

WEEK NINE
MISSOURI at KENTUCKY

Bowden, Kentucky have no trouble in rain, beat Missouri 29-7

LEXINGTON, Ky. -- Lynn Bowden Jr. is hard to stop on a dry turf. He proved to be even harder to slow down in a steady downpour.

The Kentucky junior converted quarterback rushed for 204 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Wildcats to a 29-7 win over Missouri Saturday night.

"What can you say about Lynn? Amazing," Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said. "So tough -- so tough and talented. If the weather had been clear like in the first half I felt he would have thrown the ball well. We had some opportunities in the pass game because he is so dynamic in the run game. It was tough out there. It was really coming down."

The two teams combined for seven fumbles and four lost miscues in a steady rain that didn't seem to bother Bowden. Going into the second bye week of the season, the Wildcats (4-4, 2-4 SEC) moved within two wins of bowl eligibility with four games remaining. Kentucky has won five straight over the Tigers.

"Really good victory for our team and for our program," Stoops said. "Really proud of our guys. I told you and told them the last three or four weeks I've felt they have been gelling. Working exceptionally hard and playing for each other and very unselfish. The big thing is playing hard and preparing the right way."

Making his third consecutive start in the absence of injured starter Sawyer Smith, Bowden was nearly unstoppable. Sparked by Bowden, the Wildcats rushed for 297 yards. Bowden has rushed for 499 yards and four touchdowns since taking over as the team's starting quarterback.

Bowden threw a career-best 44-yard strike to Bryce Oliver that led to a 1-yard touchdown run by Kavosiey Smoke, giving the Wildcats a 6-0 lead. Bowden also contributed to the drive with an 18-yard run.

Smith replaced Bowden for three plays in the second quarter, but returned and rushed for a first down on a fourth-down play that led to a 20-yard score by A.J. Rose. On the next series, Bowden ripped off a 46-yard run that led to a 43-yard field goal by Chance Poore for a 15-0 lead.

A Missouri fumble resulted in a 10-yard touchdown run by Bowden with 10 seconds remaining in the first half, giving the Wildcats a 22-0 advantage at the break.

Clemson transfer Kelly Bryant threw for 130 yards, including a 74-yard touchdown pass to Tyler Badie to open the second half for Missouri (5-3, 2-2). Backup quarterback Taylor Powell replaced Bryant in the third quarter and threw for 34 yards.

THE TAKEAWAY

Kentucky: The Wildcats' defense shut out No. 10 Georgia in the first half of a 21-0 loss on Oct. 19 and didn't allow a score in the first half against the Tigers. Kentucky has surrendered just 24 points or less in 22 straight games, the longest streak in the nation. The Wildcats improved to 4-1 at home this season. The lone home loss was a 29-21 loss to No. 7 Florida on Sept. 14.

Missouri: The Tigers averaged 38.8 points per game in their first six contests but have struggled during the past two weeks. Missouri has failed to score more than two touchdowns in each of the last two games. The Tigers rushed for 123 yards against the Wildcats after managing 153 a week ago against the Commodores. Missouri is in the midst of a three-game road swing after playing five of their first six games at home.

NO KASH

For just the second time in his career, Kentucky senior linebacker Kash Daniel didn't play after starting 19 of the past 20 games. Daniel suffered an undisclosed injury in Kentucky's 21-0 loss at Georgia on Oct. 19. Daniel is third on the team in tackles with 36 tackles this season and has logged 146 in his career. Chris Oats started in place of Daniel and finished with eight tackles.

KICK AND RUN

Kentucky punter Max Duffy is averaging a nation-leading 45.3 yards per punt but displayed his speed when he converted a fake punt into a first down with a 26-yard run in the fourth quarter. The extended drive led to a 33-yard touchdown run by Bowden.

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MIZ	0	0	7	0	7
UK	0	22	0	7	29

Scoring Summary -----

	MIZ	UK
SECOND QUARTER		
UK TD 12:27 Kavosiey Smoke 1 Yd Run (Matt Ruffolo PAT failed)		6
7 plays, 86 yards, 3:38	0	
UK TD 6:03 Asim Rose 20 Yd Run (Matt Ruffolo PAT failed)		12
7 plays, 45 yards, 4:05	0	
UK FG 0:44 Chance Poore 43 Yd Field Goal		15
7 plays, 55 yards, 3:44	0	
UK TD 0:10 Lynn Bowden Jr. 10 Yd Run (Chance Poore Kick)		22
1 play, 20 yards, 0:12	0	
THIRD QUARTER		
MIZ TD 12:40 Tyler Badie 74 Yd pass from Kelly Bryant (Tucker McCann Kick)		22
3 plays, 72 yards, 0:45	7	
FOURTH QUARTER		
UK TD 11:25 Lynn Bowden Jr. 33 Yd Run (Chance Poore Kick)		29
9 plays, 83 yards, 4:24	7	

Team Stats	MIZ	UK
First Downs	14	15
Passes for First	4	2
Rushes for First	8	11
Penalties for First	2	2
Third Down Efficiency	4-14	3-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-2	2-2
Total Yards	289	360
Total Plays	63	56
Avg Gain Per Play	4.6	6.4
Net Yards Rushing	125	297
Rushes	34	48
Yards Per Rush	3.7	6.2
Net Yards Passing	164	63
Comp-Att	14-29	4-8
Yards Per Pass	5.7	7.9
Times Sacked	4	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-21	0
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	6	5
Punt Average	43.7	52.4
Penalties	8	4
Penalty Yards	75	48
Fumbles	5	2
Fumbles Lost	2	2
Time of Poss	26:41	33:19

Individual Stats

RUSHING

MISSOURI	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Larry Rountree III	15	58	3.9	0	13
Tyler Badie	6	31	5.2	0	12
Dawson Downing	4	27	6.8	0	16
Taylor Powell	1	13	13.0	0	13
Kelly Bryant	8	-4	-0.5	0	14
KENTUCKY	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Lynn Bowden Jr.	21	204	9.7	2	46
Asim Rose	15	51	3.4	1	20
Max Duffy	1	26	26.0	0	26
Christopher Rodriguez	6	13	2.2	0	4
Kavosiey Smoke	3	8	2.7	1	4
Clevan Thomas Jr.	2	-5	-2.5	0	1

PASSING

MISSOURI	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kelly Bryant	10	19	130	6.8	1	0	14.3
Taylor Powell	4	10	34	3.4	0	0	44.6
KENTUCKY	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Lynn Bowden Jr.	3	7	54	7.7	0	0	83.3
Sawyer Smith	1	1	9	9.0	0	0	99.2

RECEIVING

MISSOURI	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Tyler Badie	2	82	41.0	1	74
Jonathan Nance	3	23	7.7	0	8
Dominic Gicinto	1	17	17.0	0	17
Dawson Downing	3	11	3.7	0	7
Johnathon Johnson	1	10	10.0	0	10
Jalen Knox	1	8	8.0	0	8
Kam Scott	2	7	3.5	0	9
Larry Rountree III	1	6	6.0	0	6
KENTUCKY	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Bryce Oliver	1	44	44.0	0	44
Clevan Thomas Jr.	1	9	9.0	0	9
Josh Ali	1	9	9.0	0	9
Ahmad Wagner	1	1	1.0	0	1