

LIBERTY BOWL
MISSOURI VS OKLAHOMA STATE

Oklahoma State edges No. 24 Missouri 38-33 in Liberty Bowl play

MEMPHIS, Tenn. -- Oklahoma State hung on for dear life to win a Big 12-style Liberty Bowl against its former conference rival. Taylor Cornelius tied a Liberty Bowl record with four touchdown passes and Kolby Peel made a critical fourth-down stop with 1:01 left as the Cowboys upset No. 24 Missouri 38-33 on Monday. The teams combined for 1,139 total yards in the type of game that the Big 12's high-powered offenses produce on most autumn Saturdays. Missouri left the Big 12 for the Southeastern Conference in 2012.

"(It was) like a lot of games that we play in our conference," Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said. "As I said on the press conference a few days ago, Missouri would fit right in. It ended up being somewhat of a shootout, and the defense made a play at the end."

Missouri (8-5) faced fourth-and-1 from Oklahoma State's 9-yard line when quarterback Drew Lock attempted a keeper around the right end. Peel, a freshman, made a diving ankle tackle that stopped Lock short of the first-down marker. "It's a game of inches, we all talk about it and know it," Missouri coach Barry Odom said. "I wouldn't want the ball in anybody else's hand besides No. 3 for the Mizzou Tigers (Lock)."

That allowed Oklahoma State (7-6) to survive a game it had led 35-19 heading into the fourth quarter. The Cowboys snapped Missouri's four-game winning streak and avoided their first losing season since 2005, the first year of Gundy's tenure.

Cornelius, a fifth-year senior and former walk-on, went 26 of 44. His four touchdown passes tied a record set four previous times in the Liberty Bowl's 60-year history. "It's a great feeling to just go out on top," Cornelius said. "As long as we get the win, that's all that matters to me. I don't care about the record."

Cornelius also threw two interceptions to Cam Hilton that sparked Missouri's comeback try. Both interceptions led to Missouri touchdowns -- an 86-yard completion from Lock to Memphis resident Johnathon Johnson and a 55-yard run by Larry Rountree III.

Rountree ran for 204 yards and Johnson caught nine passes for 185 yards. Lock was 23 of 38 for 373 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions. Chuba Hubbard rushed for 145 yards and a touchdown for Oklahoma State. Tyron Johnson had seven catches for 141 yards and two touchdowns.

Missouri wasted two chances to take the lead in the fourth quarter. Oklahoma State was clinging to a 35-33 lead when Mike Scott blocked Tucker McCann's 42-yard field goal attempt with 9:22 left.

Matt Ammendola kicked a 27-yard field goal that extended Oklahoma State's lead to 38-33 before Peel's tackle sealed the win.

BIG PICTURE
 Missouri: This marks the second straight year that Missouri has lost a bowl game after a late-season surge. Last year, Missouri won its final six regular-season games but followed that up with a 33-16 loss Texas Bowl loss to Texas.

Oklahoma State: The Cowboys entered the game ranked 99th in total defense and tied for 96th in scoring defense, but that beleaguered unit delivered when it mattered most. Oklahoma State is 6-1 in its last seven games against teams in the Top 25, and Gundy owns a 9-4 bowl record.

PUZZLING MOVES
 Oklahoma State was clinging to a 35-33 lead when the Cowboys made an unsuccessful fake punt attempt on fourth-and-8 from their own 27. Oklahoma State stayed ahead only after blocking a field-goal attempt.

Earlier in the fourth quarter, Missouri made a curious move of its own by calling a timeout after scoring a touchdown to cut Oklahoma State's lead to 35-25. After burning the timeout, Missouri chose to kick an extra point to make it 35-26 rather than attempting a two-point conversion.

POLL IMPLICATIONS
 Missouri's hopes of ending a season ranked for the first time since 2014 are likely dashed.

RECORD PERFORMANCES
 The four previous Liberty Bowl players to four touchdown passes were Purdue's Mark Herrmann (also against Missouri) in 1980, Illinois' Johnny Johnson in 1994, South Carolina's Blake Mitchell in 2006 and Texas A&M's Kyle Allen in 2014.

Oklahoma State's 637 total yards also set a Liberty Bowl record.

SHORT-HANDED
 Oklahoma State's offense was missing leading rusher Justice Hill and guard Larry Williams, who sat out the bowl game to prepare for the NFL draft. Its defense lost cornerbacks Rodarius Williams and Kemah Siverand to targeting penalties -- Williams in the first quarter and Siverand early in the fourth period -- and safety Malcolm Rodriguez to a second-quarter injury.

Missouri played without injured running back Damarea Crockett and tight end Albert Okwuegbunam. The Tigers also lost receiver Emanuel Hall to an injury after he caught two passes for 72 yards.

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MIZ	3	13	3	14	33
OKST	7	7	21	3	38

Scoring Summary -----

	MIZ	OKST
FIRST QUARTER		
OKST TD 9:27 Dillon Stoner 30 Yd pass from Taylor Cornelius (Matt Ammendola Kick) 6 plays, 74 yards, 2:41	0	7
MIZ FG 6:46 Tucker McCann 24 Yd Field Goal 6 plays, 74 yards, 2:41	3	7
second Quarter		
MIZ TD 7:49 Dominic Gicinto 5 Yd pass from Drew Lock (Tucker McCann Kick) 16 plays, 97 yards, 5:48	10	7
OKST TD 5:31 Tyron Johnson 7 Yd pass from Taylor Cornelius (Matt Ammendola Kick) 9 plays, 65 yards, 2:18	10	14
MIZ TD 3:35 Kendall Blanton 16 Yd pass from Drew Lock (Tucker McCann PAT failed) 5 plays, 75 yards, 1:56	16	14
third Quarter		
OKST TD 11:49 Tylan Wallace 9 Yd pass from Taylor Cornelius (Matt Ammendola Kick) 10 plays, 75 yards, 3:11	16	21
OKST TD 10:21 Chuba Hubbard 4 Yd Run (Matt Ammendola Kick) 3 plays, 26 yards, 1:14	16	28
MIZ FG 4:20 Tucker McCann 26 Yd Field Goal 12 plays, 67 yards, 6:01	19	28
OKST TD 3:08 Tyron Johnson 46 Yd pass from Taylor Cornelius (Matt Ammendola Kick) 4 plays, 75 yards, 1:12	9	35
fourth Quarter		
MIZ TD 14:41 Johnathon Johnson 86 Yd pass from Drew Lock (Tucker McCann Kick) 1 play, 86 yards, 0:10	26	35
MIZ TD 11:50 Larry Rountree III 55 Yd Run (Tucker McCann Kick) 2 plays, 80 yards, 0:28	33	35
OKST FG 5:54 Matt Ammendola 27 Yd Field Goal 11 plays, 66 yards, 4:10	33	38

Team Stats	MIZ	OKST
First Downs	27	27
Total Yards	637	502
Total Plays	80	80
Avg Gain Per Play	8.0	6.3
Net Yards Rushing	264	169
Rushes	42	35
Yards Per Rush	6.3	4.8
Net Yards Passing	373	333
Comp-Att	23-38	27-45
Yards Per Pass	9.8	7.4
Times Sacked	0	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-9
Interceptions	0	2
Punts	3	3
Punt Average	52.0	47.7
Penalties	6	7
Penalty Yards	65	76
Fumbles	3	1
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	32:25	27:35

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	MIZ	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
34 Larry Rountree III	27	204	7.6	55	1	
1 Tyler Badie	9	30	3.3	18	0	
3 Drew Lock	6	30	5.0	12	0	
	OKST	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
30 Chuba Hubbard	18	145	8.1	33	1	
14 Taylor Cornelius	12	21	1.8	12	0	
59 Matt Hockett	1	5	5.0	5	0	
7 LD Brown	2	3	1.5	3	0	

PASSING

	MIZ	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
3 Drew Lock	23	38	373	9.8	3	0	169.0	
	OKST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Taylor Cornelius	26	44	336	7.6	4	2	144.1	
Tylan Wallace	1	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	74.8	

RECEIVING

	MIZ	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
12 Johnathon Johnson	9	185	20.6	86	1	
84 Emanuel Hall	2	72	36.0	58	0	
30 Barrett Banister	3	37	12.3	30	0	
11 Kendall Blanton	4	35	8.8	16	1	
14 Dominic Gicinto	2	30	15.0	25	1	
9 Jalen Knox	1	6	6.0	1	0	
1 Tyler Badie	1	5	5.0	5	0	
Larry Rountree III	1	3	3.0	3	0	
	OKST	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
13 Tyron Johnson	7	141	20.1	46	2	
2 Tylan Wallace	7	83	11.9	19	1	
17 Dillon Stoner	6	59	9.8	30	1	
30 Chuba Hubbard	3	37	12.3	14	0	
88 Landon Wolf	3	16	5.3	8	0	
14 Taylor Cornelius	1	-3	-3.0	0	0	