

College Football Bowl Roundup

Cougars' season ends with a thud as Spartans roll

WSU QB Falk sits out game with hand injury

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Brian Lewerke threw for 213 yards and three touchdowns, and LJ Scott ran for 110 yards and two scores for No. 18 Michigan State, which took advantage of Luke Falk's absence to rout No. 21 Washington State 42-17 in the Holiday Bowl on Thursday night.

Holiday Bowl

Wash. State **17**

Michigan St. **42**



Michigan State wide receiver Cody White (7) makes a touchdown catch in front of Washington State safety Jalen Thompson (34) and cornerback Darrien Molton, rear, during the first half of the Holiday Bowl on Thursday in San Diego.

Lewerke also rushed for 73 yards for Michigan State (10-3), which rebounded from a dismal 3-9 record last year to reach double digits in wins for the eighth time in program history.

Falk, who was photographed earlier in the week with a cast on his left wrist, went through warmups but came out in street clothes at game time. He was replaced by redshirt sophomore Tyler Hilinski, who made his first start and eighth appearance of the season. It's unclear precisely when Falk injured the wrist on his non-throwing hand, but he had issues with it throughout the season. Coach Mike Leach refused to give specifics during the week.

Hilinski led WSU (9-4) to a 45-yard field goal by Erik Powell on the Cougars' second drive, but the Cougars were overpowered by the Spartans.

Lewerke threw the first of two TD passes to Cody White, a 7-yarder midway through the second quarter, when he was flushed to the left but found the receiver in the back of the end zone.

On MSU's next possession, Lewerke took the snap and glanced at his running back, which froze the secondary and allowed Felton Davis III to get wide open for a 49-yard scoring pass.

Scott scored on a 3-yard run to give the Spartans a 21-3 halftime tie.

Early in the third, Lewerke rolled left and had his pass tipped, but a sliding White caught it for a 7-yard touchdown.

Lewerke, who finished 13 of 21, was hit hard on a keeper in the third quarter and came out for a few plays. His backup, Damion Terry, scored on a 6-yard keeper to make it 35-3.

The Cougars closed the gap when Hilinski threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Tay Martin late in the third quarter and a 15-yarder to Tay in the fourth quarter.

Scott scored on a 28-yard burst up the middle with about six minutes left to play.

Hilinski was 39 of 50 for 272 yards and two touchdowns, with one interception.

THE TAKEAWAY

Washington State: It was the second straight lackluster Holiday Bowl for Leach's Cougars, who lost 17-12 to Minnesota last year. Besides being without Falk, leading receiver Tavares Martin Jr. was kicked off the team after the regular season and third-leading receiver Isaiah Johnson-Mack left the squad.

Michigan State: Scott had his third 100-yard game of the season and ninth of his career. Felton had four catches for 118 yards.

ALAMO BOWL

TCU 39, STANFORD 37 — At San Antonio, Kenny Hill passed for two touchdowns, ran for another and even caught one as No. 13 TCU rallied from a big early deficit to beat 15th-ranked Stanford 39-37 in the Alamo Bowl on Thursday night.

Cole Bunce's 33-yard field goal with just over 3 minutes to play won it for the Horned Frogs (11-3), who trailed 21-3 before storming back behind big plays from Hill and a 76-yard punt return from Desmon White. TCU rallied from 31 down in to beat Oregon in the 2015 Alamo Bowl.

Stanford (9-5) running back Bryce Love, a Heisman Trophy finalist, rushed for 145 yards and had a 69-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. K.J. Costello had three touchdown passes to J.J. Arcega-Whiteside, the last one giving Stanford a 37-36 lead.

Hill then drove TCU to Bunce's game winner. The Horned Frogs defense sealed it with an interception

by Innis Gaines with 2:01 left.

Hill finished with 314 yards passing, a team-high 60 yards rushing and caught a 27-yard TD pass from White in his final game.

Love finished with the season with 2,118 yards rushing, the school's single-season record.

ON TO NEXT YEAR
TCU: Coach Gary Patterson has his program humming with 40 wins over the last four seasons, and the Horned Frogs expect to remain Big 12 title contenders even as Hill moves on after his final game. The Horned Frogs will have to find a new quarterback to do it, but Patterson's teams always play some of the best defense in the league.

Stanford: Love will have to decide his future and whether that will mean another year of school for the biology major and aspiring pediatrician with an interest in stem cell research, or a jump to the NFL. The trend has seen top players leave early, but Love already bucked the latest fad by choosing to play in his team's bowl game as he ponders his decision.

CAMPING WORLD BOWL

OKLAHOMA STATE 30, VIRGINIA TECH 21 — At Orlando, Fla., Mason Rudolph threw for 351 yards and a pair of touchdowns, James Washington became Oklahoma State's career receiving yards leader and the 17th-ranked Cowboys beat No. 22 Virginia Tech 30-21 in the Camping World Bowl on Thursday night.

Washington caught five passes for 126 yards, giving him 4,472 for his career and passing Rashaun Woods for the school mark. Justice Hill ran for 120 yards and another score for the Cowboys (10-3), who have won 10 games in each of the last three seasons — another Oklahoma State first.

Josh Jackson ran for two scores and threw for another for the Hokies (9-4), including a rush that got Virginia Tech within 27-21 with 5:40 remaining. Deshawn McCleave ran for 124 yards, a Virginia Tech season-best, but the Hokies were hurt by two turnovers in Oklahoma

State territory.

Hill came through with perhaps the play of the night. Facing a third-and-11 with 3:30 left, Hill took a handoff, went left, waited for a lane to open — and broke loose for a 31-yard gain down to the Hokies' 18. Matt Ammendola's 38-yard field goal with 2:34 left put the Cowboys up by nine, essentially sealing the outcome.

Virginia Tech actually outgained the high-octane Cowboys, 518 yards to 492.

MILITARY BOWL

NAVY 49, VIRGINIA TECH 7 — At Annapolis, Md., Backup quarterback Zach Abey scored five touchdowns, Malcolm Perry ran for 114 yards and two scores and Navy beat Virginia 49-7 in a surprisingly lopsided Military Bowl on Thursday.

After Virginia's Joe Reed took the opening kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown, the Midshipmen (7-6) got two TDs apiece from quarterbacks Perry and Abey in taking a 28-7 halftime lead.

Perry left in the third quarter with a foot injury, leaving Abey to score on runs of 5 and 20 yards to make it 42-7 in a game Navy entered as a 1½-point favorite.

Abey added a 1-yard touchdown with 11:11 remaining, then sat for the remainder of the game.

The Midshipmen rolled up a Military Bowl-record 452 yards rushing, including 101 by Chris High and 88 by Abey, who began the season as the starter before losing the job.

Playing in their first bowl since 2011, the Cavaliers (6-7) could not contain Navy's triple option and had no success moving the ball.

Seeking its first winning season in six years, Virginia instead absorbed its sixth loss in seven games.

Senior Kurt Benkert came in with a school-record 3,062 yards passing this season, along with 25 touchdown passes. In this one, he went 15 for 34 for 133 yards and an INT. Navy attempted only one pass, a toss by Abey in the third quarter. It fell incomplete.

Pro Football

Seattle in rare situation of needing help to make playoffs

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Throughout their lengthy streak of playoff appearances, the Seattle Seahawks have kept their postseason possibilities under their control.

Whether it was trying to get into the playoffs, or securing a first-round bye or home-field advantage, the Seahawks have not needed help from others during their six playoff appearances in the past seven seasons under Pete Carroll.

This year is different, and the Seahawks have no one but themselves to blame. Seattle will make the playoffs only by beating Arizona on Sunday in the

NFL

Arizona Cardinals (7-8)

Seattle Seahawks (9-6)

• Sunday, 1:25 p.m. (FOX)
• at CenturyLink Field

regular-season finale and getting a Carolina victory over Atlanta.

It's a strange circumstance for Carroll and some of his veteran players, who haven't needed that kind of assist in the past.

"It doesn't bother me. It doesn't trouble me. We've been through so much here since I've been here, we've kind of played every single scenario. It's just another one to add to the list,"

Seattle linebacker Bobby Wagner said.

"It doesn't matter what the other teams do if we don't take care of business, so we've got to take care of business first and then see what happens. It's just another thing to add to the list of challenges, adversity, whatever you want to call it, that we've been able to overcome over the years."

Seattle kicked away its chance at having the tiebreaker over Atlanta by losing to the Falcons in Week 11, a game that featured a fake field-goal attempt that backfired in the closing seconds of the first half and Blair Walsh coming up short on a 52-yarder that would have forced overtime.

Seattle's 17-14 loss to Washington in Week 9 also sticks out as regrettable. Walsh missed three field goals, the Seahawks failed to score on offense until early in the fourth quarter and Washington scored with less than a minute remaining after Seattle had taken the lead.

A win that day would have allowed Seattle to control its playoff fate.

"We know that we need a little help, and that's very unfortunate," linebacker K.J. Wright said. "But like always, we definitely have to focus on ourselves."

Seattle made the playoffs without help in Carroll's first season — 2010 — when the Seahawks won the division at 7-9 by beating the Rams

in Week 17 at home.

In 2013 and 2014, when Seattle was the No. 1 seed in the NFC, it clinched home-field advantage with Week 17 wins at home over the Rams both times.

In 2012 and 2015, when Seattle was a wild-card team, both playoff berths were clinched prior to Week 17. Last year, the Seahawks clinched the NFC West in Week 15.

Even with a win, Seattle could become the sixth 10-win NFC team not to make the playoffs in the past eight seasons.

Philadelphia was the last in 2014, along with Arizona (2013), Chicago (2012) and both the New York Giants and Tampa Bay in 2010, the season the Seahawks were

division champs with seven wins.

Wright said he's sure word of what is happening in Atlanta will creep its way to Seattle's sideline on Sunday, even if Carroll tries to keep the focus strictly on what is happening with his team.

"It's hugely important to focus on what's at hand and that's for sure, so you know it's not anything different than what it normally is," Carroll said.

"We're trying to win every game and every one of them counts and it's a big deal, and we do everything we can to play for that. This is going to be no different, so we've prepared for this all along and we'll see what happens at the end."

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday
Pendleton vs. Grants Pass (at Summit HS), 12:30 p.m.
Heppner vs. Waitsburg (WA) (at Irrigon), 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 Irrigon), 3 p.m.
Burns vs. Weston-McEwen (at Pendleton Convention), 4:30 p.m.
Ione vs. Nixyaawii (at Helix), 4:30 p.m.
South Wasco at Helix, 7:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Crescent Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Umatilla vs. TBD (at Salem Academy), TBD

Saturday
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 vs. TBD (at Salem Academy), TBD

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

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 Irrigon), 3 p.m.
Burns vs. Weston-McEwen (at Pendleton Convention), 3 p.m.
Ione vs. Nixyaawii (at Helix), 3 p.m.
Pendleton vs. Lake Washington (WA) (at Bend), 4 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Irrigon, 6 p.m.
South Wasco at Helix, 6 p.m.
Hermiston at Lake Oswego Nike Shootout, TBD
Umatilla at Salem Academy Tournament, TBD

Saturday
Pendleton vs. Wilson (at Bend), 1:15 p.m.
South Wasco at Echo, 3 p.m.
Ione at Helix, 4 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler vs. Weston-McEwen (at Pendleton Convention), 6 p.m.
Hermiston at Lake Oswego Nike Shootout, TBD
Umatilla at Salem Academy Tournament, TBD

PREP WRESTLING

Saturday
Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Riverside, Irrigon, Echo, Heppner at Schimmel Memorial Tournament (Pendleton HS), 9 a.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday
EOU at Walla Walla, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday
EOU at Walla Walla, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday
EOU at Walla Walla, 11:30 a.m.

Saturday
BMCC at Pacific University JV, 4 p.m.
EOU at Walla Walla, 6 p.m.

Basketball

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	29	10.744	—
Toronto	23	10.697	3
New York	17	18.486	10
Philadelphia	15	19.441	11½
Brooklyn	12	22.353	14½

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	19	16.543	—
Miami	18	16.529	½
Charlotte	12	22.353	6½
Orlando	12	24.333	7½
Atlanta	9	25.265	9½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	24	11.686	—
Detroit	19	15.559	4½
Milwaukee	18	15.545	5
Indiana	19	16.543	5
Chicago	12	22.353	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	25	8.758	—
San Antonio	25	11.694	1½
New Orleans	18	16.529	7½
Memphis	11	24.314	15
Dallas	11	25.306	15½

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	22	14.611	—
Oklahoma City	20	15.571	1½
Denver	19	16.543	2½
Portland	18	16.529	3
Utah	15	21.417	7

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	28	7.800	—
L.A. Clippers	14	19.424	13
Phoenix	13	23.361	15½
Sacramento	12	22.353	16
L.A. Lakers	11	22.333	16

Thursday's Games
Orlando 102, Detroit 89
Boston 99, Houston 98
Milwaukee 102, Minnesota 96
San Antonio 119, New York 107
Portland 114, Philadelphia 110
Friday's Games

Women's Basketball

Top 25 Schedule
Thursday's Games
No. 2 Notre Dame 87, Syracuse 72
No. 3 Louisville 74, Georgia Tech 71
No. 5 Miss. State 112, Miss. Valley, St. 36
No. 6 Baylor 88, Oklahoma 78
No. 8 Texas A&M 79, SMU 57
No. 15 Maryland 100, Illinois 65
No. 19 Green Bay 58, Wright State 51
No. 21 Michigan 89, Penn State 69
No. 22 Texas A&M 79, SMU 57
No. 23 Iowa 56, Wisconsin 46
No. 24 Oklahoma St. 98, Texas Tech 57
Creighton 69, No. 18 Villanova 54
Friday's Games
Washington at No. 17 Oregon State, 2 p.m.
Washington State at No. 10 Oregon, 3 p.m.
Liberty at No. 14 Duke, 4 p.m. (ACCNE)
No. 11 UCLA at Stanford, 5:30 p.m. (PAC12)
USC at No. 20 Cal, 6 p.m.

Pac-12 Schedule
Thursday's Games
No games scheduled.
Friday's Games
Utah at Oregon, 7 p.m. (FS1)
Washington at USC, 7:30 p.m. (PAC12)
Colorado at Oregon State, 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Washington State at UCLA, 8 p.m. (ESPN2)

Houston at Washington, 4 p.m.
Atlanta at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Miami, 5 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Milwaukee at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA

Men's Basketball
Top 25 Schedule
Thursday's Games
No. 23 Seton Hall 90, No. 25 Creighton 84
No. 20 Gonzaga 81, Pacific 48
Friday's Games
Louisville at No. 16 Kentucky, 10 a.m. (CBS)
Cleveland State at No. 2 Michigan State, 3 p.m. (BTN)
No. 7 West Virginia at Oklahoma State, 4 p.m. (ESPN)
No. 18 Baylor at No. 22 Texas Tech, 5 p.m. (TTU)
No. 11 Kansas at Texas, 6 p.m. (ESPN2)

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Thursday's Games
No games scheduled.
Friday's Games
Utah at Oregon, 7 p.m. (FS1)
Washington at USC, 7:30 p.m. (PAC12)
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Washington State at No. 10 Oregon, 3 p.m.
Arizona at Utah, 5 p.m.
No. 11 UCLA at Stanford, 5:30 p.m. (PAC12)
Arizona State at Colorado, 6 p.m.
USC at No. 20 Cal, 6 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Tampa Bay	36	27	7	5	56	136	88
Toronto	38	23	14	1	47	129	108
Boston	36	20	10	6	46	109	94
Florida	37	16	16	5	33	106	121
Montreal	38	16	18	4	36	100	120
Detroit	36	13	16	7	33	97	116
Ottawa	35	11	16	8	30	93	119
Buffalo	37	9	20	8	26	80	123

Metropolitan Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
New Jersey	36	22	9	5	49	116	104
Washington	39	23	13	3	49	118	111
Columbus	38	22	13	3	47	109	104
N.Y. Rangers	37	20	13	4	44	118	104
N.Y. Islanders	37	20	13	4	44	133	129
Carolina	36	17	12	7	41	102	110
Pittsburgh	38	16	16	3	41	109	122
Philadelphia	37	15	14	8	38	101	106

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Nashville	36	22	9	5	49	118	100
Winnipeg	38	21	11	6	48	125	108
St. Louis	39	24	12	4	48	114	96
Dallas	38	20	15	3	43	112	110
Minnesota	37	19	15	3	41	106	108
Chicago	36	17	14	5	39	105	99
Colorado	36	17	16	3	37	113	116

Pacific Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vegas	36	25	9	2	52	126	103
Los Angeles	38	22	11	5	49	111	88
San Jose	35	20	11	4	44	98	86
Anaheim	38	16	14	8	40	102	112
Calgary	37	15	14	5	40	103	109
Vancouver	38	16	17	5	37	103	123
Edmonton	37	17	18	2	36	111	117
Arizona	40	9	26	5	23	92	141

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia 2
Washington 4, Boston 3, SO
Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 1
Toronto 7, Arizona 4
Vegas 3, Los Angeles 2, OT
Vancouver 5, Chicago 2
San Jose 3, Calgary 2, OT

Friday's Games
Buffalo at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Carolina, 4:30 p.m.
Columbus at Ottawa, 4:30 p.m.
Nashville at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Toronto at Colorado, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Edmonton, 6 p.m.
Calgary at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

Football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England					