WASHINGTON STATE
FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES
NO. 19 WASHINGTON STATE AT UTAH – NOV. 11, 2017

GAME NOTES

- WSU won the toss and deferred, Utah elected to receive
- Jamal Morrow was the game captain for the 33rd straight game, won the coin toss for the 2nd time this season, 10th time in his career correctly calling the coin toss
- Attendance: 45, 826

TEAM NOTES

- WSU improved to 9-2 for the first time since 2003
- WSU improved to 19-4 when forcing multiple turnovers under defensive coordinator Alex Grinch
- WSU forced 7 turnovers, the most since forcing 7 against UCLA in 2003 (3 INT, 4 FUM)
- WSU matched a season-high with 11 tackles-for-loss (at Oregon, Stanford) and the 7 sacks are the most since recording 7 against No. 2 Oregon in 2014
- WSU upped its season TFL total to 94, 7th-most in WSU single-season history
- WSU upped its season sack total to 35, tied for 8th-most in WSU single-season history

PLAYER NOTES

- Isaac Dotson started at MIKE linebacker, his first start since the Oregon game
- Luke Falk recorded his 39th career start, Cole Madison (RT) made his 45th career start
- Falk tossed three touchdown passes, upping his career total to 118, breaking Matt Barkley's (USC) Pac-12 record of 116
- Falk's one-yard TD pass to Kyle Sweet in the second quarter was the record-breaker
- Falk threw for 311 yards, his 29th career 300-yard game, and recorded his 23rd career 3-TD game and notched career win No. 27
- Tavares Martin Jr. caught his ninth TD pass of the season and 17th of his career, finished with 10 catches for 64 yards
- Kyle Sweet caught his 2nd TD of the season
- Isaiah Johnson-Mack caught his 5th TD of the season
- Tay Martin recorded his first career punt return, 27-yard return late in the first
- Hercules Mata'afa matched a career-high with eight tackles, made career-highs of 5 tackles-for-loss and 3 sacks
- Mata'afa's 5 TFL's are tied for 2nd-most in WSU single-game history, most since Cory Evans' WSU record of 6.5 in 2007 against Oregon State
- Mata'afa upped his season TFL total to 21.5, tied with Rien Long for 2nd-most in WSU single-season history
- Mata'afa upped his season sack total to 9.5, tied for 9th-most in WSU single-season history
- Mata'afa now owns 46 career TFL, 2nd-most in WSU history, and 21.5 career sacks, tied for 5th-most in WSU history
- Robert Taylor picked off his 3rd pass of the season, finished with 4 tackles and forced a fumble
- Jalen Thompson recorded his 4th INT of the season and recovered two fumbles
- Erik Powell made 4 field goals (44, 32, 28, 33) for the second time this season (at Oregon) and upped his season FG total to 19, t-5th-most in WSU single season history
- Powell upped his career field goal total to 50, 3rd-most in WSU history
- Powell tallied 15 points tonight, upped season total 99, tied for 5th-most in a season