

Stifled in Stillwater

EERs lose 6th straight to Cowboys 27-13

WVU puts up 326 empty yards of offense in loss

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Well Mountaineers it was a difficult game to watch Saturday as the Mountaineer offense had pretty good success moving the football but little to no success scoring points in a lackluster 27-13 loss to the Oklahoma State Cowboys. As inconsistent as the Mountaineer offense was, especially when they got in position to score points, they were still in this football game after a 30 yard Evan Staley field goal made it a once score game at 20-13 with 9:01 to go in the fourth quarter and I kind thought wow WVU might steal tis game or at least force an overtime, However..... On the ensuing possession the Cowboys mounted a 15 play 80 yard drive that took 7:45 off the 4th quarter clock and when Chuba Hubbard capped off the drive with a 23 yd touchdown run suddenly it was 27-13 with just 1:17 to go in the game and that was that.

Mountain impressive drives is what good teams do and what appeared to be a rather fatigued WVU defense, which had held the Cowboys off the board the entire 2nd half to allow West Virginia to at least get back in the game, simply had no answers on the final drive and thus West Virginia suffered their 6th consecutive loss the Oklahoma State Cowboys. I guess we can safely say the "Mullet" Mike Gundy owns West Virginia and since WVU is 0-8 against the Oklahoma Sooners since joining the Big 12 in 2012 so I guess the state of Oklahoma OWNS West Virginia.

After the game 2nd year WVU coach Neal Brown expressed his disappointment in the performance, especially the offensive inconsistency with the only touchdown of the game coming on a 70 yard touchdown strike from Jarrett Doege to Winston Wright to cut the Cowboy lead to 17-7 with 5:02 to go in the second quarter. The most disheartening part of the offensive performance were the 2 back to back 2nd quarter drives after OK State had jumped out to a 7-0 lead that both resulted in fumbles inside the Cowboys 30 yard line, the 1st of which was returned 56 yards for a touchdown by junior defensive end Tyren Irby to make it 14-0. The

Mountaineers come right back on the ensuing possession and drive 46 yards to the Cowboy 22 yard line only to fumble that opportunity away as well. But after a OK State field goal to make it a 17-0 game WVU gets the long TD pass to Winston Wright to make it a 17-7 game before the Cowboys added another Alex Hale field goal, this time of 44 yards as time ran out in the 2nd quarter and Oklahoma State took a 20-7 lead into the break and quite frankly I though this could very easily end up only of those 37-14 games or worse even on a day when Chuba Hubbard was clearly not at his best, however give the Mountaineers credit as they never lost hope and clawed back into the game and were within striking distance of 7 points until the before mentioned 4th quarter clock killing drive of the Cowboys ended and chance for an upset by West Virginia.

It's kind of strange I didn't think the Mountaineers would win and the final score is pretty much what I thought it might be but it's just the way it all unfolded that makes it a very disappointing loss. Jarrett Doege completed 20 of 37 for 285 yards and a touchdown with no interceptions in a decent performance against the #15 team in the country but he did have the big fumble returned for a touchdown when they were driving to tie the score early in the game.

Winston Wright also had a good game catching 6 passes for 127 yards and a touchdown and it was good to see the Mountaineers continue to develop the running game as they Leddie Brown rushed for 104 yards on 26 carries. The ABC team announcing the game pointed out the way the WVU offense was successfully spreading out the Cowboy defense if Jarrett Doege had any real running ability they could really put up some numbers which immediately made me think of true freshman quarterback Garrett Greene as he is a true duel threat quarterback who can make that happen and as the season moves forward he will get more playing time to put that ability on display.

Defensively the Mountaineers did a great job in the second half holding a pretty good Cowboy offense off the board until the 1:17 mark of the 4th quarter. In all they gave up 2 TDs, the big 66 yard run by Cowboys senior tailback LD Brown for the first touchdown of the game and the 23rd yard Chuba Hubbard touchdown to essentially end the game with the other score being the before mentioned Jarrett Doege fumble return for score.

It's hard to read how this Mountaineer team with look at this loss, despite coach Browns obvious disappointment there were many positives both offensively and defensively to build on. It's a shame that there will not be fans in Mylan Pushkar Stadium again next Saturday when the Baylor Bears come in for a noon kickoff

which is particularly disappointing when we saw about 13, 000 fans in Joan C Edwards Stadium watching Marshall upset #24 Appy State. I guess Monongahela County is the Covid-19 hotspot in the great state of West Virginia and they don't want to take any chances. Hopefully by the Kansas game on October 17th or the K-State game on October 31st we can have some fans at Mountaineer Field.