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University of Wyoming Postgame Notes

Following a 52-28 home win vs. Utah State
on Nov. 5, 2016, at War Memorial Stadium in Laramie, Wyo.

Team Notes

- Today's game was the 67th between the two schools, and Wyoming's 52-28 win moved the Cowboys to 25-38-4 all-time against the Aggies.
- Wyoming's victory was its first against Utah State since the "Bridger's Battle" tradition was introduced in 2013. The Cowboys bring home the Bridger Rifle for the first time.
- 17,837 fans attended Saturday's win.
- Wyoming's 7-2 start to the 2016 season is its best since the Cowboys started the 1998 campaign 8-1.
- The win was the Cowboys' fifth straight, marking UW's longest winning streak since Wyoming won seven straight contests in 1998.

Offensive Notes

- Junior running back Brian Hill had 25 carries for 142 yards, his sixth 100-yard game of the season and 17th of his career.
- Wyoming received the opening kickoff and embarked on a four-play, 75-yard touchdown drive in just 1:29, its earliest score of the season. Josh Allen connected with Tanner Gentry for a 25-yard touchdown through the air to finish the drive.
- Redshirt freshman Austin Conway hauled in his career long reception in the first quarter, a 24-yard grab.
- On a 56-yard touchdown carry in the first quarter, Brian Hill moved into fifth place in the Mountain West for career rushing yards. He needs just nine yards to move into sole possession of fourth place on the list. He has 3,725 career rushing yards.
- Hill now has four games this season with a rush of at least 50 yards.
- Sophomore tight end Tyree Mayfield had a seven-yard reception in the first quarter, his second catch of the season.
- Allen connected with Jake Maulhardt for a 15-yard touchdown with 14:18 remaining in the second quarter, Maulhardt's third TD grab of the season. He now has 13 career receiving TDs, tying him with Jalen Claiborne (2012-14) and Ryan McGuffey (2000-03) for 11th all-time on the Wyoming career receiving touchdowns list.
- Allen reached across the goal line for a one-yard TD rush with 4:06 remaining in the first half, his sixth rushing score of the year.
- With 54 seconds remaining in the first half, Allen rolled out to his left and found Tanner Gentry for a 46-yard touchdown connection, Gentry's second touchdown of the game.
- Wyoming converted seven-of-nine third-down attempts in the first half. The Cowboys' 35 points tied their best in a half this season (35 in the first half on Sept. 17 vs. UC Davis).
- Gentry finished with four catches for 93 yards and two touchdowns.
- Gentry now has 14 career receiving TDs, tying him for seventh on Wyoming's all-time list with Malcom Floyd (2000-03), Gene Huey (1965-68), and Dewey McConnell (1948-51).
- Gentry's 156 career receptions tie him with Michael Ford (2004-07) for eighth place on Wyoming's all-time receptions list.
- Josh Allen scampered for a 38-yard run in the third quarter, the longest of his career.
- Allen found Jacob Hollister for a 37-yard TD with 4:41 remaining in the third quarter, giving Hollister his longest reception of the season. Hollister has 10 receptions for 213 yards and 3 TDs in his last two games.
- Allen's connection with Hollister was his fourth passing TD of the game, a single-game career high.
- Brian Hill again found paydirt on a 15-yard run in the fourth quarter, bringing his career total to 26 rushing TDs. Hill is now tied with Kevin Lowe (1981-84) and Walt Goffigan (1980-83) for fourth on Wyoming's all-time rushing TDs list.
- Wyoming's 52 points constitute its most in one game during the Craig Bohl era and most overall since Nov. 23, 2013 (59 vs. Hawaii).

Defensive Notes

- Wyoming held Utah State to -8 total yards in the first quarter and just 98 yards in the first half.
- Senior linebacker D.J. May brought down Utah State QB Kent Myers for a sack in the first quarter, his second of the season and third of his career. He also registered his first career forced fumble on the play.
- May recorded two total tackles for loss in the first quarter, bringing his season total to seven TFL.
- Senior nose tackle Chase Appleby recorded a sack in his second consecutive game after recording his first career sack last week vs. Boise State.
- Rico Gafford forced a fumble with 1:19 remaining in the second quarter, his second consecutive game with a forced fumble. He has forced three turnovers in his last two games. Gafford added two pass breakups and eight solo tackles in the game.
- Late in the third quarter, linebacker Lucas Wacha recorded his 300th career tackle for the Brown and Gold. He had eight stops on the night for UW.
- In the fourth quarter, redshirt freshman linebacker Logan Wilson intercepted a pass tipped by defensive end Nela Lolohea, returning the ball 56 yards. Wilson has totaled 83 return yards on his three interceptions this season.
- Sophomore Marcus Epps went over 150 career tackles in the game, while junior Robert Priestester went over 100 tackles.
- Defensive end Kevin Prosser had a sack for the third consecutive game, bringing his total to four for the season.

Special Teams Notes

- Senior punter Ethan Wood punted four times, averaging 45.5 yards per punt. Wood's long of 54 was his longest punt since a 57-yarder vs. Nebraska on Sept. 10.
- Freshman kicker Cooper Rothe connected on a 20-yard field goal with 11:30 remaining in the game. He has made his last four field goal attempts. He also finished the night with two tackles.



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Head Coach Craig Bohl:

"It was a hard fought game and we battled through some adversity. Josh Allen continued to make up with some big time throws and plays, plus Logan Wilson came up with a big interception late in the game. Not surprised that Utah State came back, with it being the same team that put up 58 points up on us last season. I thought the defense responded. Gives us another win in the division. Just going to get ready for the UNLV game.

"We got two three and outs, then Utah State has great players. They hit us over the top on a deep post which was a big play. Got them to go three and out a couple of times to get the momentum back. Excited we won the game.

"We tried to make sure getting the tailback the ball a little bit more and they did a good job stopping that. It forced us to get back into with plays on the edge with Josh (Allen) and the quarterback run game.

"I thought Josh (Allen) played a phenomenal game. There were times there wasn't anything there and he made a lot of plays. When he's active, we are active on awesome.

"We are a different football team and we are 7-2. There were a lot of guys that have worked hard and will try everything to get to 8-2.

"I thought the offensive line has done a good job, but Josh has done a good job eluding the rush. Either making plays with his legs or throwing the ball. I think we need to give credit to the wide receivers. Jake Hollister made a great catch, Jake Maulhardt with a nice catch on the first touchdown and Tanner Gentry in the end zone.

"We needed to get a couple drives going on offense and make some adjustments on defense. Also, we changed some things in the back seven. Plus, the dynamic changed when their quarterback went down. The quarterback is a good player."

(Redshirt Sophomore Quarterback Josh Allen)

"We came out and played the way we hoped to play. We passed the ball, ran the ball, it was just a good job by the offense in part by everyone. The line did a good job, receivers made some plays and Brian Hill does what he does. It was a great start, came out a little sloppy in the second half, glad we turned things around.

"Anytime you get off to a good start, it relaxes everyone. Going into halftime up 35-7 was big because in the second half didn't do a good job moving the ball in the third quarter. Having the lead gave us a little cushion and allowed us to get back on track.

"We came out and tried to run the ball to begin the second half. Utah State did a good job stopping us. We few a quick passes and they batted them down. The run of mine down the side really wasn't supposed to happen so just being able to trust myself and Coach Vigen to call that play for me to make. I felt that really turned us around, needed a spark since we were a little stagnant."

(Senior Linebacker Lucas Wacha)

"We definitely had a lot of motivation this week. We know we are a better team, can play against good teams like Utah State and can rebound from adversity. Credit to them, they are a good team and really good last year. We just out played them today.



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Utah State Postgame Quotes

Following a 28-52 Road loss versus Wyoming on Nov. 5, 2016

Head Coach Matt Wells:

On the slow start:

"That was a bad second quarter. We dug a big hole for ourselves. I thought we fought pretty valiantly in the third quarter, but it wasn't enough."

On what the team discussed at halftime:

"We talked about effort, we talked about culture and we talked about how we're supposed to play. It resembled nothing like that in the second quarter."

On the team's struggle to tackle:

"Josh Allen is a good quarterback. Brian Hill is a good tail back. We struggled tackling both of them. They got out on some third downs. Josh made some big plays out on the perimeter on third down scrambles. Credit to him"

Junior quarterback Damion Hobbs

Opening Statement:

"We played a great second half. Obviously not good enough to come out with the win but we fought hard in the third quarter and that was a great team that we played against. I'm proud of the offense, I'm proud of the defense and how the team came out in the second half and responded to what we went through in the first half."

On the team's emotion when they pulled within one touchdown at 35-28:

"At that point, everybody just believed. That's what we talked about at halftime. Believing in ourselves and believing in each other. When the score got close, we just wanted to go out there and win."