

WEEK TWO
MATCHUP

DALLAS -- If No. 16 TCU was looking ahead to a showdown with Ohio State, KaVontae Turpin snapped his fellow Horned Frogs back into the present with another speedy dash to the end zone.

Turpin ignited a sluggish team by returning a punt 78 yards for a touchdown before adding a 42-yard scoring catch, and the Horned Frogs pulled away for a delayed and rain-soaked 42-12 victory over Dallas-Fort Worth rival SMU that ended early Saturday morning.

The start of the game Friday night between former Southwest Conference foes was held up nearly two hours by lightning, and a steady rain fell until halftime.

The Horned Frogs (2-0) finally secured their first seven-game winning streak in the 98-game Iron Skillet series after midnight, winning comfortably after struggling early for the third straight year. TCU has outscored SMU 83-14 in the second half the past three meetings.

Perhaps looking ahead to the fourth-ranked Buckeyes next week, TCU squandered its first two chances to take control by committing turnovers before Alec Dunham picked up a fumble by SMU quarterback Ben Hicks in stride and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown.

"We understand the next ballgame here Ohio State is not SMU," coach Gary Patterson said. "Not in any aspect whatsoever. But I think our kids will know that too."

The Mustangs (0-2) led 9-0 early in the first home game for coach Sonny Dykes, but had just 167 yards total offense after Braeden West's 51-yard scoring run on the fifth play of the game.

"I'm disappointed that we didn't play better in the second half," Dykes said. "We're just not very good at the details right now. That's what's biting us in the rear end."

Two plays before Dunham's score, Mustangs linebacker Shaine Hailey had an open field in front of him on Shawn Robinson's first career interception but was quickly dragged down by an alert Turpin.

The speedy receiver/returner pointed toward the punter looking for a block on TCU's first score, but easily ran past an unblocked Jamie Sackville anyway.

The sealing TD came when Turpin caught a short pass, ran through the middle of the secondary and split three defenders near the goal line. Turpin, who set school records with his fifth career special teams TD and fourth on a punt return, finished with 176 all-purpose yards.

SLOWER START

A week after throwing for three touchdowns and running for two scores in the first half of a 55-7 rout of Southern University, Robinson finally found the end zone on an 18-yard run in the third quarter. That gave TCU, a three-touchdown favorite, its first comfortable lead at 28-12.

CITY SLICKERS

The rainy first half had its zany moments. TCU punter Adam Nunez fumbled without getting touched while running after a bad snap, and the ball rolled out of bounds near the pylon for what was ruled a safety, giving SMU its 9-0 lead.

The Horned Frogs went ahead for the first time at 14-9 when receiver Jaelen Austin fell on the ball in the end zone after running back Sewo Olonilua had it knocked loose around the 10.

THE TAKEAWAY

TCU: On the short 40-mile trip from their Fort Worth campus, the Horned Frogs drove by AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys and site of their battle with the Buckeyes. There's little question the Horned Frogs were caught looking ahead, although the long delay probably was a factor as well in leading just 14-12 into the third quarter.

SMU: The Mustangs waited a long time for a bright spot with Dykes, who chose to coach in the Frisco Bowl last year after Chad Morris left for the Arkansas job. SMU fell behind 42-3 in the first half of that season finale and trailed 36-0 in the fourth quarter of last week's 46-23 opening loss to North Texas, another Dallas-area school. Hanging with a Big 12 title contender for a half gives the Mustangs some hope.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
TCU	0	14	14	14	42
SMU	9	3	0	0	12

Scoring Summary -----

First Quarter	TCU	SMU
TD 13:10 Braeden West 51 Yd Run (Will Moore Kick) 5 plays, 75 yards, 1:50 SF 5:00 Team Safety 6 plays, -10 yards, 1:03	0	7
2nd Quarter	TCU	SMU
TD 12:34 KaVontae Turpin 78 Yd Punt Return (Cole Bunce Kick) 3 plays, 0 yards, 0:51 TD 8:13 J. Austin Fumble Recovery in End Zone (Cole Bunce Kick) 6 plays, 70 yards, 2:27 FG 0:00 Kevin Robledo 49 Yd Field Goal 10 plays, 31 yards, 1:43	7 14	9 9
3rd Quarter	TCU	SMU
TD 10:50 Alec Dunham 25 Yd Fumble Return (Cole Bunce Kick) 2 plays, -4 yards, 0:43 TD 7:57 Shawn Robinson 18 Yd Run (Cole Bunce Kick) 3 plays, 44 yards, 1:51	21	12
4th Quarter	TCU	SMU
TD 14:06 KaVontae Turpin 42 Yd pass from Shawn Robinson (Cole Bunce Kick) 3 plays, 49 yards, 1:29 TD 6:47 Michael Collins 10 Yd Run (Cole Bunce Kick) 2 plays, 15 yards, 0:49	35 42	12 12

Team Stats	TCU	SMU
First Downs	23	13
Total Yards	393	242
Total Plays	70	72
Avg Gain Per Play	5.6	3.4
Net Yards Rushing	247	131
Rushes	42	33
Yards Per Rush	5.9	4.0
Net Yards Passing	146	111
Comp-Att	15-28	18-39
Yards Per Pass	5.2	2.8
Times Sacked	0	4
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-20
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	5	11
Punt Average	36.8	40.4
Penalties	4	8
Penalty Yards	35	68
Fumbles	5	2
Fumbles Lost	1	1

Individual Stats

RUSHING

TCU	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
6 Darius Anderson	69	7.7	15	0	0
3 Shawn Robinson	8	67	8.4	18	1
33 Sewo Olonilua	11	59	5.4	21	0
21 Emari Demercado	6	28	4.7	8	0
10 Michael Collins	2	22	11.0	12	1
12 Derius Davis	1	19	19.0	19	0
1 Jalen Reagor	1	8	8.0	8	0
17 Grayson Muehlstein	2	-2	-1.0	0	0
SMU	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
6 Braeden West	11	78	7.1	51	1
2 Ke'Mon Freeman	7	22	3.1	9	0
5 Xavier Jones	7	22	3.1	7	0
9 William Brown	1	5	5.0	5	0
8 Ben Hicks	7	4	0.6	10	0

PASSING

TCU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
3 Shawn Robinson	15	28	146	5.2	1	1	102.0
10 Michael Collins	0	0	0	-	0	0	-
17 Grayson Muehlstein	0	0	0	-	0	0	-
SMU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
8 Ben Hicks	18	38	111	2.9	0	0	71.9
9 William Brown	0	0	0	-	0	0	-

RECEIVING

TCU	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
25 KaVontae Turpin	4	64	16.0	42	1
1 Jalen Reagor	3	45	15.0	23	0
4 Taye Barber	2	16	8.0	8	0
2 Jaelen Austin	1	13	13.0	13	0
88 Artayvious Lynn	1	9	9.0	9	0
33 Sewo Olonilua	2	1	0.5	5	0
6 Darius Anderson	2	-2	-1.0	0	0
35 Jack Powers	0	0	-	-	0
12 Derius Davis	0	0	-	-	0
SMU	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
3 James Proche	6	50	8.3	17	0
22 Myron Gailliard	4	23	5.8	8	0
6 Braeden West	2	14	7.0	9	0
2 Ke'Mon Freeman	1	11	11.0	11	0
21 Reggie Roberson, Jr.	2	8	4.0	7	0
5 Xavier Jones	2	4	2.0	2	0
14 Ryan Becker	1	1	1.0	1	0
1 CJ Sanders	0	0	-	-	0