

WEEK TWO
CLEMSON AT TEXAS A&M

COLLEGE STATION, Texas -- Kelly Bryant threw for 205 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score to help No. 2 Clemson escape with a 28-26 victory over Kellen Mond and Texas A&M on Saturday night.

Mond was spectacular in the second half, throwing for three touchdowns, with a 14-yard pass to Kendrick Rogers cutting the lead to 28-26 with 46 seconds left. But his big performance came up just short when the 2-point conversion attempt was intercepted in the end zone.

Mond finished with a career-high 430 yards passing and Rogers had 120 yards receiving and two TDs.

Freshman Trevor Lawrence started the second half, but failed to move the ball effectively and Bryant took over and led the Tigers on two touchdown drives in the last five minutes of the third quarter to extend the lead to 15 points.

Mond got the Aggies to 28-20 when he threw a 14-yard pass to Quartney Davis with about 14 minutes left.

The Aggies were driving with about two minutes left when Davis ran after making a catch and K'Von Wallace caused him to fumble the ball out of the back of the end zone for a touchback to give Clemson the ball. The call was reviewed but upheld and Texas A&M coach Jimbo Fisher got in the face of one of the referees and yelled for a bit as Davis doubled over in disbelief and covered his face as he was consoled by teammates.

Clemson's vaunted defensive line, led by first-team All-America end, Clelin Ferrell and tackle Christian Wilkins and second-team All-America tackle Dexter Lawrence, helped the Tigers pile up 10 tackles for losses and four sacks.

THE TAKEAWAY

Clemson: Trevor Lawrence has a lot of raw talent and impressive arm strength, but the 18-year-old might not be quite ready to lead this team. Though Bryant struggled to move the offense at times, he showed maturity and poise at key moments to come away with the win.

Texas A&M: This was a coming out part of sorts for Mond, who has played well sporadically but never controlled a game like he did on Saturday night.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The Tigers should keep their spot in the poll despite the scare by the Aggies.

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CLEM	7	7	14	0	28
TA&M	3	0	10	13	26

Scoring Summary -----

	CLEM	TA&M
FIRST QUARTER		
TA&M FG 4:28		
Daniel LaCamera 40 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 32 yards, 3:29	0	3
CLEM TD 1:23		
Kelly Bryant 1 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)	7	3
7 plays, 75 yards, 3:05	CLEM	TA&M
SECOND QUARTER		
CLEM TD 14:13		
Tee Higgins 64 Yd pass from Trevor Lawrence (Greg Huegel Kick)		
1 play, 64 yards, 0:14	14	3
THIRD QUARTER	CLEM	TA&M
TA&M FG 10:37		
Daniel LaCamera 40 Yd Field Goal		
5 plays, 34 yards, 2:28	14	6
CLEM TD 4:59		
Diondre Overton 8 Yd pass from Kelly Bryant (Greg Huegel Kick)		
4 plays, 70 yards, 1:29	21	6
TA&M TD 4:22		
Kendrick Rogers 9 Yd pass from Kellen Mond (Daniel LaCamera Kick)		
2 plays, 78 yards, 0:37	21	13
CLEM TD 1:01		
Travis Etienne 1 Yd Run (Greg Huegel Kick)		
8 plays, 75 yards, 3:21	28	13
FOURTH QUARTER	CLEM	TA&M
TA&M TD 14:07		
Quartney Davis 14 Yd pass from Kellen Mond (Daniel LaCamera Kick)		
5 plays, 75 yards, 1:54	28	20
TA&M TD 0:46		
Kendrick Rogers 24 Yd pass from Kellen Mond (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)		
2 plays, 49 yards, 0:26	28	26

Team Stats	CLEM	TA&M
First Downs	14	25
Total Yards	413	501
Total Plays	59	72
Avg Gain Per Play	7.0	7.0
Net Yards Rushing	115	71
Rushes	32	32
Yards Per Rush	3.6	2.2
Net Yards Passing	298	430
Comp-Att	17-27	23-40
Yards Per Pass	11.0	10.8
Times Sacked	1	4
Yds Lost To Sacks	-8	-19
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	8	5
Punt Average	40.1	55.0
Penalties	4	5
Penalty Yards	49	32
Fumbles	2	3
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Possession	26:08	33:52

Individual Stats

RUSHING

CLEM	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Kelly Bryant	15	54	3.6	1	27
Travis Etienne	8	44	5.5	1	28
Adam Choice	3	27	9.0	0	15
Tavien Feaster	2	-1	-0.5	0	1
Trevor Lawrence	2	-1	-0.5	0	2
Team	2	-8	-4.0	0	0
TA&M	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Kellen Mond	10	33	3.3	0	23
Trayveon Williams	17	31	1.8	0	9
Kwame Etwi	3	8	2.7	0	6
Cullen Gillaspia	1	5	5.0	0	5
Nick Starkel	1	-6	-6.0	0	0

PASSING

CLEM	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kelly Bryant	12	17	205	12.1	1	0	191.3
Trevor Lawrence	5	9	93	10.3	1	0	179.0
Hunter Renfrow	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0

TA&M	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kellen Mond	23	40	430	10.8	3	0	172.6

RECEIVING

CLEM	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Tee Higgins	3	123	41.0	1	64
Amari Rodgers	5	73	14.6	0	64
Hunter Renfrow	4	59	14.8	0	40
Travis Etienne	3	23	7.7	0	18
Diondre Overton	2	20	10.0	1	12

TA&M	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Kendrick Rogers	7	120	17.1	2	30
Camron Buckley	4	93	23.3	0	69
Jhamon Ausbon	3	61	20.3	0	26
Jace Sternberger	2	48	24.0	0	28
Trayveon Williams	3	40	13.3	0	17
Quartney Davis	2	39	19.5	1	23
Cullen Gillaspia	1	21	21.0	0	21
Trevor Wood	1	8	8.0	0	8