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WEST VIRGINIA vs. Liberty // POSTGAME NOTES Milan Puskar Stadium // September 12, 2015

- ▶ Al-Rasheed Benton earned his first career start today. A total of 32 Mountaineer players have at least one career start.
- ▶ WVU denied Liberty a point until the Flames scored a touchdown at 4:35 in the third quarter, giving the Mountaineers seven straight quarters of shutout play (dating back to WVU's 45-37 loss to Texas A&M at the AutoZone Liberty Bowl on Dec. 29, 2014). WVU last played seven straight quarters of shutout play in 1997 (vs. Rutgers 48-0 W, Oct. 4; at Maryland, 31-14 W, Oct. 11).
- ▶ The WVU defense held Liberty to 92 rushing yards, the first opponent to not gain 100 yards rushing since Kansas State gained one yard rushing on Nov. 20, 2014.
- ▶ With two field goals today, Josh Lambert pushed his career total to 52, moving him into a tie with Charlie Baumann (1985-88) at No. 4 on the Mountaineers' career field goals made chart.
- ▶ Skyler Howard's 21 pass completions matched his career high, first set at Iowa State in 2014.
- ▶ Howard has now thrown three touchdowns in three of his four career starts.
- ▶ Howard's first quarter, 34-yard rush was a career long.
- ▶ Shelton Gibson's second quarter, 52-yard touchdown reception was WVU's first 50+ yard touchdown catch since Howard connected with Mario Alford for a 53-yard score against Kansas State on Nov. 20, 2014.
- ▶ Wendell Smallwood's two touchdowns were a career single-game best.
- ▶ Since 2000, WVU is 94-12 when scoring 30 or more points in a contest

Liberty Postgame Notes
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Liberty played its first game against a Big 12 opponent in program history and the Flames are now 1-5 all-time against FBS opponents under head coach Turner Gill.

Liberty played the game in front of 52,899 fans, the third largest crowd to see a Liberty football game in program history.

DE Chima Uzowihe finished the game with a sack, moving him into a tie for first place in Big South Conference history with 20.5 career sacks.

WR Darrin Peterson moved into fourth place on Liberty's career receptions (159) and receiving yards (2,411) list during the game.

QB Josh Woodrum moved into third place on the Big South career total offensive yards listing (8,379 career yards).