

WEEK FOUR
TCU AT TEXAS

AUSTIN, Texas -- Sam Ehlinger passed for two touchdowns and ran for a score, all in the second half, and Texas ended a four-game losing streak to No. 17 TCU with a 31-16 victory Saturday in the Big 12 opener for both teams.

Texas (3-1) had been outscored 153-33 the last four years by TCU and trailed 16-10 before the defense forced three turnovers by quarterback Shawn Robinson in the third quarter.
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A fumble recovery set up a diving touchdown catch by Collin Johnson and an interception return by freshman safety Caden Sterns to the TCU 2 set up Ehlinger's scoring run one play later. Ehlinger's 38-yard touchdown strike to Lil'Jordan Humphrey with 3:18 left put the game away.

"This team has a grit that's fun to be around," Texas coach Tom Herman said.

The victory gives Texas its first three-game win streak since 2014. The Longhorns also have their first back-to-back wins over ranked opponents since winning three in a row in 2008, a run that vaulted Texas to No. 1 that season.

"All it does is validate the fact we have taken another step. We have many steps left to take," Herman said.

Ehlinger passed for 255 yards. Johnson finished with 124 yards on seven catches.

Texas mostly shut down a TCU running game that had gained at least 200 yards in each of its first three games. Texas allowed the Horned Frogs (2-2) 141 yards on the ground Saturday, but took it away for much of the first half. Robinson passed for 197 yards.

THE TAKEAWAY

TCU: The Horned Frogs have a talent in the dual-threat Robinson, but they also have a turnover problem they will have to overcome. The sophomore has five turnovers in the last two weeks and they have been costly. Two of them led to touchdowns in a loss to Ohio State a week ago. The Horned Frogs had all looked ready to slam the door on the Longhorns early in the third quarter before Robison threw an interception, fumbled and then threw another pick that changed everything.

"We fumbled the ball and then we threw it right to them on a ball down the middle of the field," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "You've got to play better. Much is given, much is also asked, so you've to play both of them."

Texas: The Longhorns once again have a defense that looks to be among the Big 12's best and Ehlinger continues to develop into a complete quarterback. Described by TCU coach Gary Patterson as a "running back playing quarterback" before the game, Ehlinger played his second straight game without a turnover and his passing on deep throws gets sharper every week.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Texas looks like a good bet to return to the rankings after consecutive wins over ranked opponents. The Horned Frogs shouldn't be surprised if they drop out after two consecutive losses.

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TCU	6	7	3	0	16
TEX	7	3	14	7	31

Scoring Summary -----

	TCU	TEX
FIRST QUARTER		
TCU FG 11:52		
Jonathan Song 46 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 46 yards, 3:08	3	0
TEX TD 4:09		
Tre Watson 3 Yd Run (Cameron Dicker Kick)		
6 plays, 41 yards, 2:35	3	7
TCU FG 1:34		
Jonathan Song 23 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 59 yards, 2:35	6	7
SECOND QUARTER	TCU	TEX
TEX FG 10:10		
Cameron Dicker 34 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 30 yards, 3:06	6	10
TCU TD 0:06		
Jalen Reagor 1 Yd pass from Shawn Robinson (Jonathan Song Kick)		
8 plays, 41 yards, 2:47	13	10
THIRD QUARTER	TCU	TEX
TCU FG 8:44		
Jonathan Song 29 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 40 yards, 3:06	16	10
TEX TD 0:45		
Collin Johnson 31 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)		
7 plays, 45 yards, 2:38	16	17
TEX TD 0:28		
Sam Ehlinger 2 Yd Run (Cameron Dicker Kick)		
1 play, 2 yards, 0:05	16	24
FOURTH QUARTER	TCU	TEX
TEX TD 3:18		
Lil'Jordan Humphrey 38 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)		
10 plays, 76 yards, 5:58	16	31

Team Stats	TCU	TEX
First Downs	16	20
Total Yards	372	367
Total Plays	72	77
Avg Gain Per Play	5.2	4.8
Net Yards Rushing	141	112
Rushes	32	45
Yards Per Rush	4.4	2.5
Net Yards Passing	231	255
Comp-Att	20-40	22-32
Yards Per Pass	5.8	8.0
Times Sacked	0	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-18
Interceptions	3	0
Punts	4	5
Punt Average	33.5	39.6
Penalties	3	4
Penalty Yards	30	25
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	25:57	34:03

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TCU					
Shawn Robinson	9	57	6.3	0	17
Sewo Olonilua	12	55	4.6	0	15
Darius Anderson	8	15	1.9	0	5
Michael Collins	1	6	6.0	0	6
Jarrison Stewart	1	4	4.0	0	4
Taye Barber	1	4	4.0	0	4
TEX					
Tre Watson	15	58	3.9	1	14
Keaontay Ingram	8	38	4.8	0	9
Sam Ehlinger	11	11	1.0	1	10
Daniel Young	8	10	1.3	0	5
Lil'Jordan Humphrey	1	1	1.0	0	1
Team	2	-6	-3.0	0	0

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
TCU							
Shawn Robinson	17	29	197	6.8	1	2	37.0
Michael Collins	3	9	34	3.8	0	0	13.2
Team	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	--
KaVontae Turpin	0	1	0	0.0	0	1	0.1
TEX							
Sam Ehlinger	22	32	255	8.0	2	0	65.3

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TCU					
Jalen Reagor	8	96	12.0	1	50
KaVontae Turpin	3	68	22.7	0	39
Jarrison Stewart	2	27	13.5	0	16
Taye Barber	3	26	8.7	0	21
Sewo Olonilua	2	9	4.5	0	5
Jaelan Austin	1	4	4.0	0	4
Darius Anderson	1	1	1.0	0	1
TEX					
Collin Johnson	7	124	17.7	1	45
Lil'Jordan Humphrey	4	77	19.3	1	38
Devin Duvernay	2	23	11.5	0	17
Andrew Beck	2	14	7.0	0	8
Tre Watson	4	13	3.3	0	8
Joshua Moore	2	9	4.5	0	5
Keaontay Ingram	1	-5	-5.0	0	0