

Post-Game Notes
Kent State at Washington
Husky Stadium, Sept. 3, 2022

Washington forced a turnover on the season's very first scrimmage play, as safety Asa Turner picked off a Kent State pass on the first play of the first quarter (after the opening kickoff). Last year, the Huskies didn't get a takeaway until the third game of the season.

Eight players made their first career start for the Huskies. The five on offense: center Corey Luciano, left guard Nate Kalepo, right tackle Roger Rosengarten, quarterback Michael Penix, and running Wayne Taulapapa. Three on defense: linebacker Cam Bright, linebacker Alphonzo Tuputala, and cornerback Jordan Perryman.

Washington's first drive of the game, which came after the interception on the first play, consisted entirely of four runs (for 37 yards) from Wayne Taulapapa, who capped the drive with a 28-yard touchdown run on 4th-and-1.

Players who saw their first-ever game action in a UW uniform: Jordan Perryman, Cam Bright, Lonyatta Alexander, Will Nixon, Kristopher Moll, Michael Penix, Dyson McCutcheon, Wayne Taulapapa, Jayvion Green, Vincent Nunley, Sean Toomey-Stout, Jack McCallister, Maurice Heims, Sekai Asaou-Afoa, Myles Murao, Geirean Hatchett, Gaard Memmelaar, Griffin Waiss, Siasoi Finau, Jayvon Parker, and Bradley McGannon.

Washington's 21 first-quarter points marked the Huskies' highest total in a single quarter since they scored 24 in the fourth quarter vs. Arizona on Oct. 12, 2019, a stretch of 22 games (h/t Tim Booth).

Washington's five first-half possessions results in (in this order): touchdown, touchdown, touchdown, touchdown, field goal. The trend continued in the second half as the Huskies scored a touchdown on their first possession of the third quarter. The Huskies' first punt came at 1:11 in the third quarter.

Asa Turner notched two interceptions in the game, increasing his career INTs total from four to six. The last Husky to pick off two passes in a game was Kyler Gordon, last season (Sept. 25, 2021) vs. California.

Michael Penix threw four TD passes in his Husky debut, tied for 7th-most in UW history. His 4-TD performance was one of 30 times in UW history that a QB has thrown for four or more touchdowns in a game.