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Devonte Mathis earned his first career start today. A total of 33 Mountaineer players have at least one career start.

WVU finished with 37 first downs, a program record. The previous record of 36 was set against Washington & Lee in 1923.

Today marks the second straight game WVU has gained at least 600 yards offense against Maryland. The Mountaineers netted 694 offensive yards against Maryland on Sept. 13, 2014, also the last time WVU gained 600+ yards offensively.

The Mountaineers scored 21 points in the first quarter, marking the first time in 2015 WVU has scored at least 20 points in a quarter. WVU has scored 20 or more points in a quarter 49 times since 2001, with its last instance coming in the first quarter of a 45-37 loss to Texas A&M in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl on Dec. 29, 2014.

The Mountaineers scored 38 points in the first half, marking the first time in 2015 WVU has scored at least 30 points in the first half. WVU last scored at least 30 points in a half with a 31-point performance in the team's 54-0 win against Towson on Sept. 6, 2014.

Five different Mountaineers intercepted the Terrapins today: Terrell Chestnut, K.J. Dillon, Karl Joseph, Daryl Worley and Jeremy Tyler. WVU has had at least four interceptions in two games this year.

The Mountaineers' five interceptions were the most since WVU recorded five in a 28-20 win against Cincinnati on Oct. 13, 1990.

Skyler Howard finished with a career single-game best four touchdown passes. He has now thrown at least three touchdowns in four of his five career starts.

Howard threw a career single-game high 21 completions for the second straight game.

Prior to his second-quarter interception, Howard attempted 179 career passes without a pick.

Shelton Gibson finished with two touchdown receptions, his first career multi-score game. He is the first Mountaineer to finish with at least two touchdown receptions since Mario Alford caught two TDs at Iowa State on Nov. 29, 2014. Gibson has now caught at least one touchdown in each game this season.

Gibson's six catches are a career high.

Wendell Smallwood rushed for 85 yards in the first quarter, three-yards short of his rushing yard total against Liberty and 11 yards short of his game total against Georgia Southern.

Smallwood finished with a career single-game best 147 yards rushing, his third career 100-yard rushing game.

Rushel Shell's second quarter, two-yard rushing touchdown was his second of the season and the ninth rushing touchdown of his career.

Josh Lambert's 48-yard field goal at the end of the first half was a season long.

Nick O'Toole's 13-yard run on a third-quarter fake punt was WVU's first successful fake punt under Coach Holgorsen and the team's first time since 2008, when Zac Cooper gained 18 yards on a fake punt against Rutgers on Oct. 4, 2008.

Daikiel Shorts, Jr.'s fourth quarter, one-yard touchdown reception was his first score of the season and fifth career touchdown.

With the win, WVU improves to 7-2 in Gold Rush games.

Since 2000, WVU is 95-12 when scoring 30 or more points in a contest.

With the win, WVU improves to 28-22-2 all-time against Maryland.