

WEEK TWO
KENTUCKY AT FLORIDA

GAINESVILLE, Fla. -- Kentucky ended one of college football's longest losing streaks by upsetting No. 25 Florida 27-16 on Saturday night in the Swamp.

Terry Wilson accounted for three touchdowns, Benny Snell ran for 175 yards and the Wildcats beat the Gators for the first time since 1986. Kentucky hadn't won in Gainesville since 1979.

The 31-game streak was the fourth-longest in NCAA history in an uninterrupted series, behind Notre Dame over Navy (43 games, 1964-2006), Nebraska over Kansas (36, 1969-2004) and Oklahoma over Kansas State (32, 1937-68).

The Wildcats had lost three of the last four meetings by six points or less, a strong indication they were closing the gap.

It probably should have ended sooner, too. Florida needed triple overtime to escape in 2014 and had to overcome a 13-point deficit in the fourth quarter last year in Lexington, a game in which the Gators scored twice because receivers were left uncovered.

Coach Mark Stoops' team did it again Saturday, but that was about all that went wrong for the Wildcats.

In fact, the Cats even got a break when Southeastern Conference officials ruled Evan McPherson's 36-yard field goal attempt was wide right. Replays showed the kick hooking and appearing to cross inside the upright. Instead of trimming the lead to 21-13, the Gators trailed by two scores heading into the final 15 minutes.

Feleipe Franks connected with Freddie Swain for a 4-yard score with 3:43 remaining that made it 21-16. But Franks missed a wide-open receiver for the 2-point conversion.

Kentucky couldn't run out the clock, giving Florida one final shot. But Franks fumbled on a play the Gators thought was an incomplete pass, and it was returned for a touchdown on the final play.

Snell and Wilson staked Kentucky to the 11-point lead, running wild as the Cats controlled both lines of scrimmage.

Snell patiently waited for holes to open and averaged 6.5 yards a carry. Wilson added for 105 yards on the ground, including a 24-yard scoring run.

Wilson also completed 11 of 16 passes for 151 yards, with two TDs and an interception.

The victory was Stoops' first in six tries in the series, a signature win in conference play for sure. Stoops' biggest win: Upsetting rival and then-No. 11 Louisville in 2016.

For Florida and first-year coach Dan Mullen, it was a reality check after roughing up Charleston Southern 53-6 in the opener.

All the problems the Gators endured late last season -- inability to stop the run, indecision at quarterback and an inconsistent offensive line -- were evident again.

The Gators also lost an SEC opener for the first time since 2004, a 13-year streak that had been the longest in school history.

THE TAKEAWAY

Kentucky could have been up big early had Wilson not had two first-half turnovers. The sophomore also had three turnovers in the first half in the opener, a 35-20 victory against Central Michigan. Against Florida, Wilson fumbled close to field-goal range and threw an interception near the goal line. He regrouped and rebounded from both, a sign or potential growth.

Florida could be in for another long year. Mullen thought he could depend on defense and a running game, but both let him down and looked like they could be issues again.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The Gators will have a short stay in the AP Top 25 college football poll.

STILL SUSPENDED

Florida defensive end Cece Jefferson was suspended for the second consecutive game for academic issues.

The Gators did, however, get a number of players back who were suspended for the opener for "not living up to the Gator standard." Receiver Kadarius Toney, defensive lineman Kyree Campbell, defensive tackle Luke Ancrum, cornerback Brian Edwards, running back Adarius Lemons and walk-on offensive lineman James Washington were available against the Wildcats.

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UK	7	0	14	6	27
FLA	0	10	0	6	16

Scoring Summary -----

	UK	FLA
FIRST QUARTER		
UK TD 5:07		
T. Wilson pass,to D. Bouvier for 29 yds for a TD, (M. Butler KICK)	7	0
9 plays, 91 yards, 4:33		
SECOND QUARTER		
FLA FG 14:03		
E. McPherson 29 yd FG GOOD		3
11 plays, 69 yards, 6:00	7	
FLA TD 8:27		
F. Franks pass,to M. Stephens for 18 yds for a TD, (E. McPherson KICK)		10
4 plays, 63 yards, 2:08	7	
THIRD QUARTER		
UK TD 9:49		
T. Wilson run for 24 yds for a TD, (M. Butler KICK)	14	10
10 plays, 90 yards, 5:06		
UK TD 4:11		
T. Wilson pass,to L. Bowden Jr. for 54 yds for a TD, (M. Butler KICK)	21	10
5 plays, 78 yards, 2:24		
FOURTH QUARTER		
FLA TD 3:34		
F. Franks pass,to F. Swain for 4 yds for a TD, (Two-point Conversion failed)		16
15 plays, 99 yards, 5:22	21	
UK TD 0:00		
F. Franks sacked by J. Allen for 0 yds,F. Franks fumbled, recovered by Kent D. Robinson,return for 30 yds		16
3 plays, 24 yards, 0:29	27	

Team Stats	UK	FLA
First Downs	20	25
Total Yards	455	350
Total Plays	57	67
Avg Gain Per Play	8.0	5.2
Net Yards Rushing	303	118
Rushes	41	29
Yards Per Rush	7.4	4.1
Net Yards Passing	152	232
Comp-Att	11-16	17-38
Yards Per Pass	9.5	6.1
Times Sacked	2	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-14	0
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	4	3
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	12	6
Penalty Yards	114	55
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Possession	31:10	28:50

Individual Stats

RUSHING

UK	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Benny Snell Jr.	27	175	6.5	0	44
Terry Wilson	10	105	10.5	1	31
Asim Rose	4	23	5.8	0	9
FLA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Feleipe Franks	11	44	4.0	0	21
Lamical Perine	4	34	8.5	0	15
Jordan Scarlett	7	25	3.6	0	9
Malik Davis	4	15	3.8	0	10
Kadarius Toney	2	10	5.0	0	8
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PASSING

UK	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Terry Wilson	11	16	151	9.4	2	1	177.3
FLA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Feleipe Franks	17	38	232	6.1	2	1	108.1

RECEIVING

UK	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Lynn Bowden Jr.	4	79	19.8	1	54
David Bouvier	2	43	21.5	1	29
Tavin Richardson	1	18	18.0	0	18
Benny Snell Jr.	2	8	4.0	0	4
C.J. Conrad	2	3	1.5	0	2
FLA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Kadarius Toney	2	35	17.5	0	19
Jordan Scarlett	2	34	17.0	0	30
Van Jefferson	2	31	15.5	0	18
Freddie Swain	3	30	10.0	1	19
Malik Davis	2	25	12.5	0	19
Tyrie Cleveland	2	21	10.5	0	11
Moral Stephens	1	18	18.0	1	18
Lamical Perine	1	18	18.0	0	18
Josh Hammond	1	11	11.0	0	11
Trevon Grimes	1	9	9.0	0	9