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APPLE CUP

Snow Dawgs: Huskies ruin Wazzu’s playoff hopes in frosty Pullman

■ Washington stifles Cougars’ potent passing attack during heavy snowstorm

By Tim Booth
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PULLMAN, Wash. — Chris Petersen walked away from the party happening in the end zone where the Apple Cup was being passed around by his players for the sixth straight year. He reached down and grabbed a chunk of the snow that blanketed the turf of Martin Stadium and fired back at the snowballs being flung his way from his two sons.

There was plenty of celebrating by Washington’s coach and his players — snow angels, snowball fights — after the Huskies continued their dominance over Washington State in an Apple Cup the purple and gold won’t soon forget.

“I’ve heard it sucks to lose to the Cougs. I’m glad I don’t have to experience it,” Washington quarterback Jake Browning said.

Myles Gaskin broke free for an 80-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter, and No. 16 Washington won its second Pac-12 North Division title in three years, beating No. 7 Washington State 28-15 on Friday night.

With blustery winds blowing in waves of snow, Gaskin found enough traction to carry the Huskies into the Pac-12 championship game and ruin yet again the title hopes of Washington State. It was the third straight year the Huskies denied Washington State the North crown.

Gaskin rushed for 170 yards and three touchdowns, a year after running for 192 and four scores against the Cougars. He was the best player on the field on a night Washington needed its senior ball carrier to be just that. The Huskies (9-3, 7-2 Pac-12) will face Utah in the conference title game next Friday in Santa Clara, California. The winner will earn a spot in the Rose Bowl.

“Myles, what do you say? That guy can do it all. He is the ultimate competitor. When you need something good to happen he is the guy that is going to get it done,” Petersen said.

Washington State (10-2, 7-2) carried the Pac-12’s last remaining hope of finding a way into the College Football Playoff, but the Air Raid was mostly grounded by a combo

of snow and Washington’s sticky secondary. Gardner Minschew was 26 of 35 for 152 yards.

“We had a lot riding on this game,” Minschew said. “Big goals that we have set for ourselves kind of depended on the outcome of this game and we just felt like we let each other down and wanted to win for each other but couldn’t do it.”

James Williams rushed for two touchdowns and the Cougars trailed 20-15 going to the fourth quarter, the first time since 2008 the game had been within five points going to the final quarter.

Gaskin made sure that didn’t last long.

Facing third-and-1 at the Washington 20, Gaskin broke through the line and found no one in crimson there to make the stop. He outraced Marcus Strong, getting to the goal line just in time and putting him over 1,000 yards for the season. Gaskin became the first Pac-12 running back to top 1,000 yards rushing in all four seasons.

Gaskin finished his career against Washington State with 10 rushing touchdowns. “We balled out,” Gaskin

screamed as he ran off the field in the postgame celebration.

Browning threw for 207 yards, overcoming an interception and fumble to finish his career 4-0 as the Huskies starting QB against their rivals. He made a key third-down conversion early in the third quarter, hitting Hunter Bryant for a 59-yard gain, and on the next play a double-pass had Aaron Fuller hit Bryant for a 22-yard touchdown and a 20-9 lead after the extra point was blocked and returned for a Washington State score.

“It felt good just to be able to help my team and help us get this win ... just to be able to do all the things we want to do with our season,” said Bryant who missed the first nine games of the season.

The Cougars’ pulled within 20-15 on Williams’ 1-yard TD run late in the third quarter but that was as close as Washington State would get.

“I thought it was a unique way to see a football game. The biggest thing is that they came out on top, that’s the part really troubling me,” Washington State coach Mike Leach said.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Marathon on grass: Texas A&M upsets LSU in 7 OT thriller

■ The 74-72 nailbiter was the highest-scoring game in FBS history

By Kristie Rieken
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COLLEGE STATION, Texas — With Texas A&M’s game with No. 8 LSU tied at 72-72 in the seventh overtime on Saturday night and the Aggies set to attempt a 2-point conversion, receiver Kendrick Rogers was frantically being tended to on the sideline for severe cramps in his calves.

Rogers was able to get himself together just in time to get back in the game and grab Kellen Mond’s 2-point conversion pass that gave A&M at 74-72 victory in a game that tied the NCAA record for most overtimes in an FBS game.

“These are moments you live for, so no matter what’s going on with your body you want to be out there,” Rogers said. “So, you just have to talk yourself out of it, just mentally fight through it.”

Mond connected with Quartney Davis on a 17-yard throw to tie it at 72. Greedy Williams was called for pass interference on the first 2-point conversion try, giving the Aggies (8-4, 5-3, No. 22 CFP), another shot. After a false start by Texas A&M, Mond found Rogers for the conversion to end it.

Throngs of fans rushed the field to celebrate after the grab by Rogers.

“We showed as a team that we’re never going to quit, and we did that for four quarters and way more,” Mond said.

Joe Burrow had a 10-yard TD run to put LSU (9-3, 5-3, No. 7 CFP) up 72-66 in the seventh OT, but his 2-point conversion throw failed.

Utah rallies from 27-7 deficit in third quarter to top BYU

By John Coon
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SALT LAKE CITY — Dramatic fourth-quarter comebacks are becoming second nature to Utah.

Two weeks after rallying against Oregon in the final minutes, the No. 18 Utes did it again against BYU on Saturday, scoring 28 unanswered points in the final 16 minutes and beating the Cougars 35-27.

Jason Shelley threw for 141 yards and a touchdown and added 61 yards and another score on the ground to fuel the rally. Armand Shyne also ran for a pair of touchdowns, including the go-ahead score, to bring the Utes back from a 20-point third quarter deficit.

“We’ve always had this kind of team to where we always fight back,” Shelley said. “We’ve been in tough situations through winter

conditioning, summer, fall camp, so it was nothing new to us. We just came out and played and good results happened.”

Utah (9-3, 6-3 Pac-12) gained only 296 total yards, but beat the Cougars for the eighth straight time dating to 2010. The Utes tallied 131 of those yards during the fourth quarter.

Zach Wilson threw for 204 yards and a pair of touchdowns for BYU

(6-6). Wilson added 73 yards on the ground. Matt Hadley also ran for 64 yards and a pair of scores before leaving with an ankle injury in the fourth quarter.

BYU totaled just 51 yards in the fourth quarter after piling up 306 yards through the first three quarters. That opened the door for Utah to rally.

The Utes imposed their will on offense and defense in the fourth

quarter after getting pushed around for three quarters by their rival.

“I don’t know if I can remember a team that has done a better job of handling slow starts and things not going their way and just continuing fighting through it,” Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said.

Shyne put the Utes ahead for the first time on a 5-yard run with 3:02 remaining.



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Notre Dame holds off USC, 24-17, to remain unbeaten

By Greg Beacham
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LOS ANGELES — Notre Dame’s offensive skill players gathered on the sideline and looked up at an unfamiliar sight on the scoreboard. The Fighting Irish hadn’t faced a double-digit deficit at any point in their perfect season before Southern California jumped to a 10-0 lead Saturday night.

With their national championship dreams suddenly in a wee bit of trouble, running back Dexter Williams spoke up.

“Somebody has got to make a play!” Williams shouted.

Ian Book and Chris Finke did just that on Notre Dame’s next drive, and Williams did it himself right after half-time.

By the time the Irish were done making plays at the Coliseum, they were well on the way to the College Football Playoff with the Jeweled Shillelagh firmly in hand.

Book passed for 352 yards, Williams went 52 yards on a go-ahead touchdown run and No. 3 Notre Dame completed

an unbeaten regular season and likely secured a playoff spot with a 24-17 over long-time rival USC.

“It brings tears to your eyes,” Notre Dame cornerback Julian Love said. “So much is put into this, and it was very tough at times. It just feels so good to get here. Nothing has been handed to us. USC was struggling this year, but they weren’t just going to hand it to us. We had to go out there and seize it.”

Finke made an exceptional TD catch for the first score by the Fighting Irish (12-0, No. 3 CFP), who showed playoff-level tenacity in rallying from their largest deficit of the season. Tony Jones Jr. then took a short pass 51 yards for a touchdown with 3:09 to play to finish off Notre Dame’s 10th perfect regular season since 1945, the first since 2012.

“It’s something I dreamed about, so to have it really be like that, it’s a surreal moment,” said Book, the Californian who improved to 9-0 as Notre Dame’s starter, including 8-0 this year. “This whole team, we’re just so fortunate to be here. USC, they played great. We knew they had a great defense, and to be able to finish the season off undefeated in a rivalry game, you can’t ask for anything better than that.”



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