

Orange Bowl Champions

Mountaineers Crush Clemson's Orange

I believe everyone by now has read all about it, so an article is not included, just some bullet point highlights about the game.

- Geno Smith threw six touchdown passes – four to Tavon Austin - and Darwin Cook returned a fumble 99 yards for a touchdown to lead West Virginia to a 70-33 victory over Clemson Wednesday night in the 2012 Discover Orange Bowl played at Sun Life Stadium in Miami Gardens, Fla.
- In the three BCS bowl games before tonight, teams combined for 205 points and 2,692 yards. West Virginia nearly halved that total tonight against an overmatched Tiger defense.
- The first half was one for the history books as the two teams combined for 69 points, the most in BCS bowl history. West Virginia had 49 of them, the most ever scored in a half in the history of the bowls, as the Mountaineers took a 49-20 lead.
- This was West Virginia's third BCS bowl win in six years -- one more than the ACC has earned in the history of the BCS system.
- WVU rolled behind the Most Outstanding Player performance of quarterback Geno Smith - six touchdown passes, an Orange Bowl record-breaking night less than a mile from his home.
- On a personal note, I was able to enjoy the game with former WVU player Damon Cogdell, who's sat in front of us with his family. Damon played linebacker for Don Nehlen and is the head football coach at Miramar High School in Miami. Miramar products on this team include Geno Smith, Steadman Bailey, Ivan McCartney, Josh Taylor, & Dominic Bryan.
- In the fanfare of the Orange Bowl, it was lost by a number of people that the basketball team also crushed Rutgers 85-64 on the road the same night then followed up with a 74-62 victory over ninth ranked Georgetown the following Saturday.

Four Mountaineers to Play in All-Star Games

3 to East-West Shrine Game

Seniors Najee Goode, Julian Miller and Keith Tandy have been invited to play in the East-West Shrine Game to be played on Saturday, Jan. 21, at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Also, senior offensive guard Don Barclay has been invited to play in the Casino Del Sol All-Star Game on Monday, Jan. 16 at 6 p.m., played at Kino Stadium in Tucson, Ariz.

Mountaineers Finish in Top 20

All Polls Recognize WVU

The WVU football team finished the season ranked in both polls.

- 17th in the Associated Press
 - 18th in the USA Today-Coaches
 - ESPN's "Way to Early Top 25" has WVU ranked 7th preseason next year, 2nd in the Big 12 behind 5th rated Oklahoma.
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View the new Basketball Practice Facility

Video and Pictures

If you haven't seen the new basketball practice facility, click on the link below to take a tour of this wonderful facility.

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Borman Named to MAC Director

Oliver Luck Announces Promotion

West Virginia University Director of Athletics Oliver Luck has announced that Matt Borman has been named Assistant Athletic Director and Executive Director of the Mountaineer Athletic Club.

Many of you know Matt as he has attended a number of our chapter's events over the years and has been a real friend to the chapter. CVCWVUAA has sent along a note of congratulations to Matt.

As executive director, Borman will oversee all aspects of fundraising for WVU's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and become the department's lead fundraiser.

Borman joined the Mountaineer Athletic Club as Director of Major Gifts in August 2008 and was responsible for the Mountaineer Athletic Club's major gift operation, which includes premium seating, endowments, capital projects and planned giving projects such as The Jerry West Society.

He supervised all major gift officers for athletics, served as the MAC's liaison with the WVU Foundation and focused on the areas of facility and program enhancement, along with major endowments. Under Borman, the MAC's major gifts operation collected more than \$19 million in pledges over the past three years.

"Matt has done an excellent job of running the MAC on a daily basis since the departure of Niles Eggleston earlier this year," Luck says. "We have many more things to accomplish with our fundraising efforts, and I am confident that we can continue to grow and reach even higher levels under Matt's leadership."

"I am very thankful that Oliver Luck trusts me to take the lead of the Mountaineer Athletic Club," Borman says. "It's a testament to our staff's hard work that Oliver wants consistency within our office. I am very excited about this new challenge, and my wife and I appreciate the opportunity to build my career and our family here in Morgantown."

Borman, a native of Williamsburg, Va., received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Lynchburg (Va.) College in 2001 and a master's degree in sport management from West Virginia in 2003.

Member News

CVCWVUAA Member Recognized

Jeff Layne, former president of the CVCWVUAA and current president of the Parents Club was recognized by the WVU Alumni Association this fall. Jeff was awarded the John F. Nicholas, Jr. Chapter Leadership Award.

Jeff and his family were the guests of President Clements at the Bowling Green game to receive the award. The CVCWVUAA congratulates Jeff on this accomplishment.

WVU Receives \$34 Million Pledge

Largest Single Gift Ever to the University

Ben Statler, a WVU Alumnus and his wife Jo, both natives of Monongalia County, pledged \$34 to WVU on January 12th at a special ceremony at the Ericson Alumni Center. \$11 million of the donation will qualify for a match from the state Research Trust Fund, making the total value of the gift \$45 Million.

In honor of the gift, the West Virginia University's engineering and mineral resources school will be named the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources.

Over the years, the Statlers have supported many WVU initiatives including the comprehensive breast cancer program at WVU's Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center; the new Erickson Alumni Center building; the Basketball Practice Facility and other Athletics capital improvements, including the Coliseum scoreboards. The direct impact of their lifetime of support to WVU, including today's gift announcement, is nearly \$60 million.

The Statlers have received numerous honors, including Most Loyal West Virginians, the WVU Foundation's Outstanding Philanthropists Award, and the Milan Puskar Award. In 2009, they each received honorary doctorates from WVU during commencement ceremonies.

Women's Basketball Coach Sets Milestone

Mike Carey Gets Win Number 500

WVU's women's basketball coach set a career milestone with his 500th career victory with an 82-30 win over Bucknell recently.



"All 500 of my wins have come in my home state of West Virginia," he said, meaning he was employed within the state, not that he had never won a road game. "I feel very fortunate to be able to do it in my home state."

Carey has always started at the bottom, taking over failing programs.

"I never was given anything," is the way he put it.

He took losers and turned them into winners and noted he's done it where he wanted to do it.

And he has no thoughts of going elsewhere ... at least not on his own.

"I don't think I have it in me to start rebuilding again," said Carey, who is 53. "I want to continue to build this program." In truth, he has a young team that really is nowhere near its potential. There is only one senior, Amanda Burton, who comes off the bench.

He demands effort and passion from his players, so much so that he says he'd rather a player who would dive on the floor to battle for the ball than one with better skills who doesn't have that kind of passion.

Carey's coaching style is gruff. He coaches the way he wants them to play.

"He told us today he's never going to be satisfied. He's always going to push us. He wants us to get better, to be as good as we can be," his center YaYa Dunning, the high scorer against Bucknell with 15 points to go with a team-leading eight rebounds, said.

The CVCWVUAA joins all WVU fans in congratulating Coach Carey on this achievement.



Let's Gooooo Mountaineers!!

Mario's Fishbowl Celebrates 62 Years

A Morgantown Institution

Bryan Bumgardner - The Daily Athenaeum - January 9, 2012

When it comes to Morgantown history, few places carry more memories than Mario's Fishbowl, a small bar and grill located on Richwood Avenue.

The Fishbowl celebrated its 62nd anniversary Monday with prize drawings, which included Pittsburgh Penguins tickets, gift cards and the prestigious titles of "Big Fish" and "Little Fish."

The Big Fish and Little Fish receive credit for three free beers per day for an entire year at the Fishbowl.

Tom and Anna Torch opened the business as Richwood Avenue Confectionary in July 1950. The Torches sold ice cream to neighborhood children and had beer on tap for the parents. The beer was served in large Weiss goblets from the Morgantown Glass Works, now the Seneca Center on Beechurst Avenue.

After Tom died in 1963, Anna sold the store to Rose and Mario Spina, who were fascinated by the goblets. They decided to call the goblets "fishbowls" due to their size. The beers were large and cheap, and became so popular Mario named his business "Mario's Fishbowl."

For more than 35 years, the Fishbowl has existed as a neighborhood hot spot for WVU students, who often challenged each other to contests. Hosted by Mario, students would see how fast they could drink a fishbowl, or how many burgers, hotdogs or pickles they could eat.

In 1997, Mark Furfari had just sold his business in D.C. He said he came back to Morgantown to visit his old college haunts, and he noticed the Fishbowl had closed.

"The place was closed, but I looked in and it still seemed operational," he said.

The Spinass were both in their late seventies, which made it difficult for them to run the bar, Furfari said.

"I came by one day when Mario was there, and we got to talking about his plans for retirement," Furfari said.

The Spinass turned the Fishbowl over to Furfari and his wife Karen in January 1997. Furfari said he had no food or beverage experience, but he was determined to preserve the Fishbowl as a Morgantown trademark. Mark said Mario taught the couple everything they needed to know to run the bar.

Since purchasing Mario's Fishbowl, Mark and Karen have expanded the menu and made necessary safety improvements, but Mark said the Fishbowl has barely changed since the 1970s.

The bar still uses the original tables, chairs and countertops Mario purchased. The walls of the Fishbowl serve as memorials to friends, families and cold beer. Handwritten notes are taped to every inch of available wall space, declaring everything from "I was here" to "I drank an entire fishbowl in 2 seconds!" Some of the oldest notes are dated to the early 1960s.

Famous WVU athletes have also visited the establishment, including Owen Schmitt, who popularized the annual "Coaster Eating Contest." The contest requires participants to eat a dry cardboard coaster, and the person who completes the challenge in the fastest time wins a prize.

In the last 62 years, thousands of WVU students and Morgantown residents have visited the Fishbowl. Furfari said he feels humbled to own a part of Morgantown history.

"People call me from around the world to tell me they saw a Mario's Fishbowl shirt in an airport or on the street," he said.

Scott Stenger, owner of All Makes Vacuum & Sewing Center on Beechurst Avenue, has been a regular customer for more than 10 years.

Stenger said he comes back regularly for more than just the menu.

"It's a friendly place – that's the bottom line," he said. "Whether you're talking to the servers or the customers, you'll always be welcomed."

Orange Bowl Championship T-Shirts

Now Available Locally at Disco Sports



Disco Sports, behind Regency Mall now has WVU Orange Bowl Championship t-shirts available in both gold and grey.

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Top Ten West Virginia Sports Stories of 2011

Shawn Falkenstein - WVMetroNews-Sports - December 28, 2011

MORGANTOWN - As we reach the end of 2011 I thought it appropriate that we look back at the biggest sports stories of 2011. HERE IS MY TOP TEN LIST:

1. WVU Moves to Big XII

As the Big East Conference began crumbling around them for the second time in less than a decade, WVU decided it was time to leave. It all started with the news in September that Pitt and Syracuse would leave the Big East for the ACC. Shortly afterward WVU was the subject of numerous rumors that had the Mountaineers departing for the ACC, SEC and Big XII. Before the end of the football season it was announced that WVU was indeed leaving for the Big XII next season. That announcement has sparked a vicious legal battle between WVU and the Big East that is nowhere close to being resolved as we enter the New Year.

2. WVU Football Coaching Change

This time last year Bill Stewart was still WVU's head football coach with Dana Holgorsen waiting in the wings as offensive coordinator and head coach-in-waiting. But after an incident at a Charleston area casino involving Holgorsen being asked to leave the drama hit soap opera level. A Pittsburgh reporter then came forward to report that Stewart had asked him "to dig up dirt" on Holgorsen when the offensive mastermind was hired in December. There was also a report that Stewart had leaked the casino incident and other alleged (yet unconfirmed) incidents involving Holgorsen to the media. After an investigation Athletic Director Oliver Luck said he could not prove whether or not Stewart, or his wife, was the source for the stories about Holgorsen. But, the damage was done and Luck used the turmoil to quickly broker a deal with Stewart to leave the program immediately. The coach was given \$1.4 million dollars and resigned. Holgorsen was then promoted to head coach.

3. WVU Wins Big East, Goes to Orange Bowl

In head coach Dana Holgorsen's first season at WVU he led the Mountaineers to their 7th Big East Championship, finishing in a three-way tie with Cincinnati and Louisville. By virtue of being the highest ranked team in the BCS ratings the Mountaineers were selected to represent the conference in the Orange Bowl against ACC Champs Clemson. Holgorsen became the 7th coach to earn a BCS bowl bid in his first season. It is West Virginia's first ever trip to the Orange Bowl. It was also a season in which Holgorsen's offense shattered numerous school records including total offense (Geno Smith-3,919 yards), receptions (Tavon Austin-89), and receiving yards (Stedman Bailey-1,197).

4. Bob Huggins Wins No. 700

With a 70-68 win over Missouri State in the Las Vegas Classic WVU men's basketball coach Bob Huggins won his 700th career game in his 30th season. Most of those wins came at Cincinnati where Huggins won 399 games over 16 seasons. "I appreciate it," Huggins said moments after the game. "I appreciate everyone coming out and I hope everyone understands how much I appreciate it." Huggins has led the Mountaineers to the NCAA Tournament each of his five years at his alma mater, including this spring when WVU beat Clemson in the first round before losing to Kentucky.

5. Marshall Wins Beef O'Brady's Bowl

Marshall won its second bowl in three seasons, beating Florida International 20-10 in the Beef O'Brady's Bowl in St. Petersburg, Florida. It was the first bowl win for second year head coach Doc Holliday who continues the rebuilding process in Huntington. The Thundering Herd finished the season 7-5, winning five of their last seven games.

6. Martinsburg Wins 2nd Straight Class AAA Title

The Martinsburg Bulldogs won their second consecutive Class AAA high school football state championship by beating No. 3 George Washington 35-27. The Bulldogs will enter next season with a 28 game win streak and boasted one of the best defenses in state history, only allowing 103 points in 14 games, including five shutouts. Quarterback Brandon Ashenfelter was the runner-up for the Kennedy Award and linebacker Logan Jenkins won the Huff Award, which goes to the state's top defensive player.

7. Summers County Girls Win 100

To say the Summers County girls' basketball program is a dynasty is stating the obvious. The Bobcats have won five straight Class AA state titles and this season picked up their 100th consecutive win in an 83-41 victory over Webster County. "We're very fortunate to be able to accomplish what we've done to this point," said Summers County head coach Wayne Ryan. "We have just a gifted group of kids that have come through here the last three years. They've been exceptional."

8. Darryl Talley Inducted to College Football Hall of Fame

It was an honor long overdue for one of the greatest WVU football players of all time. Linebacker Darryl Talley was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame at a dinner in New York this year and will be enshrined next summer at the home of the Hall of Fame in South Bend, Indiana. The Cleveland native played at WVU from 1979-1982. He finished with 489 tackles, 28 TFL, 19 sacks, 5 interceptions, 4 fumble recoveries. After becoming an all-American Talley made a name for himself in the NFL during a long career with Buffalo Bills, playing in four straight Super Bowls.

9. West Liberty Basketball

It was the best year in school history for West Liberty's men's basketball team, which fell one game short of playing for a Division II National Championship. The Hilltoppers (33-1) lost to BYU-Hawaii in the national semifinals. It was their only loss of the season. Despite the loss, it was a fantastic season which saw the Hilltoppers lead the nation in eight statistical categories including a blistering 111 points per game. They were also the unanimous No. 1 for the last nine weeks of the regular season. Coach Jim Crutchfield received several coach of the year honors and Senior Corey Pelle was honored on several all-America teams. After the season, assistant coach Eric Bovaird was named the head coach at Chaminade.

10. Two WV Natives Called Up to Big Leagues

It was a good year for two baseball players from the Mountain State. Fairmont's David Carpenter and Morgantown's Josh Judy were both called up to the major leagues this summer. Carpenter got off to a hot start with the Houston Astros, allowing just one hit in his first five appearances. The relief pitcher finished the season with a win and a save. Judy started the season on the Cleveland Indians 40 man roster and pitched 14 innings in 12 games.

HONORABLE MENTIONS:

WVU/Marshall Lightning Game—WVU beat Marshall in a game that was delayed three times due to lightning and eventually called after the start of the 4th quarter with the Mountaineers up 34-13.

Phil Plays in Greenbrier Classic—Phil Mickelson was the big draw for the PGA Tour stop at the Greenbrier Resort. Unfortunately "Lefty" finished +3 after two rounds and failed to make the cut. Scott Stallings won the tournament and a \$1.08 million check

Ryan Switzer Becomes a Star—The George Washington junior running back burst onto the scene rushing for a school record 2,796 yards and 40 touchdowns. He won the Kennedy Award, which goes to the state's top football player and is already being highly recruited by colleges.

Mike Carey Wins No. 500—The WVU women's basketball coach won his 500th career game on Dec. 28 against Bucknell, 72-30. Carey began his career at Salem University where he coached the men's team from 1988-2001.

WVU Rifle Team Finishes Second in NCAA Tournament—The WVU rifle team finished second in the 2011 NCAA Rifle Championships, finishing three points behind Kentucky. The Mountaineer rifle team has 14 national championships.

Woody O'Hara Dies—One of the most distinctive voices in the history of West Virginia broadcasting died in October following complications from surgery. Woody O'Hara was 70. The Winchester, Virginia native began working for the Mountaineer Sports Network in 1970 doing play-by-play, color commentary and hosted a variety of television programs. He was the longtime partner of the legendary Jack Fleming on hundreds of radio broadcasts. He was inducted into the West Virginia Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame in 2008.

Fleming Corner Opens—Jack Fleming Corner was unveiled at the Erickson Alumni Center on the day of the annual Gold-Blue Spring Game. A bronze bust of Fleming shows the famous announcer in action, headphones on, calling a past Mountaineer game. The corner also includes a cabinet display of Fleming's various awards and accomplishments. The wall surrounding the bust is covered with some of Fleming's most famous game calls and quotes. There is also a framed photograph of Fleming holding his famous "Beat Pitt" sign.

Football Announces Staff Addition

Defensive Coach Added

West Virginia University football coach Dana Holgorsen has announced that Joe DeForest will join the Mountaineer coaching staff. Holgorsen will announce the coaching responsibilities of his new hires once his staff is complete.

"Joe is an outstanding addition to the West Virginia football staff and brings years of experience, expertise and knowledge of the Big 12 Conference," Holgorsen said. "He is not only a good coach, but a great teacher. I worked with him at Oklahoma State and look forward to him and his family joining the Mountaineer program."

DeForest rejoins Holgorsen on the staff, after spending the past 11 years at Oklahoma State. Both were on the Cowboys' staff in 2010. At OSU, DeForest was the associate head coach, special teams' coordinator and safeties coach since 2005. From the 2001-05, he was the special teams' coordinator and secondary coach for the Cowboys. He worked under Les Miles from 2001-04, and the past seven years under current coach Mike Gundy.

"I am happy to come to West Virginia University and be a part of Dana Holgorsen's staff," DeForest said. "Dana has done great things here already, and I look forward to helping him and the staff continue to build on what has already been started. As West Virginia enters the Big 12 Conference and with Dana's previous knowledge of the conference, I am hopeful that my experience in the league also will be helpful in the transition as well. The Mountaineer program has a lot of history and tradition, and I look forward to West Virginia going to more BCS bowls in the future."

DeForest brings with him 22 years of collegiate coaching experience, and has coached in nine bowl games. He was named a rivals.com Top 25 recruiter in 2004, 2006 and 2008 and has coached 15 all-conference performers, five All-Americans and nine players who played professionally.

Breaking News

WVU Crushes Rutgers 84-60

WVU defeated Rutgers at home on Saturday, 84-60. Rutgers was coming off wins over both UConn and Pittsburgh since we last played 11 days ago.
