

WEEK Three

MATCHUP

USC AT TEXAS

Ehlinger 2 touchdown passes lead Texas over No. 22 USC 37-14

AUSTIN, Texas -- Sam Ehlinger passed for two touchdowns, Anthony Wheeler returned a blocked field goal 46 yards for a score and Texas beat No. 22 Southern California 37-14 on Saturday night to give second-year coach Tom Herman his biggest win in burnt orange.

Texas, which had started 1-2 in four of the previous five seasons, trailed 14-3 in the first quarter before shutting down freshman quarterback J.T. Daniels and scoring 34 unanswered points.

The win could be a huge boost for a Texas (2-1) program that desperately needs one after eight years without a Big 12 title and a run of bad seasons. Herman is 9-7 with the Longhorns and got this win in front of an energized school-record crowd of 103,507 that stayed to the end and kept up deafening chants of "Texas Fight!"

Ehlinger threw touchdown strikes of 47 yards to Lil'Jordan Humphrey and 27 yards to Joshua Moore. Wheeler's scoop and score came in the third quarter after Texas blocked a 50-yard field goal attempt. The touchdown put the Longhorns up 30-14.

Daniels passed for 322 yards, but the Trojans (1-2) were held to minus-5 yards rushing.

THE TAKEAWAY

USC: The Trojans will have to regroup to keep their season together. Daniels was sharp in spots and led USC to a pair of first-quarter touchdowns after not finding the end zone against Stanford a week earlier. Personal fouls kept a couple of Texas scoring drives alive -- linebacker Porter Gustin was ejected for targeting -- and short punts led directly to two Texas scores.

Texas: The Longhorns will expect to earn some respect with this win. Texas fought back from the early deficit, the defense dominated the Trojans' running game and kept up the pressure late. Ehlinger was efficient, playing his first game this season without a turnover. USC hasn't come close to living up to its preseason expectations, but it's still a traditional power and Texas pushed the Trojans around. Texas also got program win No. 900, joining Ohio State and Michigan as the only programs to reach that number.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The Trojans will fall out of the rankings after their second straight loss. Texas may need to beat No. 15 TCU next week before they can get back in as voters still might be shy about the Longhorns after their season-opening loss to Maryland and recent history.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
USC	14	0	0	0	14
TEX	3	13	21	0	37

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER		USC	TEX
USC TD 10:48 Stephen Carr 23 Yd Run (Chase McGrath Kick)			
9 plays, 75 yards, 4:12	7	0	
TEX FG 6:19 Cameron Dicker 20 Yd Field Goal			
12 plays, 72 yards, 4:29	7		3
USC TD 0:33 Vavae Malepeai 3 Yd Run (Chase McGrath Kick)			
8 plays, 53 yards, 2:31	14		3
second quarter		USC	TEX
TEX TD 13:23 Lil'Jordan Humphrey 47 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)	6 plays, 75 yards, 2:10	14	10
FG 10:39 Cameron Dicker 46 Yd Field Goal			
6 plays, 22 yards, 2:28	14		13
TEXFG 0:00Cameron Dicker 46 Yd Field Goal			
9 plays, 22 yards, 2:20	14		16
third Quarter		USC	TEX
TEX TD 10:45 Joshua Moore 27 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)	10 plays, 74 yards, 4:15	14	23
TEXTD 6:25 Anthony Wheeler 46 Yd Return of Blocked Field Goal (Cameron Dicker Kick)	5 plays, 51 yards, 1:38	14	30
TEX TD 1:42 Sam Ehlinger 4 Yd Run (Cameron Dicker Kick)			
8 plays, 50 yards, 2:43	14		37

Team Stats	USC	TEX
First Downs	15	20
Total Yards	317	394
Total Plays	64	82
Avg Gain Per Play	5.0	4.8
Net Yards Rushing	-5	160
Rushes	16	48
Yards Per Rush	-0.3	3.3
Net Yards Passing	322	234
Comp-Att	30-48	16-34
Yards Per Pass	6.7	6.9
Times Sacked	2	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-20	-26
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	6	4
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	9	7
Penalty Yards	84	46
Fumbles	3	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	25:22	34:38

Individual Stats

RUSHING

USC	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
7 Stephen Carr	6	13	2.2	23	1
28 Aca'Cedric Ware	4	8	2.0	6	0
29 Vavae Malepeai	2	3	1.5	3	1
8 Amon-Ra St. Brown	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0
18 JT Daniels	3	-26	-8.7	-8	0
TEX	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
5 Tre Watson	18	72	4.0	9	0
32 Daniel Young	12	57	4.8	12	0
11 Sam Ehlinger	17	35	2.1	12	1

PASSING

USC	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
JT Daniels	30	48	322	6.7	0	1	114.7
TEX	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Sam Ehlinger	15	33	223	6.8	2	0	122.2
Jerrod Heard	1	1	11	11.0	0	0	192.4

RECEIVING

USC	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
8 Amon-Ra St. Brown	9	167	18.6	53	0
1 Velus Jones Jr.	4	71	17.8	40	0
21 Tyler Vaughns	4	36	9.0	16	0
6 Michael Pittman Jr.	4	16	4.0	7	0
13 Trevon Sidney	2	12	6.0	8	0
82 Tyler Petite	2	9	4.5	9	0
7 Stephen Carr	2	7	3.5	4	0
83 Josh Faló	2	6	3.0	5	0
29 Vavae Malepeai	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
TEX	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Lil'Jordan Humphrey	4	84	21.0	47	1
9 Collin Johnson	6	79	13.2	29	0
14 Joshua Moore	1	27	27.0	27	1
47 Andrew Beck	2	25	12.5	15	0
11 Sam Ehlinger	1	11	11.0	11	0
6 Devin Duvernay	1	9	9.0	9	0
17 D'Shawn Jamison	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
13 Jerrod Heard	0	0	-	-	0