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WEST VIRGINIA VS. MIAMI / POSTGAME NOTES CAMPING WORLD STADIUM // DECEMBER 28, 2016

- ▶ Redshirt sophomore Toyous Avery was the lone first-time starter for West Virginia against Miami in the Russell Athletic Bowl. WVU has had a total of 36 players with at least one career start. Redshirt senior Tyler Orlosky leads the team with 42 career starts.
- ▶ Redshirt sophomore Billy Kinney's 63-yard punt in the fourth quarter was a career long. Kinney also placed three punts inside the 20-yard line against Miami, marking a career-high. Kinney has placed 17 punts inside the 20-yard line in 2016.
- ▶ Kinney has had seven punts of 50 or more yards in 2016. He tied a career high against Miami with two punts of 50 yards or longer.
- ▶ Freshman Kennedy McKoy's six-yard rushing touchdown in the first quarter was his fourth rushing touchdown of the season and his fifth overall touchdown.
- ▶ Senior Daikiel Shorts Jr. had five receptions against Miami and has had a reception in each of the last 26 games, leading the team.
- ▶ Shorts moved into a tie for 14th place with 63 reception in 2016. Shawn Foreman also had 63 receptions in 1998.
- ▶ With a 61-yard performance, Shorts moved into No.12 in WVU history in single-season receiving yards with 894 in 2016.
- ▶ With a four-yard rushing touchdown in the third quarter, senior Skyler Howard became the fourth West Virginia quarterback to have at least 10 rushing touchdowns in a season. It is the most rushing touchdowns recorded by a quarterback since Pat White had 14 in 2007.
- ▶ Howard recorded 197 yards of total offense against Miami to give him 3,791 yards in the 2016 season, surpassing his 2015 total to move to third all-time.
- ▶ Howard passed Clint Trickett (2014) for fourth place on the single-season passing yards list. He finished the season with 3,328 passing yards.
- ▶ Howard passed Geno Smith (2010) to take fifth-place on the single-season completions list with 247 completions this season.
- ▶ Howard's 404 passing attempts move him into fifth place on WVU history single-season passing attempts, surpassing Oliver Luck (1981) and Howard's own 2015 total of 403. Howard also moved past Luck for third place with 917 career passing attempts.
- ▶ With a 24-yard performance against Miami, redshirt junior Shelton Gibson Jr. moved into eighth place on WVU's single-season receiving yards list, passing Mario Alford (2014) and Shawn Foreman (1997) with 951 receiving yards in 2016.

- ▶ With 51 all-purpose yards against the Hurricanes, Gibson moves into a tie for 11th place in single-season all-purpose yards, matching Rahsaan Vanterpool's 1994 total of 1,562 yards.
- ▶ Redshirt senior Christian Brown recorded his fourth career sack in the third quarter.
- ▶ The WVU defense held Miami to complete three of their 12 third-down attempts. WVU has not allowed an opponent to complete 50 percent of its third down attempts in 35 of the past 37 games.
- ▶ WVU held Miami to 81 rushing yards, marking the 11th time since 2014 that the Mountaineers have limited an opponent to less than 100 yards.
- ▶ The Mountaineers held the Hurricanes to 282 yards passing, marking the 15th time in the last 18 games that WVU has limited an opponent to less than 300 passing yards.
- ▶ Redshirt freshman David Long Jr. recorded career highs in total tackles (11) and assisted tackles (8) against Miami.
- ▶ Redshirt senior Rushel Shell III caught one passes for six yards against Miami, moving him into 13th place on the receiving yards for a running back with 341 receiving yards in his career, passing Rodney Woodard (1991-93) and Robert Gresham (1968-70). Shell also took sole possession of running back receptions in a career with 49.