

WEEK THREE
TEXAS TECH at ARIZONA

Arizona grinds out 28-14 win over Texas Tech

TUCSON, Ariz. -- Arizona scored one touchdown on a bursting run, hit some chunk plays in the passing game.

When it mattered most, the Wildcats played the power game -- and Texas Tech was helpless to stop them.

Arizona ran the ball 13 straight times during a 99-yard drive in the fourth quarter and Gary Brightwell capped it with his second touchdown, lifting the Wildcats to a 28-14 win over Texas Tech Saturday night. "They imposed their will on us," Red Raiders coach Matt Wells said. "That's tough to take."

Khalil Tate accounted for 314 yards and two touchdowns, including an 84-yard run, and Arizona (2-1) racked up 499 total yards in what was expected to be an offensive showcase in the desert.

The deciding drive was power-driven.

Backed up to their 1-yard line in the fourth quarter, the Wildcats ran the ball right down the Red Raiders' throat, 13 times in all until Brightwell scored on a 1-yard run with four minutes left.

"To go 99 yards to win the game, that is a step that should give us confidence heading into conference play," Arizona coach Kevin Sumlin said.

The Wildcats also bounced back from shaky defensive performances their first two games, keeping Texas Tech's vaunted passing game under control most of the night.

Alan Bowman threw for 311 yards and hit McLane Mannix on an 8-yard touchdown to put the Red Raiders (2-1) up 14-13 in the third quarter.

Texas Tech couldn't hold its ground against the Wildcats after that, pushed around during two fourth quarter drives capped by Brightwell 1-yard touchdowns.

"We just physically wore down," Wells said. "Teams that run the ball like Arizona, they make the pay."

Arizona's offense was sharp the first two games, averaging 629.5 yards and 51.5 points per game.

Texas Tech has had one of the nation's most prolific offenses since the Mike Leach days and won its first two games by a combined score of 83-13.

The expected offensive showdown never really got going.

The Red Raiders and Wildcats had four turnovers in a span of five possessions in the first quarter: Two Bowman interceptions, a fumble and interception by Tate.

T.J. Vasher seemed to get Texas Tech going with a diving 39-yard catch, setting up SaRodorick Thompson's 1-yard TD run.

Darrius Smith jumpstarted Arizona by turning a screen pass into a 46-yard gain, setting the stage for Tate's 12-yard scoring pass to Stanley Berryhill III.

Tate followed with an 84-yard touchdown run, but the offenses went dormant again for the rest of the half.

"Everyone expected this big offensive game, but both defenses played well," Wells said.

THE TAKEAWAY

Texas Tech was solid defensively in two opening wins, but got showed around by Arizona in its first big test of the season.

Arizona appears to be back on track after an opening loss to Hawaii and a shaky second-half defensive performance last week against Northern Arizona.

SMITH EJECTED

Texas Tech lost one of its starting defensive backs in the second quarter when cornerback Desmon Smith was ejected for targeting.

Smith was called for a personal foul when he lowered his head to tackle Berryhill on a 22-yard gain. Smith hit Berryhill helmet to helmet and was ejected following a video review.

TATE'S TD

Tate put himself in the Heisman Trophy conversation with his running and passing ability as a sophomore in 2017. Hampered by injuries and a new offensive system, he wasn't nearly as effective last season, rarely taking off on runs.

Tate gave Arizona fans a flashback with his second quarter run, making one defender miss and sprinting past two more on his 84-yard touchdown.

"We put some more run plays in this week," Tate said. "We knew that would be an X factor this week, allowing me to use my legs more."

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TTU	7	0	7	0	14
ARIZ	0	13	0	15	28

Scoring Summary -----

	TTU	ARIZ
FIRST QUARTER		
TTU TD 0:49 SaRodorick Thompson 1 Yd Run (Trey Wolff Kick)	7	0
6 plays, 51 yards, 1:30		
SECOND QUARTER		
ARIZ TD 13:37 Stanley Berryhill III 12 Yd pass from Khalil Tate (Lucas Havrisik Kick)	7	7
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:12		
ARIZ TD 8:35 Khalil Tate 84 Yd Run (Lucas Havrisik PAT failed)	7	13
3 plays, 87 yards, 0:57		
THIRD QUARTER		
TTU TD 6:08 McLane Mannix 8 Yd pass from Alan Bowman (Trey Wolff Kick)	14	13
7 plays, 86 yards, 2:42		
FOURTH QUARTER		
ARIZ TD 14:57 Gary Brightwell 1 Yd Run (Lucas Havrisik Kick)	14	20
14 plays, 75 yards, 6:11		
ARIZ TD 4:05 Gary Brightwell 1 Yd Run (Khalil Tate Pass to Jamarye Joiner for Two-Point Conversion)	14	28
13 plays, 99 yards, 7:10		

Team Stats	TTU	ARIZ
First Downs	22	23
Passes for First	15	9
Rushes for First	7	13
Penalties for First	0	1
Third Down Efficiency	7-17	15-21
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-3	0-0
Total Yards	415	499
Total Plays	80	84
Avg Gain Per Play	5.2	5.9
Net Yards Rushing	104	314
Rushes	25	61
Yards Per Rush	4.2	5.1
Net Yards Passing	311	185
Comp-Att	30-55	14-23
Yards Per Pass	5.7	8.0
Times Sacked	0	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-11
Interceptions	2	2
Punts	7	5
Punt Average	46.7	36.2
Penalties	7	5
Penalty Yards	60	37
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Time of Poss	25:08	34:52

Individual Stats

RUSHING					
TEXAS TECH	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Armand Shyne	13	68	5.2	0	23
Ta'Zhawn Henry	4	21	5.3	0	19
SaRodorick Thompson	7	20	2.9	1	8
Mark Richardson	1	-5	-5.0	0	0
ARIZONA					
	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Khalil Tate	17	129	7.6	1	84
Gary Brightwell	21	85	4.0	2	13
Darrius Smith	9	63	7.0	0	40
J.J. Taylor	11	39	3.5	0	8
Michael Wiley	2	0	0.0	0	1
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

PASSING							
TEXAS TECH	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Alan Bowman	30	55	307	5.6	1	2	32.5
ARIZONA							
	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Khalil Tate	14	23	185	8.0	1	2	82.0

RECEIVING					
TEXAS TECH	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
T.J. Vasher	6	96	16.0	0	39
McLane Mannix	4	78	19.5	1	66
Erik Ezukanma	3	27	9.0	0	11
Xavier White	3	24	8.0	0	12
R.J. Turner	2	20	10.0	0	10
Dalton Rigdon	3	19	6.3	0	10
Donta Thompson	2	18	9.0	0	15
KeSean Carter	1	15	15.0	0	15
Armand Shyne	4	5	1.3	0	5
SaRodorick Thompson	1	4	4.0	0	4
Ta'Zhawn Henry	1	1	1.0	0	1
ARIZONA					
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Cedric Peterson	1	47	47.0	0	47
Darrius Smith	1	46	46.0	0	46
Tayvian Cunningham	5	35	7.0	0	14
Stanley Berryhill III	2	34	17.0	1	22
Jamarye Joiner	2	14	7.0	0	7
Drew Dixon	1	10	10.0	0	10
Brian Casteel	1	2	2.0	0	2
Michael Wiley	1	-3	-3.0	0	0