

No. 16/16 West Virginia vs. No. 2/3 LSU
Saturday, September 24, 2011
Morgantown, W.Va.

West Virginia game captains were Tavon Austin, Keith Tandy, Geno Smith and Najee Goode. Coach Dana Holgorsen selects game captains each week. Team captains will be elected at the end of the season.

Josh Francis made his first career start as a Mountaineer. Don Barclay and Keith Tandy made their team-leading 31st starts. A total of 35 Mountaineers have at least one game of starting experience.

Tonight's attendance of 62,056 was the largest home crowd since the North end zone was completed in 2004.

With its second quarter touchdown, WVU snapped LSU's streak of nine straight quarters without giving up a touchdown.

Geno Smith finished 38-of-65 for a career-best 463 yards passing and two touchdowns. Smith's passing yards broke Marc Bulger's single-game WVU record of 429 yards (vs. Missouri/1998). Smith has now passed for 350 or more yards in three straight games and in five career games.

Smith's 65 passing attempts was a WVU record. Gerald Fisher attempted 57 passes against Maryland in 1951. His attempts also matched the BIG EAST record, set by Louisville's Brian Brohm (vs. Syracuse, 2007).

Smith's 38 passing completion was a program-best single game mark, besting his 36 completions at Maryland last week.

Smith finished with 468 total yards of offense, a program single-game record.

Smith threw five passes of 20 yards or more.

Smith's third quarter, 72-yard pass to Tavon Austin was a career long.

With his second quarter, 20-yard TD pass to Stedman Bailey, Geno Smith has now thrown for at least one score in the last seven straight games.

Tavon Austin caught 11 passes for 187 yards, while Stedman Bailey caught eight passes for 115, marking the second straight game WVU has had at least two receivers earn over 100 yards receiving. Both players have now finished with 100-plus receiving yards twice this season.

Austin's 187 receiving yards was the eighth-best single game total in program history, while he was one catch short of matching the receptions record.

Austin finished with 287 all-purpose yards, the sixth-best single game total in program history.

Stedman Bailey's second quarter, 20-yard touchdown reception was his third score of the season and seventh career TD reception. His score was WVU's third 20-plus yard TD of the season.

Austin's third quarter, 72-yard catch was a career long.

WVU converted its second fourth-down conversion of the season in the second quarter with a six-yard pass from Geno Smith to Tavon Austin. WVU finished the game 1-of-2 on fourth-down attempts and is now 2-of-6 on the season.

Tyler Urban's third quarter, 16-yard reception was a season long and his longest catch since a 22-yard reception against Louisville in 2009.

Urban's third quarter, 12-yard touchdown reception was his second of the season and the fifth of his career.

Dustin Garrison's second quarter, 17-yard rush was a career long and WVU's longest of the season.

Garrison's third quarter, two-yard touchdown rush was the first of his career. He is the third true freshman RB to score a rushing TD this season.

Bruce Irvin's fourth quarter TFL for eight yards a 2011 single-game best.

Tyler Bitancurt finished the game with three points off extra-point attempts. He now has 189 career points and continues to rank No. 5 on the all-time kick scoring list.

With the loss, WVU's first under coach Dana Holgorsen, the team drops to 3-1 on the season.