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WEST VIRGINIA VS. TEXAS / POSTGAME NOTES DARRELL K ROYAL/TEXAS MEMORIAL STADIUM // NOV. 12, 2016

- ▶ West Virginia improved to 8-1 on the season and 5-1 in Big 12 play. WVU is 4-2 all-time against Texas and 3-1 in Austin. West Virginia has won 13 of its last 15 games.
- ▶ The Mountaineers' 8-1 start to the season is its best since 2007, when they started the season 10-1, and the best in coach Dana Holgorsen's six seasons.
- ▶ Coach Dana Holgorsen improved to 44-29 at WVU and 18-16 on the road.
- ▶ WVU had 383 yards of total offense, the 70th time in the Dana Holgorsen era that WVU has eclipsed 300 yards of total offense.
- ▶ Redshirt freshman Adam Shuler (defensive line) and freshman Kennedy McKoy (running back) made their first career start. WVU has a total of 34 players with at least one game of starting experience, and 12 Mountaineers have now earned their first career start in the 2016 season. Redshirt senior Tylor Orlosky made his team-leading 38th career start.
- ▶ Mike Molina opened the scoring for the Mountaineers with a career-long 44-yard field goal, eclipsing his previous long by five yards. Molina's 14 field goals made this season is No. 14 all-time in program history.
- ▶ With a fumble recovered by Al-Rasheed Benton in the first quarter, the first of his career, the WVU defense has forced a turnover in eight of the nine games in 2016 and in 13 of its last 15 games.
- ▶ Kennedy McKoy recorded his first career rushing touchdown on an eight-yard run in the first quarter. McKoy added a three-yard touchdown run in the third quarter for his first multi-touchdown game of his career. He finished with a team-high 73 yards rushing on 25 attempts with two touchdowns.
- ▶ Ka'Rau White's 29-yard touchdown reception early in the second quarter was his third touchdown of the season and of his career. He finished with a team-high 82 yards receiving and one touchdown catch.
- ▶ WVU's blocked field goal, by Marvin Gross Jr. in the third quarter, was WVU's first since Kyle Rose against Kansas State on Nov. 20, 2014.
- ▶ Rasul Douglas' interception in the third quarter was his sixth pick of the season and third in the last two games. Douglas had nine tackles, tied for third-most on the team.
- ▶ Kyzir White's fourth-quarter sack and forced fumble was his first career forced fumble and fumble recovery. White had five tackles and had a career-best two sacks.
- ▶ Skyler Howard was 21-35 for 269 yards with one touchdown. He has at least one touchdown pass in eight consecutive games and now has 17 on the season and 51 in his career. With 2,562 passing yards on the season, Howard is No. 7 all-time in program history for passing yards in a season, while his 6,536 career passing yards is third-most in a career WVU history.



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- ▶ West Virginia finished with a season-high-tying four sacks with five tackles-for-loss
- ▶ Justin Arndt led the team with 12 tackles, 11 solo, both career highs. He added one sack.
- ▶ David Long finished with a career-best 10 tackles, seven solo, and one sack.
- ▶ WVU held a 10-3 lead after the first quarter and has now outscored the opposition 71-33 in the opening 15 minutes. West Virginia has scored at least six points in the first quarter in all but one game in 2016.
- ▶ WVU led 17-13 at the half, the sixth time this season the Mountaineers had the advantage at halftime.