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WEST VIRGINIA AT IOWA STATE / POSTGAME NOTES JACK TRICE STADIUM // NOV. 26, 2016

- ▶ There were no first-time starters for West Virginia at Iowa State. WVU has a total of 34 players with at least one game of starting experience, and 12 Mountaineers have earned their first career start in the 2016 season. Redshirt senior Tylor Orlosky made his team-leading 40th career start.
- ▶ Redshirt junior Alex Brooks and freshman Martell Pettaway saw their first action of the season for the WVU.
- ▶ West Virginia improved to 9-2 on the season, 6-2 in Big 12 play and 4-1 away from home. The six Big 12 wins is the most in program history, while WVU has recorded its first nine-win season since 2011 and the 18th nine-win campaign in team history.
- ▶ Coach Dana Holgorsen improved to 45-30 in six seasons at WVU and moved into sole possession of fourth place on the school's win chart. He needs 13 more wins to tie Art Lewis for third place.
- ▶ West Virginia improved to 4-1 all-time against Iowa State and 3-0 at Jack Trice Stadium.
- ▶ West Virginia improved to 107-13 when scoring 30 or more points in a game and 55-5 when scoring 40 or more points in a game. In the Holgorsen era, WVU has scored 30 or more points in 50 games and 40 or more points in 26 games.
- ▶ The WVU defense has forced a turnover in 10 of the 11 games in 2016 and in 15 of its last 17 games. WVU's four turnovers marks the fifth time this season WVU has forced multiple turnovers in a game and the second time WVU forced four or more turnovers. West Virginia improved to 80-11 since 2002 when winning the turnover battle after a 4-0 edge at Iowa State.
- ▶ The 613 yards of total offense marks the 13th time WVU has eclipsed the 600-yard mark under Holgorsen and the fourth time this season.
- ▶ The WVU defense prevented Iowa State from scoring an offensive touchdown, the first time a WVU opponent's offense was held out of the endzone since West Virginia's 49-0 win at Kansas in 2015.
- ▶ Skyler Howard was 12-21 for 330 yards with a career-high-tying five touchdowns, including a career-long pass of 71 yards. Howard added 48 rushing yards, including a season-long run of 38 yards in the fourth quarter.
- ▶ With 378 yards of total offense, Howard moves into fifth place for total offense in a season, with 3,457, while his 8,073 yards of total offense in his career moves him into third-place in program history. Howard's five passing touchdowns gives him 24 on the season, tied for Geno Smith for fifth in a season in WVU history, while his 58 career touchdown passes is now third-most, behind Geno Smith (98, 2009-12) and Marc Bulger (59, 1996-99). Howard also eclipsed the 3,000-yard mark for passing yards, with 3,083, sixth-most in a season in team history.
- ▶ Playing in his first career game, Martell Pettaway had 30 rushes for 181 yards with one touchdown.
- ▶ Ka'Raun White's 34-yard touchdown reception was his fifth of the season and third in his last three games.



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- ▶ Marcus Simms's 48-yard touchdown reception was his first career touchdown and second reception of his career. He finished with a career-high three catches for 76 yards.
- ▶ Kennedy McKoy rushed for his third career touchdown, all coming in the last three games.
- ▶ Trevon Wesco's six-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter was his first career reception.
- ▶ In the first quarter, Justin Arndt forced his first fumble of the season, and second of his career, while Christian Brown recovered his second fumble of the season and second of his career.
- ▶ In the third quarter, Rasul Douglas forced his first fumble of the season, and second of his career, while Maurice Fleming recovered his first fumble of his WVU career.
- ▶ Along with a forced fumble, Rasul Douglas added a fourth-quarter interception, his eighth of the season and ninth of his career. Douglas finished with a team-high nine tackles, six solo.
- ▶ In the fourth quarter, Noble Nwachukwu recovered his first fumble of the season and third of his career.
- ▶ Shelton Gibson led the team with 161 yards receiving with a career-high-tying two touchdowns, his fifth 100-yard receiving game of the season.
- ▶ Shelton Gibson's 71-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter was WVU's longest play from scrimmage of the season.