

College Football Bowl Roundup

Moss, Utah run past West Virginia in Heart of Dallas Bowl

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
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DALLAS — Zach Moss took a third-down handoff and quickly burst through the line and into an opening in the middle of the field. Utah was off and running to another bowl victory.

Moss ran for 150 yards, including a career-long 58-yard run for a touchdown on the Utes' opening drive in the Heart of Dallas Bowl on way to a 30-14 win over West Virginia on Tuesday. They are now 11-1 in postseason games under Kyle Whittingham, who matched Alabama's Nick Saban for the most bowl wins by an active coach.

"He knows how to coach the team and he always caps the year off right," Utah sophomore quarterback Tyler Huntley said.

Huntley scored twice, both on 2-yard keepers, but they led for good in their fifth straight bowl victory after Moss broke free on a drizzly and chilly day in Cotton Bowl Stadium.

"It was very important for us to come out of the gates with a big play early on and set the tone," said Moss, who like Huntley still has two seasons left with the Utes (7-6).

West Virginia (7-6) finished the season with its third straight loss. The Mountaineers had only 153 total yards without junior quarterback Will Grier, who broke a finger Nov. 18, and 1,000-yard rusher Justin Crawford, a senior who bypassed the bowl game in advance



Utah running back Zack Moss (2) stiff-arms West Virginia Mountaineers linebacker Al-Rasheed Benton (3) while running the ball during the third quarter of Xzby's Heart of Dallas Bowl game in Dallas on Wednesday.

of the NFL draft.

"It was a pretty disappointing loss to end a pretty disappointing season," Mountaineers coach Dana Holgorsen said. "You never hear me use it as an excuse. If you lose guys, you need guys to step in and play at a high level and that is the bottom line."

Whittingham's debut as head coach was a Fiesta Bowl win at the end of the 2004 season. He co-coached that game with Urban Meyer, who had taken the Florida job three weeks earlier but returned to be part of Utah's postseason win

over Pittsburgh after his defensive coordinator had been promoted to head coach.

Under Whittingham, the Utes prepare for bowl games like regular season games, often in full pads and with continuing conditioning work. There is also a little bit of peer pressure.

"We've got a group of guys and have had several groups of guys come here that take a lot of pride in their bowl performance and the bowl record that we have," Whittingham said. "This group was no different. Each subsequent group

doesn't want to be the group that lets the previous groups down. They want to keep that bowl prowess alive."

Quick Lane Bowl

DUKE 36, NORTHERN ILLINOIS 14 — At Detroit, Daniel Jones threw for two touchdowns and ran for another as Duke beat Northern Illinois 36-14 in the Quick Lane Bowl on Tuesday.

Jones finished with 338 yards of offense, while Shaun Wilson and Britain Brown added touchdowns for Duke (7-6).

"We knew Northern Illinois had a lot of success rushing the passer this year, but our offensive line really controlled things," Jones said. "That really opened things up."

Marcus Childers threw for 234 yards and a score for Northern Illinois (8-5).

The Blue Devils took a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, sandwiching rushing touchdowns around a failed Northern Illinois fake punt on 4th-and-18 from their own 11.

The Huskies had two first downs and 46 yards in the quarter, but tied the game with two scores in the first 2:38 of the second. Duke, though, moved back into a 26-14 lead with two touchdowns before halftime.

"We let up for a little while, and they took advantage of our mistakes," Duke linebacker Joe Giles-Harris said. "We knew we had to get focused again, and we shut them out from there."

Jones fumbled on the first possession of the second half, but

Northern Illinois turned the ball back over after a failed fake field goal.

Cactus Bowl

KANSAS STATE 35, UCLA 17 — At Phoenix, Alex Delton ran for 158 yards and accounted for four touchdowns, leading Kansas State to a 35-17 Cactus Bowl victory over UCLA on Tuesday night in what could be the final game of coach Bill Snyder's career.

Delton replaced Skylar Thompson late in the first quarter and scored on runs of 68 yards, 3 yards and 1 yard. Alex Barnes added 117 yards and a touchdown for the Wildcats, who rushed for 345 yards.

Kansas State (8-5) struggled in the first half against UCLA's potent offense, but shut down the Bruins in the second to give Snyder his 210th — and possibly final — win with the Wildcats.

UCLA (6-7) played without top NFL prospect Josh Rosen, who's recovering from a concussion, and built a 10-point halftime lead without its star quarterback.

The Bruins' offensive success didn't carry over into the second half and their defense had a hard time containing Delton, saddling interim coach Jedd Fisch with a loss in his last game before Chip Kelly takes over the program.

Snyder has not decided whether he will return for a 27th season or retire again to spend time with his family.

College Football

Army ends successful season with bowl win

By **JOHN KEKIS**
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WEST POINT, N.Y. — Four years after he was hired at Army, coach Jeff Monken has succeeded where so many others had failed over a span of more than two decades, and the achievements are significant.

The Black Knights finished 2017 with a 10-3 record, a gutsy 42-35 win over San Diego State in the Armed Forces Bowl on Saturday the perfect cap to a memorable season.

Army heads into the offseason with these accomplishments to build on: The Black Knights won the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, emblematic of service academy supremacy, for the first time since 1996; matched the academy record for wins in a season; posted its second straight winning season, which hadn't been done in 27 years; won its second straight bowl game, which had only been done once before, in the mid-1980s; led the nation in rushing; defeated a Power Five foe (Duke) that also played in the postseason; and, most importantly, beat Navy for the second straight year.



Army QB Ahmad Bradshaw (17) stopped by a San Diego State defender during the Armed Forces Bowl in Fort Worth, Texas.

SteveNurenberg/Star-Telegram via AP

Monken has changed the culture in his short tenure. Army now expects to win, and the academy is lobbying to be included in the AP Top 25 when the final poll is released in the new year.

"When you have a whole team of guys that have been with the coaching staff, it's really satisfying to see what they accomplished as a group," Monken said. "This means a lot to our team."

In this day of pass-happy offenses, Monken has accomplished the unthinkable with his option attack — his Black Knights have been winning regularly by pretty much sticking to the ground and not

committing turnovers. Army had only five fumbles in more than 800 plays — 785 rushes, 20 receptions — in 2017, a remarkable statistic, while attempting just 65 passes.

Three of Army's victories were achieved without completing a pass, the most significant a 21-0 triumph on the road against service academy nemesis Air Force. Against archrival Navy, Army attempted to throw just once in a riveting 14-13 victory over the Midshipmen.

The Black Knights won eight of their final nine games, but there are big holes to fill on both sides of the ball.

Chief among them is the key to the offense — quarterback Ahmad Bradshaw. The Black Knights scored 42 touchdowns on 51 trips into the red zone, and Bradshaw was the catalyst, rushing for an academy single-season record 1,746 yards and scoring 14 TDs.

Army also loses Josh Boylan, Mike Houghton, Bryce Holland and Brent Toth, who started on the offensive line for 12 straight weeks and helped create the seams and holes for a team that averaged 362.3 yards per game and six yards per carry. But four fullbacks who combined for 1,871 yards rushing — Darnell Woolfolk, Andy Davidson, Connor Slomka and Calen Holt — return along with speedy running back Kell Walker.

Defensively, hard-hitting safety Rhyann England, defensive end John Voit (39 straight starts) and linebacker Alex Aukerman (15.5 TFLs) depart. But James Nachtigal (103 tackles), Cole Christiansen (84 tackles) and Kenneth Brinson (38 tackles) will give the Black Knights veteran leadership at linebacker while safety James Gibson (45 tackles) and cornerback Elijah Riley will help anchor the secondary.

Hockey

US dominates Denmark to open world junior championship

By **JONAH BRONSTEIN**
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BUFFALO, N.Y. — Casey Mittelstadt got the United States off to a quick start in its title defense at the world junior hockey championship.

Mittelstadt scored twice in the first period, Kieffer Bellows also had two goals and Joseph Woll made 17 saves to earn the shutout as the U.S. opened the tournament with a 9-0 victory over Denmark on Tuesday night.

In other preliminary-round games, the Czech Republic upset Russia 5-4, Sweden beat Belarus 6-1 and Canada held on for a 4-2 win over Finland.

Max Jones, Kailer Yamamoto, Patrick Harper, Andrew Peeke and Dylan Samberg also scored for the U.S., which had three goals in the first nine minutes.

"We came out ready to go," said Mittelstadt, the most recent first-round draft choice for the Buffalo Sabres. "We wanted to come out and score some goals and get our team going right away."



Mittelstadt's second goal gave the U.S. a 5-0 lead late in the first period.

"Every time Casey steps on the ice, we know everyone is going to be watching him," Bellows said. "He does some special stuff with the puck and he's a really special player."

U.S. coach Bob Motzko remained undefeated in the world junior championships.

After winning last year's tournament in Montreal, the U.S. is seeking back-to-back gold medals for the first time. Denmark placed fifth last year, its highest finish in history.

The opening game was the most competitive of the day as Czech Republic stunned Russia with a 5-4 win.

Russia has medaled at the past seven world juniors while the Czech Republic has not reached the medal round since 2005.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday
Ione vs. Echo (at Helix), 1:30 p.m.
Heppner vs. Liberty Christian (WA) (at Irigoin), 4:30 p.m.
Trout Lake (WA) at Helix, 4:30 p.m.
Riverside at Stevenson (WA), 5 p.m.
Pendleton at Mountain View, 6 p.m.
Silverton at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
Mac-Hi vs. Pilot Rock (at Irigoin), 7 p.m.
Waitsburg (WA) at Irigoin, 7:30 p.m.
South Wasco vs. Nixyaawii (at Helix), 7:30 p.m.
Umatilla at Salem Academy Tourn., TBD

Friday
Pendleton vs. Grants Pass (at Summit HS), 12:30 p.m.
Heppner vs. Waitsburg (WA) (at Irigoin), 1:30 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler vs. Tri-City Prep (WA) (at Pendleton Convention), 1:30 p.m.
Echo vs. Trout Lake (WA) (at Helix), 1:30 p.m.
Mac-Hi vs. Liberty Christian (WA) (at Irigoin), 3 p.m.
Burns vs. Weston-McEwen (at Pendleton Convention), 4:30 p.m.
South Wasco at Helix, 7:30 p.m.

Friday
Pendleton vs. Bend (at Mountain View), 11:30 a.m.
Hermiston vs. Central (at Crescent Valley), 2:30 p.m.
South Wasco at Echo, 4:30 p.m.
Ione at Helix, 5:30 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler vs. Weston-McEwen (at Pendleton Convention), 7:30 p.m.
Umatilla at Salem Academy Tourn., TBD

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL
Wednesday
Hermiston vs. Oregon City (at Lake Oswego), 7 p.m.
Thursday
Mac-Hi vs. Pilot Rock (at Irigoin), Noon
Ione vs. Echo (at Helix), Noon
Heppner vs. Liberty Christian (WA) (at Irigoin), 3 p.m.
Trout Lake (WA) at Helix, 3 p.m.
Riverside at Stevenson (WA), 3:30 p.m.
Waitsburg (WA) at Irigoin, 6 p.m.
Nixyaawii vs. South Wasco (at Helix), 6 p.m.
Pendleton at Mountain View, 7:45 p.m.
Umatilla vs. Western Mennonite (at Salem Academy), 8 p.m.
Hermiston at Lake Oswego Nike Shootout, TBD

Friday
Heppner vs. Waitsburg (WA), Noon
Trout Lake (WA) vs. Echo (at Helix), Noon
Condon/Wheeler vs. Tri-City Prep (WA) (at Pendleton Convention), Noon
Mac-Hi vs. Liberty Christian (WA) (at Irigoin), 3 p.m.
Burns vs. Weston-McEwen (at Pendleton Convention), 3 p.m.

Ione vs. Nixyaawii (at Helix), 3 p.m.	Washington 7 8 0.467 332 370
Pendleton vs. Lake Washington (WA) (at Bend), 4 p.m.	N.Y. Giants 2 13 0.133 228 378
Pilot Rock at Irigoin, 6 p.m.	South
South Wasco at Helix, 6 p.m.	W L T Pct PF PA
Hermiston at Lake Oswego Nike Shootout, TBD	x-New Orleans 11 4 0.733 424 295
Umatilla at Salem Academy Tournament, TBD	x-Carolina 11 4 0.733 353 305
Saturday	Atlanta 9 6 0.600 331 305
Pendleton vs. Wilson (at Bend), 1:15 p.m.	Tampa Bay 4 11 0.267 304 358
South Wasco at Echo, 3 p.m.	North
Ione at Helix, 4 p.m.	W L T Pct PF PA
Condon/Wheeler vs. Weston-McEwen (at Pendleton Convention), 6 p.m.	y-Minnesota 12 3 0.800 359 242
Hermiston at Lake Oswego Nike Shootout, TBD	Detroit 8 7 0.533 375 365
Umatilla at Salem Academy Tournament, TBD	Green Bay 7 8 0.467 309 349
	Chicago 5 10 0.333 254 297
	West
	W L T Pct PF PA
	y-L.A. Rams 11 4 0.733 465 295
	Seattle 9 6 0.600 342 306
	Arizona 7 8 0.467 269 337
	San Francisco 5 10 0.333 297 370
	<i>x-clinched playoff spot</i>
	<i>y-clinched division</i>
	Week 17
	Sunday's Games
	N.Y. Jets at New England, 10 a.m.
	Washington at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m.
	Chicago at Minnesota, 10 a.m.
	Dallas at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.
	Green Bay at Detroit, 10 a.m.
	Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m.
	Houston at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.
	Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1:25 p.m.
	New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1:25 p.m.
	Kansas City at Denver, 1:25 p.m.
	Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1:25 p.m.
	Buffalo at Miami, 1:25 p.m.
	Arizona at Seattle, 1:25 p.m.
	San Francisco at L.A. Rams, 1:25 p.m.
	Oakland at L.A. Chargers, 1:25 p.m.
	Carolina at Atlanta, 1:25 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Riverside, Irigoin, Echo, Heppner at Schimmel Memorial Tournament (Pendleton HS), 9 a.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL
Thursday
BMCC vs. Everett (at North Idaho), 2 p.m.
Friday
EOU at Walla Walla, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday
EOU at Walla Walla, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Saturday
BMCC at Pacific University JV, 4 p.m.
Friday
EOU at Walla Walla, 11:30 a.m.
Saturday
EOU at Walla Walla, 6 p.m.

Football

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East
y-New England 12 3 0.800 432 290
Buffalo 8 7 0.533 326 343
Miami 6 9 0.400 265 371
N.Y. Jets 5 10 0.333 292 356
South
y-Jacksonville 10 5 0.667 407 253
Tennessee 8 7 0.533 319 346
Houston 4 11 0.267 325 414
Indianapolis 3 12 0.200 241 391
North
W L T Pct PF PA
y-Pittsburgh 12 3 0.800 378 284
Baltimore 9 6 0.600 368 272
Cincinnati 6 9 0.400 259 322
Cleveland 0 15 0.000 210 382
West
W L T Pct PF PA
y-Kansas City 9 6 0.600 388 315
L.A. Chargers 8 7 0.533 325 262
Oakland 6 9 0.400 291 343
Denver 5 10 0.333 265 355
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East
W L T Pct PF PA
y-Philadelphia 13 2 0.867 457 289
Dallas 8 7 0.533 348 332

Camping World Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Oklahoma State (9-3) vs. Virginia Tech (9-3), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl
San Antonio
Stanford (9-4) vs. TCU (10-3), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
San Diego
Washington State (9-3) vs. Michigan State (9-3), 6 p.m. (FOX)
FRIDAY
Belk Bowl
Charlotte, N.C.
Wake Forest (7-5) vs. Texas A&M (7-5), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
El Paso, Texas
NC State (8-4) vs. Arizona State (7-5), Noon (CBS)
Music City Bowl
Nashville, Tenn.
Kentucky (7-5) vs. Northwestern (9-3), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Arizona Bowl
Tucson, Ariz.
New Mexico State (5-6) vs. Utah State (6-6), 2:30 p.m. (CBSSN)
Cotton Bowl Classic
Arlington, Texas
Southern Cal (11-2) vs. Ohio State (11-2), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)
SATURDAY
TaxSlayer Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.
Louisville (8-4) vs. Mississippi State (8-4), 9 a.m. (ESPN)
Liberty Bowl
Memphis, Tenn.
Iowa State (7-5) vs. Memphis (10-2), 9:30 a.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
Glendale, Ariz.
Washington (10-2) vs. Penn State (10-2), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl
Miami Gardens, Fla.
Wisconsin (12-1) vs. Miami (10-2), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

NCAA Bowl Schedule
TUESDAY
Heart of Dallas Bowl
Utah 30, West Virginia 14
Quick Lane Bowl
Detroit
Duke 34, Northern Illinois 16
Cactus Bowl
Santa Clara, Calif.
Kansas State 35, UCLA 17
WEDNESDAY
Independence Bowl
Shreveport, La.
Northern Mississippi (8-4) vs. Florida State (6-6), 10:30 a.m. (ESPN)
Pinstripe Bowl
Bronx, N.Y.
Boston College (7-5) vs. Iowa (7-5), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Foster Farms Bowl
Santa Clara, Calif.
Arizona (7-5) vs. Purdue (6-6), 5:30 p.m. (FOX)
Texas Bowl
Houston
Texas (6-6) vs. Missouri (7-5), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
THURSDAY
Military Bowl
Annapolis, Md.
Virginia (6-6) vs. Navy (6-6), 10:30 a.m. (ESPN)

Indiana 19 15 559 5
Milwaukee 17 15 531 6
Chicago 11 22 333 12½
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division
W L Pct GB
Houston 25 7 781 —
San Antonio 24 11 696 2½
New Orleans 17 16 515 8½
Memphis 10 24 294 16
Dallas 10 25 286 16½
Northwest Division
W L Pct GB
Minnesota 21 13 618 —
Oklahoma City 19 15 559 2
Denver 19 15 559 2
Portland 17 16 515 3½
Utah 15 20 428 6½
Pacific Division
W L Pct GB
Golden State 27 7 794 —
L.A. Clippers 14 19 424 12½
Phoenix 13 23 361 15
L.A. Lakers 11 21 344 15
Sacramento 11 22 333 15½
Tuesday's Games
Dallas 98, Toronto 93
Detroit 107, Indiana 83
Miami 107, Orlando 89
Chicago 115, Milwaukee 106
San Antonio 109, Brooklyn 97
Phoenix 99, Memphis 97
Denver 107, Utah 83
L.A. Clippers 122 Sacramento 95
Wednesday's Games
Boston at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Indiana, 4 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
Cleveland at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.

NBA Eastern Conference Atlantic Division
W L Pct GB
Boston 27 10 730 —
New York 23 9 719 1½
New York 17 16 515 8
Philadelphia 15 18 455 10
Brooklyn 12 21 364 13
Southwest Division
W L Pct GB
Washington 19 15 559 —
Miami 18 16 529 1
Charlotte 12 21 364 6½
Orlando 11 24 314 8½
Atlanta 8 25 242 10½
Central Division
W L Pct GB
Cleveland 24 10 706 —
Detroit 19 14 576 4½

Men's Basketball
Wednesday's Games
No. 1 Villanova at DePaul, 4:30 p.m. (CBSSN)
No. 6 Xavier at Marquette, 5: