mountaineers had a shot at him early in the return then he was gone. It was also almost if the Mountaineers were nonchalant on special teams, but it happened, and the game was tied 7-7 only 3:46 into the game. The Mountaineers took the ensuing kick and mounted a 13 play 75-yard drive to retake the lead at 14-7 on a 3-yard Tony Mathis touchdown run.

After a 3 and by the Tiger offense the Mountaineers took over at their own 18-yard line and on the first play of the drive Mountaineer Field erupted as the Mountaineer offense newfound 19-year-old freshman star D. J. Donaldson bounced outside, and the big tailback rumbled 82 yards and just like that it was 21-7 and the Mountaineer offense never looked back. D.J. Donaldson is an emerging star that could help to salvage the West Virginia football season. He is special and only going to get better each game. At this point it seems that Donaldson's potential is unlimited. After yet another 3 and out by the Towson offense the

Mountaineers took over at the Tigers 46-yard line. Six plays later Mountaineer quarterback J.T. Daniels found senior wideout Sam James for a 2-yard touchdown pass and at the end of the 1st quarter it was 28-7 EERs. Quarterback J.T. Daniels would lead the Mountaineer offense on 2 more scoring drives of 57 yards on 8 plays ending with a 2 yard Tony Mathis TD and a 51 yard drive ending with a 26 yard Casey Legg field for a 38-7 lead goal before giving way to sophomore quarterback Garrett Green who led the offense on yet another scoring drive of 45 yards on 7 plays ending in another D.J. Donaldson TD, this time from 1 yard out and the Mountaineers would take a 45-7 lead into halftime.

The Mountaineers would ultimately use all 3 backup quarterbacks in the game with each one leading at least one scoring drive. It was a great to see. In the 2nd half Green would lead the offense to another TD drive, this one going 84 yards on 11 plays. ending with his own 11-yard TD run to take a 52-7 lead before he gave way to Freshman Will Crowder or Goose Crowder as the broadcasters call him. Crowder proceeded to lead the WVU offense on his own scoring drive of 68 yards on 13 plays ending with a 5-yard TD pass to sophomore Jeremiah Aaron and it was now 59-7 Mountaineers.

And finally, the young man who has been talked about since the day he signed with WVU made his long-awaited debut. Nicco Marchiol the freshman quarterback from Chandler Arizona entered the game with 7:22 to go in the 4th quarter and he didn't disappoint leading the offense on a 7 play 58-yard TD drive and finished the scoring with a beautiful 26-yard TD pass to Morgantown Freshman Morgan Fox. And WVU had a 65-7 victory over an outmanned Towson Tiger team that came for a paycheck. Still, it was a very solid performance despite the competition and hopefully instilled much confidence in an 0-2 WVU team that started the season with two tough losses that they could have and most likely should have won.

Before this game I was not certain that the Mountaineers would have any chance to go into Blacksburg Virginia for the Black Diamond

Trophy game this coming Thursday September 22nd with much chance to win. Now I believe they do have a pretty decent chance to win, especially if the Virginia Tech team that lost to Old Dominion shows up. This will certainly be a bench mark game for West Virginia. How they respond in this game will give us all and idea what may happen the rest of the season.

After this Saturday the Kansas loss doesn't look all that bad as the Jayhawks are now 3-0 on the season with a nice win over the Fighting Holgorsens of Houston 48-30 on the road in Houston. I am quite sure Dana Holgorsen, as did West Virginia, had already counted that Kansas game as a victory.

So now we are heading to Blacksburg for another border battle rivalry showdown with the Virginia Tech Hokies. Lets go get a victory and head into the Big 12 Season on a positive note at 2-2 and looking like a tough team to beat.