

Utah Postgame Notes

Southern Utah vs. Utah

Sept. 1, 2016

Utah starts the season 1-0 and has won its last nine season openers. The Utes have won 12-straight season openers that have been played at home and are 18-1 in non-conference games since joining the Pac-12 Conference.

The attendance of 45,945 was the 12th-largest crowd in Rice-Eccles Stadium history and the Utes have now sold out 39-consecutive home games. Of the sellouts, 36 have been played before standing-room only crowds that exceed stadium capacity.

The Utes are now 38-0 all-time against current Big Sky Conference schools and 1-0 all-time vs. Southern Utah.

Utah recorded its first shutout since Aug. 30, 2012, against Northern Colorado.

The Utes surrendered only 89 yards of total offense in the first half (12 in the second quarter) to the Thunderbirds while forcing two takeaways. Utah outgained Southern Utah 115-12 in the second quarter.

Junior running back Troy McCormick turned in a team-high 110 all-purpose yards (55 rushing, 55 receiving) and scored his second career rushing touchdown on a 4-yard run.

In his Ute debut under center, junior quarterback Troy Williams went 20-of-35 for 272 yards passing and two touchdowns of two and 57 yards.

Eleven different Utes caught passes, led by five catches (105 yards) from senior Tim Patrick. He made the first two touchdown catches of his career, a 2-yard TD reception in the second quarter and followed with a 57-yard TD grab in the fourth quarter.

Junior safety Marcus Williams had a pair of takeaways and three tackles. He forced and recovered a fumble on SUU's initial drive of the game and came up with his seventh career interception in the second quarter that led to Utah's first touchdown of the game.

Sophomore linebacker Cody Barton turned in a career and team-high 10 tackles, including 1.0 TFL.

The Ute defense recorded 9.0 tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks. Senior defensive end Kyle Fitts had a team-high 1.5 sacks and now has 8.5 over his career. He also had a team-high 3.0 TFL and now has 12.0 over his career.

Senior defensive end Hunter Dimick also had one sack to push his career total to 16.0, which is eighth-most in school history.

Junior punter Mitch Wishnowsky set the school single-game punting average with a 55.5-yard punt average in his Utah debut. He had six punts for 333 yards (55.5 average). His five punts of 50 yards or more is second-most in school history. He downed two punts inside the 20-yard line, including a punt that was downed on the 10-yard line.

Andy Phillips went 1-of-2 on field goal attempts with a 26-yard make (miss from 36) and is now 64-of-77 over his career. He was 3-for-3 on PAT on attempts and is 135-of-136 for his career.

Boobie Hobbs had five punt returns for 55 yards, including a long return of 35 yards.

Kyle Fulks, Garrett Bolles, Sunia Tauteoli, Cody Barton and Kavika Luafatasaga made their first starts as Utes.

Tyler Huntley, Demari Simpkins, Phillip Afia, Julian Blackmon, Terrell Burgess, Armand Shyne, Donovan Thompson, Mitch Wishnowsky, Jordan Howard, Tyson Cisrow, Maxs Tupai and Hayes Hicken made their Utah debuts.