

WEEK ONE
TOLEDO at KENTUCKY

Wilson’s 2 touchdown passes lead Kentucky past Toledo 38-24

LEXINGTON, Ky. -- Terry Wilson threw two touchdown passes, Asim Rose and Kavosiey Smoke each ran for TDs and Kentucky overcame Toledo to pull away 38-24 on Saturday in the season opener for both schools.

The Wildcats rallied twice against the Rockets to enter the break tied at 14 before taking control in the second half. A third-quarter fumble recovery led to Chance Poore’s 46-yard, go-ahead field goal before Bryce Oliver’s leaping grab of Wilson’s 32-yard TD pass provided a 10-point lead.

Smoke’s 40-yard TD run down the left side midway through the fourth made it 31-17. Kentucky then converted DeAndre Square’s interception into Wilson’s 2-yard TD pass to Josh Ali to clinch the first meeting between the schools.

“It’s always a good thing when you can walk in and win by 14,” Kentucky coach Mark Stoops said. “We did some good things but there’s certainly a lot we can improve on.”

Wilson completed 19 of 26 passes for 246 yards. Justin Rigg recovered Chris Rodriguez’s goal-line fumble in the end zone for Kentucky’s first TD and A.J. Rose (16 carries, 64 yards) ran for an 11-yard score. Smoke had 78 yards rushing on seven carries as the Wildcats outgained Toledo 422-347.

Toledo led twice on first-half TD runs of 5 yards by former Kentucky running back Bryant Koback and 21 by quarterback Mitchell Guadagni.

Guadagni left the game in third after his helmet was knocked off after being tackled by Chris Oats, who was ejected for targeting. Replacement Carter Bradley ran for a 7-yard TD with 1:02 remaining.

“I am proud of the fight we showed,” Rockets coach Jason Candle said. “We were down (but) responded well and I thought the kids did well with that. I expected us to play and compete. We didn’t come down here to be someone’s charity game.”

THE TAKEAWAY

Toledo: The Rockets never trailed in the first half thanks to the running of Guadagni and Koback. They just couldn’t finish Kentucky, which rallied twice to tie the game before a costly fumble led to a field goal. Eleven penalties for 80 yards also hurt, including three pass interference flags that led to 17 points. Guadagni and Koback each rushed for 73 yards as the Rockets edged Kentucky 181-176 on the ground.

Kentucky: The Wildcats answered two wakeup calls in the first half with impressive drives and defensive stops before going ahead for good after halftime. Their win featured uneven play on both sides of the ball. Kentucky was even on the turnovers but came up with takeaways at the right time and registered four sacks. Square, a sophomore linebacker, had 11 tackles including a sack.

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TOL	7	7	3	7	24
UK	0	14	10	14	38

Scoring Summary -----

	TOL	UK
FIRST QUARTER		
TOL TD 12:15 Bryant Koback 5 Yd Run (Evan Davis Kick)	7	0
7 plays, 63 yards, 2:45		
SECOND QUARTER		
UK TD 14:55 Justin Rigg 0 Yd fumble recovery (Chance Poore Kick)	7	7
14 plays, 97 yards, 6:42		
TOL TD 11:31 Mitchell Guadagni 21 Yd Run (Evan Davis Kick)	14	7
7 plays, 75 yards, 3:24		
UK TD 6:01 Asim Rose 11 Yd Run (Chance Poore Kick)	14	14
3 plays, 56 yards, 0:59		
THIRD QUARTER		
UK FG 11:33 Chance Poore 46 Yd Field Goal	14	17
4 plays, 6 yards, 1:28		
UK TD 7:17 Bryce Oliver 32 Yd pass from Terry Wilson (Chance Poore Kick)	14	24
5 plays, 67 yards, 2:23		
TOL FG 3:07 Evan Davis 46 Yd Field Goal	17	24
5 plays, 33 yards, 1:58		
FOURTH QUARTER		
UK TD 8:26 Kavosiey Smoke 40 Yd Run (Chance Poore Kick)	17	31
7 plays, 92 yards, 1:51		
UK TD 5:32 Josh Ali 2 Yd pass from Terry Wilson (Chance Poore Kick)	17	38
5 plays, 33 yards, 2:09		
TOL TD 1:02 Carter Bradley 7 Yd Run (Evan Davis Kick)	24	38
6 plays, 41 yards, 1:22		

Team Stats	TOL	UK
First Downs	15	20
Passes for First	7	9
Rushes for First	6	8
Penalties for First	2	3
Third Down Efficiency	7-16	3-11
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	1-1
Total Yards	347	419
Total Plays	64	65
Avg Gain Per Play	5.4	6.4
Net Yards Rushing	181	176
Rushes	39	39
Yards Per Rush	4.6	4.5
Net Yards Passing	166	243
Comp-Att	11-25	19-26
Yards Per Pass	6.6	9.3
Times Sacked	1	4
Yds Lost To Sacks	-6	-28
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	8	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	11	7
Penalty Yards	80	61
Fumbles	1	4
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Time of Poss	29:15	30:45

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
TOLEDO	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Mitchell Guadagni	14	73	5.2	1	21		
Bryant Koback	15	73	4.9	1	11		
Ronnie Jones	2	24	12.0	0	15		
Shakif Seymour	3	8	2.7	0	7		
Carter Bradley	5	3	0.6	1	8		
KENTUCKY	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Kavosiey Smoke	7	78	11.1	1	40		
Asim Rose	16	64	4.0	1	21		
Christopher Rodriguez	5	34	6.8	0	21		
Terry Wilson	9	1	0.1	0	7		
PASSING							
TOLEDO	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Mitchell Guadagni	7	12	122	10.2	0	0	
Carter Bradley	4	13	44	3.4	0	1	
KENTUCKY	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Terry Wilson	19	26	246	9.5	2	0	
RECEIVING							
TOLEDO	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Bryce Mitchell	3	59	19.7	0	28		
Danzel McKinley-Lewis	3	53	17.7	0	39		
Shakif Seymour	1	22	22.0	0	22		
Nick Kovacs	2	18	9.0	0	10		
Drew Rosi	1	17	17.0	0	17		
Desmond Phillips	1	-3	-3.0	0	0		
KENTUCKY	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Lynn Bowden Jr.	6	77	12.8	0	30		
Ahmad Wagner	3	57	19.0	0	40		
Bryce Oliver	1	32	32.0	1	32		
Allen Dailey Jr.	2	31	15.5	0	17		
Asim Rose	3	26	8.7	0	13		
Keaton Upshaw	2	19	9.5	0	17		
Josh Ali	1	2	2.0	1	2		
Christopher Rodriguez	1	2	2.0	0	6		