

## WKU Football vs. Southern Miss

### Postgame Notes

Dec. 5, 2015

Houchens Industries-L.T. Smith Stadium: Bowling Green, Ky.

**FINAL SCORE: WKU 45, Southern Miss 28**

### Team Records and Series Notes

- Captains for WKU were Nick Holt, Forrest Lamp, Gavin Rocker and Wonderful Terry. Southern Miss won the toss and received. The attendance for the game was 16,823.
- WKU improves to 11-2, while Southern Miss falls to 9-4. The Hilltoppers lead the overall series 2-0.
- WKU won its first conference championship at the FBS level and 11th conference championship overall.
- The Hilltoppers became the first C-USA Champion to go undefeated in the regular season and win the conference championship game.
- The victory was the 12<sup>th</sup>-straight for WKU over C-USA opponents, which is the longest active conference streak in the FBS and longest in C-USA since Tulsa also won 12-consecutive over the years of 2010-11.
- The 11 wins for the Hilltoppers are the most since the 2002 National Championship team.
- This is the first season that WKU has won all of its home games in a season since 2004.

### Team Notes.

- The 14-point comeback from WKU was the largest comeback in a win in the C-USA Championship game.
- WKU scored on its opening drive of the game, which the Hilltoppers have done in every home game this season except for one.
- The Hilltoppers' first touchdown came in the opening 2:31, which was the fastest touchdown ever scored in a Conference USA Championship game.
- On the touchdown drive capped off by Doughty's first rushing touchdown of the year, the drive consisted of a season-long 19 plays.

### Player Notes

- Brandon Doughty was named the C-USA Championship Game MVP as he became the 16<sup>th</sup> quarterback in FBS history to throw for 12,000 yards and 100 touchdowns in his career, finishing the game with 410 yards and three touchdowns. He also scored his first rushing touchdown of the year.
  - Doughty has thrown a touchdown pass in 27 straight games, which is the longest active streak in the FBS.
  - With his three touchdown passes, he moved into a tie for fifth in C-USA history with 45 touchdowns in a single season. He joins Houston's Case Keenum and Marshall's Rakeem Cato as the only three players to have multiple seasons in the Top 10.
  - He also moved to fifth in conference history with 4594 passing yards this season, joining Keenum as the only two quarterbacks to have multiple seasons in the Top 10.
  - His 410 yards were the third-most in a C-USA Championship game. His 34 completions were also the third-most.
- Taywan Taylor set the career record at WKU in career receiving touchdowns (24) and receiving yards 1363. He finished the game with 165 yards and two touchdowns. It was his seventh 100-yard receiving game this season.
  - Taylor had the third-most receiving yards in a C-USA Championship game.
  - He also became just the sixth player in C-USA Championship game history to have multiple receiving touchdowns in the game.
- Jared Dangerfield pushed his season tally to 76 receptions, which are the second-most in WKU history. He is the only receiver in WKU history to have multiple seasons of 60-plus catches.
- Garrett Schwettman moved in sixth in FBS history in career extra points made with 230.
- With his touchdown on the opening drive, Antwane Grant has now caught a score in five of his last six games.
- Nicholas Norris needed 22 yards to crack the Top 10 for single-season receiving yards at WKU with 851.
- Branden Leston recorded his first interception of the season on the Golden Eagles' opening drive, which led to a WKU touchdown.
- T.J. McCollum picked off the first pass of his career in the third quarter off a tipped pass.