

# 2008 GAME RECAPS

**WEST VIRGINIA 48 Villanova 21** - In the 1H VU had a 207-193 yd edge. WV rec'd fumble V24. WV got a TD on the next play, 7-0. WV drove 47/10pl for a TD, 14-0 (12:35). After an exchange of long TD drives, VU missed a 43 yd FG. WV went 67/5 pl for a TD & nailed a 52 yd FG 1H, 24-7. WV opened the 3Q with a 74/12pl drive for a TD then after a blk'd punt got a 33 yd FG, 34-7. After an int VU drove 26/7pl for a TD, 34-14 (14:45). WV drove 64/7pl for a TD & got a 29 yd IR TD, 48-14. VU was int'd at the WV 30 & (5:46) & drove 78/15pl for a TD with :02 left.

**EAST CAROLINA 24 W Virginia 3** - EC took their opening drive 80/11pl for a TD. WV's QB White dove for a FD but reaching the ball out, fmbld at the EC 39. EC converted on 4th & 1 for a FD to the WV 44 & went 56/14pl for a 42 yd FG, 10-0. WV went 68/10pl for a 26 yd FG, 10-3. EC missed a 44 yd FG but then after a fumble (1:11) drove 35/3pl for a TD with :47 left, 17-3. EC went 86/12pl on its first poss of the 3Q, 24-3 (6:01). WV was SOD at the EC 45 with 2:33 left.

**COLORADO 17 W Virginia 14 (OT)** - CU took their opening drive 83/9pl for a TD & after rec'ing a fumble went 28/5pl for a TD & a 14-0 lead. WV took their next drive 58/5pl. CU fmbld at the WV25 with 2:30 left 1H & had a 17-5 FD edge at the half but a 249-144 yd edge. WV was SOD on 4th & 1 at the CU 18 but then drove 68/4pl with White's 40 yd. WV at the CU 37 & White handoff to 3rd string QB Starks badly missed a wide open TD. WV's last drive got to midfield but poor clock management forced a 4th & 2 & their Hail Mary pass was inc. WV had a 23 yd FG bounce off the upright in OT & CU nailed the 25 yd GW FG.

**W VIRGINIA 27 Marshall 3** - WV had a 26-13 FD edge & 503-158 yd edge. WV opened with a 76/9pl drive for a TD but fumbled a punt at their own 7 & MU got a 34 yd FG. MU had a 30 yd FG end on a bad snap (4:36). WV then went 72/9pl for a TD. MU fumbled to open the 3Q & WV went 47/4pl for a TD. MU fumbled at the WV35 but WV was int'd in the EZ from the 34. WV went 48/9pl for a TD & led 24-3 after 3Q's. MU went on a 62/18pl drive incl a couple of 4th down conv but missed a 25 yd FG (10:24). WV went 7pl for a 36 yd FG & Marshall was SOD at the WV 18 after a 64 yd KR.

**W VIRGINIA 24 Rutgers 17** - Lankster ret'd a punt 53 yd to the RU33 & on 2nd & 2 WV got a TD pass, 7-0 (5:45 1Q). WV went 36/9pl for a 40 yd FG, 10-0. RU went 56/10pl for a 23 yd FG, 10-3. WV went 73/10pl for a TD, 17-3 with :56 left 1H. RU got back in it with a 55/5pl drive & a 5 yd TD run with :19 left in the half, 17-10. 1H WV had a 207-169 yd edge. WV went on a 68/14pl drive for a TD, 24-10. RU went 58/18pl for a TD, 24-17 (6:23). WV on 4th & 1 was SOD at their own 44 with 1:51 left. RU on 4th & 5 fired incomplete with 1:25 left.

**W VIRGINIA 17 Syracuse 6** - Pat White missed (inj). SU went 81/16pl for a 26 yd FG. The Orange had a 346-268 yd edge as WV threw 20 times completing 14 but for just 3 ypc (52 yd). WV went 62/7pl for a TD, 7-3 (7:39). SU went 29/8pl for a 53 yd FG, 7-6 & 1H had a 171-122 yd edge. Robinson made a couple of ? coach decisions. On 4th & 4 from the WV 45 he went for it & fired inc trailing 7-6. WV went 41/12pl for a 33 yd FG, 10-6. SU went 59/13pl but on 4th & 4 fired incomplete from the 5. WV got a 92 yd TD run by Devine, 17-6 (4:16). SU went 59/12pl but on 4th & 18 opted to go for it & fired inc with :52 left.

**W VIRGINIA 34 Auburn 17** - AU appeared in control early. After WV went on a 7pl drive & fmbld at the AU17 the Tigers went 81/20pl TWENTY PLAYS for a 19 yd FG. AU went 27/5pl for a TD, 10-0. WV got 36 & 20 yd runs by Devine on the next 2pl for a 23 yd FG. AU got a 69 yd KR to the WV31 & 2pl later got a TD, 17-3 (10:20). WV went 78/4pl for a TD, 17-10 (6:37). 1H WV trailed 17-10 but had a 186-176 yd edge. WV opened the 3Q with a 34/9pl drive for a 42 yd FG. WV then went 93/11pl for a TD & the lead, 20-17. AU went on a 12pl drive but missed a 44 yd FG & WV quickly went 73/5pl for a TD, 27-17 (11:35). WV went 89/8pl & got a 30 yd TD run with 2:26 left.

**W Virginia 35 CONNECTICUT 13** - CT fmbld at the WV31 on their 1st poss then went 80/8pl for a TD. UC got 1 FD & nailed a 37 yd FG, 10-0 after 1Q. WV went 55/9pl & on 3rd & 24 White went down the left sideline for a 24 yd TD, 10-7. CT went 38/10pl for a 38 yd FG, 13-7 (6:49). 1H UC had a 213-112 yd edge. WV went 56/6pl for a TD & the lead, 14-13. CT was int'd & ret'd to their 33. Four plays later WV got a TD, 21-13. CT fmbld & it was ret'd 21 yds to their 21. WV had another TD, 28-13 after 3Q's. CT was int'd & WV went 58/4pl with a White 36 yd TD run with 3:36 left, 35-13 to ice it.

**Cincinnati 26 W VIRGINIA 23 (OT)** - UC ret'd the opening KO 100 yds for a TD. After a 26 yd punt & 15 yd pers foul on WV, UC started at the WV33 & got a 46 yd FG, 10-0. WV went 77/7pl for a TD, 10-7. WV then fmbld at their own 34 & UC fmbld it back but it was ruled an incomplete pass after replay & UC got a 31 yd FG, 13-7 (:25 1Q). UC went 77/12pl for a TD, 20-7 but missed a 29 yd FG with 1:32 left 1H (Rogers 1st miss of yr) & had a 197-139 yd edge 1H. UC had just 2 FD's in the 2H & the first 8 3Q poss were 3 & outs. WV went 50/12pl but was SOD at the 3. WV went 58/12pl & had a 1st & gl at the 2 but was int'd at the 1!! UC took an intentional safety on a punt (1:11). WV went 62/7pl for a TD & 2pt conver, 20-17 (:19) & rec'd the onside kick got a 21 yd pass & nailed a 52 yd FG to force OT & the fans started coming back in the stadium. WV got a 27 yd FG & UC got a TD 2pl later.

**W Virginia 35 LOUISVILLE 21** - At the half WV had a 277-213 yd edge. UL & WV missed FG's. UL was int'd at the WV16 & WV went 84/9pl. They got a TD on 3rd & gl from the 1 & while it was spotted short, replays clearly showed it was in the EZ. Replay did not overturn it. Then on 4th down they were orig spotted with the TD but it was ruled short. In the 3Q WV got a 28 yd TD pass then after a fmb, got a 43 yd TD run by QB White, 21-7. UL went 67/14pl for a TD, 21-14 but then was int'd & ret'd 37 yds to their 7. WV got a TD on the next play, 28-14. UL went on a 13pl drive but was SOD on 4th & 16 & WV went 76/5pl for a TD, 35-14 (8:51). UL went 65/8pl for a TD, 35-21 (5:56) but was SOD at their own 31 (2:59) & int'd at their own 34 (:04).

**PITTSBURGH 19 W Virginia 15** - PIT opened with a 64/5pl drive for a TD. PIT missed a 40 yd FG. PIT fmbld at their own 39. WV got a 20 yd FG, 7-3. PIT went 62/10pl & had a 1st & gl at the 3 but on 2nd down was int'd in the EZ (:19). PIT had a 230-100 yd edge. WV took over in the 2H as they went 59/15pl for a 26 yd FG after dropping a TD, 7-6. WV went 81/4pl with a 59 yd TD run by White, 12-7 (xpng, 6:05). PIT was int'd at the WV45 & ret'd 11 yds. WV got a 49 yd FG, 15-7 (11:53). PIT punted (9:41). WV had a pass int'd at their own 30 & ret'd 14 yds. PIT went 16 yds for a TD, 15-14 (2ptng, 8:07). PIT41 (5:10) went 59/10pl for a TD with :50 left, 19-15 (2ptng). WV got to the PIT18 but their final pass in the EZ was oob.

**W VIRGINIA 13 Usf 7** - WV opened with a 59/11pl drive for a TD, 7-0. USF blew numerous opportunities. They went 64/13pl but fmbld at the 4. USF went 75/10pl for a TD, 7-7 (11:05). 3 punts. USF went 61/9pl & with :39 left in the half, had a FD at the 15 but was int'd in the EZ (:33). WV went 52/6pl & got a 45 yd FG to lead 10-7 1H despite USF having a 228-135 yd edge. USF was int'd & WV went 25 yds for a 42 yd FG, 13-7. 3 punts. WV went 40/10pl but fmbld at the USF36. WV went 46/10pl but missed a game clinching 46 yd FG with 5:36 left. USF went 52/14pl converting on 3rd & 10 & 3rd & 18 but on 4th & 12 it looked like pass interf in the EZ but it was not called & the pass was incomplete with :24 left.