

Mountaineers run away from Knights, 41-28, to snap losing skid

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West Virginia's offense scored on all seven of its red zone trips, its defense forced four turnovers and the Mountaineers snapped their two-game losing streak with a 41-28 win at UCF Saturday afternoon.

A week after being outscored 28-10 in the fourth quarter, WVU (5-3, 3-2) pulled away from the Knights (3-5, 0-5) with a 17-7 advantage in the final frame.

"Really proud of the team, players and staff the entire way around," WVU coach Neal Brown said. "We've got a resilient group. If you've been paying attention to us all year, we've been a group that even when bad things happen, we've always responded."

WVU scored on seven of its 10 meaningful drives, finding the endzone five times while only punting twice and losing a fumble.

"I think this offense can be as good as I let it," quarterback Garrett Greene said. "A lot of it falls on my shoulders. We scored 41, but there were so many plays out there and so many points left on the board."

Greene began the scoring when he capped off an effective opening drive with a six-yard rushing touchdown.

UCF answered with a touchdown of its own to tie the game 7-7, but the Mountaineers kicked a 24-yard field goal on its next possession and never relinquished the lead again.

Greene got into the endzone three times, finishing with 55 rushing yards and three scores, bringing his season total up to eight. The junior completed 14 of 23 passes for 156 yards and did not turn the ball over.

"He's a great quarterback," left tackle Wyatt Milum said. "Having him as a quarterback, as a leader, he gets us going. You never see him down, he's always pushing us, leading us."

It was the first game in a couple of weeks that Greene did not have to do it all himself as WVU running backs CJ Donaldson and Jaheim White were dynamic. Donaldson, who did not start for the first time this season, ran 17

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AP photo

West Virginia quarterback Garrett Greene (6) watches as his touchdown is reviewed during the first half of an NCAA college football game Central Florida, Saturday, in Orlando, Fla.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

WVU got back to its winning ways against UCF



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In Saturday's win over UCF, West Virginia looked a lot more like the team that started the year 4-1 than the team that collapsed each of the last two weeks.

"We were really close to being a 6-1 team coming into this game and now, we're really close to being a 7-1 team," WVU coach Neal Brown said. "But

we've been resilient, we've been able to bounce back when bad things happen."

The Mountaineers got back to running the ball, its defense held up late, special teams were solid and the team as a whole avoided making any major mistakes.

"It was big," quarterback Garrett Greene said. "We haven't really played a complete game, offense defense and special teams. I feel like we kind of played a complete game (Saturday) other than, on the offensive side, that two-minute drive before the half."

Greene had been Mr. Everything for the WVU offense each of the last two weeks, racking up 438 and 366 total yards in the

previous two games.

He finally got some help Saturday as WVU's running backs broke out of their lull. CJ Donaldson has his best game in over a month, running for 121 yards and a touchdown. Freshmen Jaheim White had 85 yards on just nine carries and a score of his own.

For his part, Greene still had 211 total yards, 156 passing and 55 rushing, and scored three rushing touchdowns.

WVU's defense also somewhat rebounded to its early-season form. Despite UCF picking up yards at will, the Mountaineers held the Knights to just 21 points before a garbage-time touchdown boosted it to 28. They also forced four take-

aways, something the Mountaineers haven't done well at all recently.

"During the two games that we dropped, we know we've got to take the ball away," said cornerback Bishop, who snatched two interceptions against the Knights. "We haven't really been able to create takeaways so we kind of harped on that."

Brown described the Mountaineers as disciplined, fundamental, tough and physical and all four of those facets showed up Saturday.

WVU was whistled for just four penalties, two coming very late, after committing 13 combined in the last two

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PREP SPORTS

University boys and Morgantown girls score 4th win in a row at state cross country meet

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BY DAVID WALSH

For The Dominion Post

ONA — University's boys and Morgantown's girls still rule the Class AAA roost in high school cross country in West Virginia.

University won the boys team title for the fifth straight year on Saturday on the 3.1-mile course at Cabell Midland High School. The Hawks had five of the top 12 finishers and prevailed with 35 points. Jefferson took second with 95 and Morgantown third

with 98.

In girls, Morgantown topped the field again and had the individual winner as well in Madeline Gump. University came in second.

In Class AAA boys, Hurricane's Ty Steorts and Aaron Kidd finished first and second. Steorts won in 15:15 to become the school's first repeat winner.

"Got pushed at the start. Take it from the gun and go for it," Steorts said. "Get out hard and stay in front. It's amazing to do it again. They're coming after you. It's like a bullseye is on your back. I like it. At the mile mark, wanted a sub-five. After 2 miles, I knew I could handle it. I still had the mental strength."

Kidd, a senior, said it's been

fun with Steorts and their teammates.

"We train hard," Kidd said. "It's bittersweet. I cherish the past four years. I've been very blessed. It's been nothing but a blessing to watch Ty. He's passed me."

When Steorts came on the track, he heard the crowd root him home over the final romp. The goal now is to close the gap on University.

"It's nice to hear the crowd cheer you on," he said. "The team's young. We train hard. We'll work on the depth. To be a three-time winner would be awesome. I'll work on it. We all will."

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Submitted photo

The University boys cross country team stands on the podium after winning the Class AAA team title Saturday in Ona.

the shoreline south and this takes them right to the lake see lights of Chicago and are drawn there.

And so it was on the night of October 4 and October 5th that an estimated 1.5 million birds flew over Chicago and the surrounding area. Buildings with lots of windows are problems for spring and fall migrating birds and McCormick Place Lakeside Center (rented by those holding huge conferences and conventions) is a huge problem. Though only four stories high, it is almost all glass, and on October 5th, 964 dead birds were found around the building.

But others died too. Some were injured from striking the building but were able to fly away and

migrators to fly closer to the ground. Chicago is the number one urban city when it comes to birds striking buildings. There is a "lights off" volunteer program for large buildings in Chicago, and McCormick Center participates in that program. However, their clients holding events there often stay open to late in the evening, and the lights are left on.

When the Center is occupied, the lights are on and if it's a big migration night, lots die at the Center.

One study of bird migrations in the Chicago area showed that several factors come into play relative to bird deaths from buildings. Those include; the magnitude of the nighttime bird migration; the winds concentrating

size of the migration that night and the lighted window area (this is the proportion of total window-bay area emitting light from within the building). The topography around Chicago is also part of the problem because birds concentrate along the shore of Lake Michigan. The direction the windows face also influences the collision counts. The sides of the building facing north and east had the highest collision counts.

Wind direction also influences which sides of the building will be most prone to collisions.

There is no specific numbers of bird deaths from striking buildings in the United States, but estimates run from 365 million to 988 million a year in the United States, and another 16 to 42 million in Canada. Obviously this is

glass. Of course, this bill only applies to new construction, or to any renovation of existing buildings.

Maybe a better option would be to require buildings to close the drapes or turn the lights off at peak migration times every fall and spring.

Those peak migration times can be predicted and the cities could then require a lights out policy. As these huge numbers of birds striking buildings keep making the news, Congress will eventually be forced to do something. It can't come soon enough.

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Jefferson's top two were Jeff Conner in ninth and Owen Thompson in 10th. Jack Overfield was Morgantown's top finisher at 13th.

University coach Ed Frohnapfel said his team performed up to standards again. The Hawks don't compete much against West Virginia teams during the regular season.

"The boys ran up to expectations," he said. "We've got a strong seven. Out of those seven, we have two seniors. Got people waiting in the wings. We hope to keep it rolling. We've got a group of guys that run year-round. When cross country starts, you don't think of getting in shape. You need to be in shape then. We got everything done. Guys were serious."

"We don't race these people too often. You want to do your best against them. We were in Penn-

sylvania three times. One big meet was at Carlisle and we won for the second year in a row. Normally West Virginia teams don't compete up there. We've got depth and the kids are fast."

Girls

Gump got tabbed as a favorite coming in and she handled it. Morgantown placed five in the top 11.

"I went out very relaxed. I survived the hill," Gump said. "Had my arms swinging down the hill, didn't want to fall. I had to relax after that. The four teams before set a standard and we want to keep it going. That tradition. I'm so glad to be part of it. We have three freshmen on the team. They handled it well."

Gump has some national races on the schedule now and is choosing a college.

"Taking my time to decide," she said.



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Top photo, the Morgantown girls cross country team stands on the podium after winning the Class AAA team title Saturday in Ona. Bottom photo, Morgantown's Madeline Gump, left, and University's Abigail Rogers race in the West Virginia Class AAA girls Cross Country State Championship on Saturday Cabell Midland High School.

- AUTO RACING**
 1 p.m.: CNBC — FIM MotoGP: The OR Thailand Grand Prix, Isan, Thailand (Taped)
 2 p.m.: NBC — NASCAR Cup Series: The Xfinity 500, Playoffs - Round of 8, Martinsville Speedway, Martinsville, Va.
 2:30 p.m.: ABC — Formula 1: The Mexico Grand Prix, Autódromo Hermanos Rodríguez, Mexico City
 CNBC — World SuperBike: Round 12, Cádiz, Spain (Taped)
 3 p.m.: FS1 — NHRA: Qualifying, The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas (Taped)
 5 p.m.: FS1 — NHRA: The NHRA Nevada Nationals, The Strip at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas
- COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**
 3:30 p.m.: BTN — Exhibition: Tennessee at Michigan St.
 6 p.m.: BTN — Exhibition: Kansas at Illinois
- COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY**
 9 a.m.: BTN — Big Ten Championships: From Madison, Wis. (Taped)
- COLLEGE SOCCER (MEN'S)**
 12:30 p.m.: BTN — Penn St. at Wisconsin
 5 p.m.: PAC-12N — Stanford at California
 7 p.m.: PAC-12N — Oregon St. at UCLA
- COLLEGE SOCCER (WOMEN'S)**
 2 p.m.: SECN — Southeastern Tournament: LSU vs. Kentucky, First Round, Pensacola, Fla.
 3 p.m.: ESPNU — Santa Clara at Gonzaga
 PAC-12N — Stanford at UCLA
 4:30 p.m.: SECN — Southeastern Tournament: Tennessee vs. Auburn, First Round, Pensacola, Fla.
 6 p.m.: ACCN — Atlantic Coast Tournament: Wake Forest at Clemson, First Round
 8 p.m.: ACCN — Atlantic Coast Tournament: Pittsburgh at North Carolina, First Round
- COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)**
 12 p.m.: ACCN — Clemson at Boston College
 SECN — Auburn at Alabama
 1 p.m.: ESPN — Oklahoma at Iowa St.
 ESPNU — Houston at Cincinnati
 2 p.m.: ACCN — Virginia Tech at Virginia
 FS2 — Ohio St. at Michigan
 3 p.m.: ESPN — Oregon at Washington
 4 p.m.: ACCN — NC State at North Carolina
 4:45 p.m.: FS2 — Minnesota at Wisconsin
- GOLF**
 3:30 a.m.: ESPN2 — Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship: Final Round, Royal Melbourne Golf Club, Melbourne, Australia (Taped)
 4 a.m.: GOLF — DP World Tour: The Commercial Bank Qatar Masters, Final Round, Doha Golf Club, Doha, Qatar
 4:30 a.m.: ESPN2 — Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship: Final Round, Royal Melbourne Golf Club, Melbourne, Australia (Taped)
- NBA**
 9 p.m.: NBATV — San Antonio at LA Clippers
- NFL**
 1 p.m.: CBS — Regional Coverage: Atlanta at Tennessee, New England at Miami, NY Jets at NY Giants, Jacksonville at Pittsburgh
 FOX — Regional Coverage: LA Rams at Dallas, Minnesota at Green Bay, New Orleans at Indianapolis, Philadelphia at Washington, Houston at Carolina
 4:05 p.m.: FOX — Cleveland at Seattle
 4:25 p.m.: CBS — Regional Coverage: Kansas City at Denver, Baltimore at Arizona, Cincinnati at San Francisco
 8:20 p.m.: NBC — Chicago at LA Chargers
- NHL**
 7 p.m.: TBS — Heritage Classic: Calgary vs. Edmonton, Edmonton, Alberta

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NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
ATLANTIC DIVISION										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Boston	8	7	0	1	15	28	12	Chicago 4, Vegas 3, OT		
Toronto	8	5	2	1	11	31	26	New Jersey 5, Buffalo 4		
Detroit	9	5	3	1	11	36	30	Carolina 3, San Jose 0		
Tampa Bay	8	4	2	2	10	29	24	Washington 3, Minnesota 2, SO		
Montreal	7	4	2	1	9	25	27	Vancouver 5, St. Louis 0		
Florida	7	4	3	0	8	20	20	Los Angeles 5, Arizona 4		
Ottawa	8	4	4	0	8	35	27			
Buffalo	8	3	5	0	6	23	27			
METROPOLITAN DIVISION										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
N.Y. Rangers	7	5	2	0	10	21	13	Anaheim 7, Philadelphia 4		
Carolina	9	5	4	0	10	34	35	Florida 3, Seattle 2		
N.Y. Islanders	7	4	2	1	9	19	19	N.Y. Islanders 2, Columbus 0		
New Jersey	7	4	2	1	9	29	27	Ottawa 5, Pittsburgh 2		
Philadelphia	8	4	3	1	9	28	25	Boston 4, Detroit 1		
Columbus	8	3	3	2	8	20	26	Nashville 3, Toronto 2, OT		
Washington	7	3	3	1	7	16	25	Winnipeg at Montreal, night		
Pittsburgh	8	3	5	0	6	24	28	N.Y. Rangers at Vancouver, night		
								Vegas at Los Angeles, night		
WESTERN CONFERENCE										
CENTRAL DIVISION										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Colorado	7	6	1	0	12	28	16	Colorado at Buffalo, 1 p.m.		
Dallas	6	4	1	1	9	17	15	Minnesota at New Jersey, 5 p.m.		
Winnipeg	7	4	3	0	8	27	27	San Jose at Washington, 5 p.m.		
Nashville	8	4	4	0	8	25	23	Calgary vs. Edmonton at Commonwealth Stadium, 7 p.m.		
Minnesota	8	3	3	2	8	29	34			
St. Louis	7	3	3	1	7	14	20	MONDAY'S GAMES		
Arizona	7	3	4	0	6	20	24	Anaheim at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.		
Chicago	8	3	5	0	6	18	20	Carolina at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.		
PACIFIC DIVISION										
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Vegas	8	7	0	1	15	31	17	Florida of Boston, 7 a.m.		
Vancouver	7	5	2	0	10	28	15	Seattle at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.		
Los Angeles	7	4	2	1	9	32	26	Detroit at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.		
Anaheim	8	4	4	0	8	25	24	N.Y. Rangers at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.		
Seattle	9	2	5	2	6	20	31	Columbus at Dallas, 8 p.m.		
Calgary	8	2	5	1	5	17	29	Chicago at Arizona, 10 p.m.		
Edmonton	7	1	5	1	3	17	30	Montreal at Vegas, 10 p.m.		
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