

Cornelius leads No. 24 Oklahoma St. past No. 17 Boise St.

STILLWATER, Okla. -- Finally, Taylor Cornelius has emerged from Mason Rudolph's shadow.

The fifth-year senior ran for two touchdowns and passed for another to help No. 24 Oklahoma State beat No. 17 Boise State 44-21 on Saturday.

Cornelius waited his turn for years behind Rudolph, who now is with the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers. He made the most of his first career start against a ranked opponent. "It's hard to faze that guy," Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said.

Cornelius passed for 243 yards and ran for 41. Several times, he kept momentum going with runs and kept plays alive with his strength and deceptive speed.

"He took care of the football and he led our team with toughness, and that was great to see," Oklahoma State offensive coordinator Mike Yurcich said. "He's a highly competitive guy, and that's one of the most important things any quarterback can have, is competitiveness and the willingness to lead your team, protect the football and do whatever it takes to win."

Justice Hill ran for 123 yards and a touchdown, and Tylan Wallace had five catches for 105 yards for the Cowboys (3-0).

Boise State's Brett Rypien passed for 380 yards and three touchdowns, but was sacked seven times and pressured throughout the day. Defensive end Jordan Brailford had three sacks, defensive end Jarrell Owens had two and linebacker Devin Harper had 1.5.

"Their D-line, I thought, did a good job," Rypien said. "You don't want to get into third-and-long against that defense."

Oklahoma State held the Broncos (2-1) to 34 yards rushing on 31 attempts.

A blocked punt by Oklahoma State's Amen Ogbongbemiga led to a 1-yard touchdown run by Cornelius that gave the Cowboys a 14-7 lead. Oklahoma State led 17-7 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Oklahoma State's Jarrick Bernard blocked another punt, and Za'Carrius Green scored on the return to push the Cowboys' lead to 34-14.

Rypien's 5-yard touchdown pass to Chase Blakley on fourth down cut Oklahoma State lead to 34-21 late in the third quarter, but the Cowboys maintained control. Cornelius closed the scoring on a 6-yard touchdown run on which several of his teammates ganged up and pushed him over the goal line.

"We're obviously disappointed in the loss," Boise State coach Bryan Harsin said. "Give credit to Oklahoma State- they played well. They played like we've seen on tape. They played fast, they played physical and they made plays."

THE TAKEAWAY

Boise State: Rypien can only take the Broncos so far if he doesn't have time to throw. His quick release saved him from disaster numerous times, but the Cowboys still got to him too often and his running game was no help.

Oklahoma State: The Cowboys usually have to depend on their offense to win games, but they showed they can change the game on defense and special teams, too.

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BSU	0	7	14	0	21
OKST	0	17	17	10	44

Scoring Summary -----

	BSU	OKST
FIRST QUARTER		
BSU TD 14:20 John Hightower 31 Yd pass from Brett Rypien (Haden Hoggarth Kick) 8 plays, 65 yards, 3:43	7	0
OKST TD 12:08 Justice Hill 8 Yd Run (Matt Ammendola Kick)		7
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:12	7	7
OKST TD 8:43 Taylor Cornelius 1 Yd Run (Matt Ammendola Kick)		14
3 plays, 7 yards, 1:16	7	14
OKST FG 2:12 Matt Ammendola 22 Yd Field Goal		17
11 plays, 63 yards, 4:07	7	17
third Quarter		
OKST FG 13:03 Matt Ammendola 48 Yd Field Goal		20
8 plays, 44 yards, 1:57	7	20
BSU TD 9:18 A.J. Richardson 34 Yd pass from Brett Rypien (Haden Hoggarth Kick) 8 plays, 75 yards, 3:45	14	20
OKST TD 6:40 Dillon Stoner 32 Yd pass from Taylor Cornelius (Matt Ammendola Kick) 8 plays, 68 yards, 2:38	14	27
OKST TD 5:11 Za'Carrius Green 13 Yd Return of Blocked Punt (Matt Ammendola Kick) 3 plays, 2 yards, 1:29	14	34
BSU TD 1:30 Chase Blakley 5 Yd pass from Brett Rypien (Haden Hoggarth Kick) 11 plays, 65 yards, 3:41	21	34
fourth Quarter		
OKST FG 11:07 Matt Ammendola 23 Yd Field Goal		37
14 plays, 69 yards, 5:23	21	37
OKST TD 4:16 Taylor Cornelius 6 Yd Run (Matt Ammendola Kick)		44
5 plays, 72 yards, 2:32	21	44

	BSU	OKST
Team Stats		
First Downs	23	19
Total Yards	414	424
Total Plays	87	64
Avg Gain Per Play	4.8	6.6
Net Yards Rushing	34	178
Rushes	31	37
Yards Per Rush	1.1	4.8
Net Yards Passing	380	246
Comp-Att	39-56	16-27
Yards Per Pass	6.8	9.1
Times Sacked	7	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-49	-19
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	5	3
Punt Average	23.6	37.0
Penalties	5	4
Penalty Yards	40	25
Fumbles	4	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	34:34	25:26

Individual Stats

RUSHING						
	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
BSU						
22 Alexander Mattison	14	53	3.8	16	0	
16 John Hightower	3	10	3.3	8	0	
2 Khalil Shakir	1	3	3.0	3	0	
34 Robert Mahone	1	0	0.0	0	0	
21 Andrew Van Buren	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	
4 Brett Rypien	11	-30	-2.7	8	0	
OKST						
5 Justice Hill	15	123	8.2	53	1	
14 Taylor Cornelius	16	41	2.6	12	2	
27 J.D. King	5	16	3.2	8	0	
30 Chuba Hubbard	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
BSU							
Brett Rypien	39	56	380	6.8	3	0	144.3
OKST							
Taylor Cornelius	15	26	243	9.3	1	0	148.9
Dillon Stoner	1	1	3	3.0	0	0	125.2

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
BSU					
7 A.J. Richardson	6	70	11.7	34	1
8 Sean Modster	4	56	14.0	23	0
81 Akilian Butler	6	55	9.2	19	0
6 CT Thomas	8	52	6.5	11	0
85 John Bates	4	49	12.3	24	0
16 John Hightower	3	44	14.7	31	1
86 Chase Blakley	6	30	5.0	10	1
2 Khalil Shakir	1	19	19.0	19	0
Alexander Mattison	1	5	5.0	5	0
OKST					
2 Tylan Wallace	5	105	21.0	43	0
17 Dillon Stoner	5	68	13.6	32	1
13 Tyron Johnson	1	35	35.0	35	0
1 Jalen McCleskey	3	26	8.7	18	0
27 J.D. King	1	9	9.0	9	0
14 Taylor Cornelius	1	3	3.0	3	0