

WEEK SIX
TEXAS AT OKLAHOMA

DALLAS -- Texas quarterback Sam Ehlinger flashed the “Hook ‘Em Horns” sign to the ecstatic burnt orange end of the stadium after his third rushing touchdown and soon after that threw his second scoring pass.

A year after briefly putting the Longhorns ahead late in their Red River Showdown game against Oklahoma when he started as a freshman, Ehlinger had Texas ahead by three touchdowns going into the fourth quarter Saturday.

But Ehlinger still needed one more drive to win the game and delivered, setting up freshman Cameron Dicker’s 40-yard field goal with nine seconds left to give 19th-ranked Texas a 48-45 victory over the No. 7 Sooners after Kyler Murray had rallied them with three touchdowns in a six-minute span.

“The first three quarters were very impressive. But maybe that last drive was the most impressive to me because when we had really given up a lot of the energy and certainly in a tie ballgame, to let them back in,” Texas coach Tom Herman said of Ehlinger. “For him to go shut the door, with his teammates, that says a lot about his grit.”

Ehlinger was 24-of-35 passing for 314 yards and ran 19 times for 72 yards. He converted third-and-3 on Texas’ final drive with a 4-yard keeper, and his 8-yard draw to the middle of the field set up the winning kick in the highest-scoring game in the 113-game series.

“I still can’t put to words how incredible this rivalry and to be able to be a part of it, I honestly can’t,” Ehlinger said.

Especially after a big victory for the Longhorns (5-1, 3-0 Big 12), who have their first five-game winning streak since 2013 after winning the annual meeting at the State Fair of Texas, where the crowd of 92,300 at the Cotton Bowl Stadium was split 50-50, burnt orange and crimson, as always.

“It is a Red River game that will be in the history books forever,” Longhorns defensive lineman Breckyn Hager said. “Not only the momentum swings, but if you ever want to watch a Red River game and understand what this game is all about and how it is won or lost, this is the one to watch. To experience the other side of it -- the winning side of it -- there are no words for it.

Oklahoma (5-1, 2-1), the three-time defending Big 12 champion, lost to the Longhorns for the third time in six seasons; this was the first time in that span Texas was ranked.

“Obviously, it’s not a good feeling. I feel like if I didn’t turn the ball over, we’d have a better shot at winning the game,” Murray said quietly. “We knew coming into this game it would be a four-quarter game. It’s just tough.”

The Longhorns led 45-24 in the fourth quarter before Murray threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to Lee Morris and ran 67 yards for a score on a one-play drive. Trey Sermon ran 7 yards for the tying touchdown with 2:38 left.

Murray completed 19 of 26 passes for 304 yards and four touchdowns and ran for 92 yards. But he also had two turnovers, only his third interception of the season and a big fumble in the third quarter when he lost control of the ball while scrambling.

“To get it back there in a tight game and have a great chance to win a football game says a lot about what we have in the locker room and says a lot about the culture that we have here at Oklahoma,” coach Lincoln Riley said, before adding, “It wasn’t our best performance.”

Five plays after Murray’s fumble, and not long after his 77-yard touchdown pass to Marquise Brown to get Oklahoma within a touchdown, the Longhorns led 38-24 when Ehlinger burst into the end zone on a 2-yard run. He then threw a 15-yard touchdown to Lil’Jordan Humphrey in the final minute of the third quarter.

THE TAKEAWAY

Texas: With the most impressive of their three victories this season over Top 25 teams, even with the late comeback by OU, the Longhorns are suddenly a front-runner for the Big 12 title. They haven’t won the Big 12 since 2009, the last time they played in a national championship game. Only Texas and No. 9 West Virginia, which visits Austin on Nov. 3, made it through the first three conference games without a league loss.

Oklahoma: The Sooners have plenty of time to recover and make it into the Big 12 championship game, and even the College Football Playoff. In 2015, Oklahoma lost to Texas and went on to the reach the playoff.

BIG PLAY RECEIVERS

Humphrey had nine catches for 133 yards and also had a 2-yard touchdown pass to Collin Johnson for Texas. ... Brown had nine catches for 131 yards and two touchdowns for the Sooners. His long touchdown was his national-best seventh catch of at least 40 yards this season. He has five touchdowns of at least 50 yards.

SERIES SQUEAKERS

The past five games between Texas and Oklahoma have been decided by a combined 25 points. The Sooners came back to win 29-24 last year.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The Longhorns should move up a few spots, but both Texas and Oklahoma could be behind West Virginia, the only undefeated Big 12 team.

Final	1	2	3	4	T		
TEX	10	14	21	3	48		
OKLA	7	10	7	21	45		
Scoring Summary -----							
FIRST QUARTER			TEX	OKLA			
OKLA TD 12:20							
Marquise Brown 4 Yd pass from Kyler Murray (Austin Seibert Kick)							
6 plays, 65 yards, 2:40			0	7			
TEX TD 10:14							
Collin Johnson 2 Yd pass from Lil'Jordan Humphrey (Cameron Dicker Kick)							
5 plays, 75 yards, 2:06			7	7			
TEX FG 5:58							
Cameron Dicker 44 Yd Field Goal							
4 plays, 2 yards, 1:59			10	7			
SECOND QUARTER			TEX	OKLA			
OKLA FG 14:56							
Austin Seibert 32 Yd Field Goal							
11 plays, 60 yards, 6:02			10	10			
TEX TD 10:18							
Tre Watson 28 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)							
10 plays, 75 yards, 4:38			17	10			
TEX TD 5:12							
Sam Ehlinger 9 Yd Run (Cameron Dicker Kick)							
8 plays, 75 yards, 3:02			24	10			
OKLA TD 0:28							
CeeDee Lamb 5 Yd pass from Kyler Murray (Austin Seibert Kick)							
11 plays, 82 yards, 4:44			24	17			
THIRD QUARTER			TEX	OKLA			
TEX TD 10:26							
Sam Ehlinger 5 Yd Run (Cameron Dicker Kick)							
11 plays, 75 yards, 4:34			31	17			
OKLA TD 9:15							
Marquise Brown 77 Yd pass from Kyler Murray (Austin Seibert Kick)							
3 plays, 83 yards, 1:11			31	24			
TEX TD 6:21							
Sam Ehlinger 2 Yd Run (Cameron Dicker Kick)							
5 plays, 23 yards, 1:59			38	24			
TEX TD 0:56							
Lil'Jordan Humphrey 15 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)							
9 plays, 82 yards, 4:04			45	24			
FOURTH QUARTER			TEX	OKLA			
OKLA TD 8:28							
Lee Morris 19 Yd pass from Kyler Murray (Austin Seibert Kick)							
6 plays, 54 yards, 2:00			45	31			
OKLA TD 5:11							
Kyler Murray 67 Yd Run (Austin Seibert Kick)							
1 play, 67 yards, 0:11			45	38			
OKLA TD 2:38							
Trey Sermon 7 Yd Run (Austin Seibert Kick)							
3 plays, 57 yards, 1:05			45	45			
TEX FG 0:09							
Cameron Dicker 40 Yd Field Goal							
9 plays, 52 yards, 2:29			48	45			
Team Stats			TEX	OKLA			
First Downs			27	21			
Total Yards			501	532			
Total Plays			75	58			
Avg Gain Per Play			6.7	9.2			
Net Yards Rushing			177	222			
Rushes			38	31			
Yards Per Rush			4.7	7.2			
Net Yards Passing			324	310			
Comp-Att			26-37	20-27			
Yards Per Pass			8.8	11.5			
Times Sacked			1	2			
Yds Lost To Sacks			-12	-18			
Interceptions			0	1			
Punts			4	3			
Punt Average			36.3	46.3			
Penalties			6	7			
Penalty Yards			43	73			
Fumbles			0	2			
Fumbles Lost			0	2			
Possession			33:50	26:10			
Individual Stats							
RUSHING							
TEX	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Keaontay Ingram							
	13	86	6.6	0	31		
Sam Ehlinger							
	19	72	3.8	3	14		
Tre Watson							
	6	19	3.2	0	6		
OKLA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Kyler Murray							
	11	92	8.4	1	67		
Trey Sermon							
	9	54	6.0	1	15		
Marcelias Sutton							
	8	42	5.3	0	15		
Kennedy Brooks							
	3	34	11.3	0	19		
PASSING							
TEX	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Sam Ehlinger							
	24	35	314	9.0	2	0	83.6
Lil'Jordan Humphrey							
	2	2	10	5.0	1	0	97.3
OKLA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kyler Murray							
	19	26	304	11.7	4	1	93.2
Austin Kendall							
	1	1	6	6.0	0	0	51.7
RECEIVING							
TEX	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Lil'Jordan Humphrey							
	9	133	14.8	1	29		
Collin Johnson							
	6	81	13.5	1	36		
Devin Duvernay							
	3	34	11.3	0	18		
Tre Watson							
	3	30	10.0	1	28		
Andrew Beck							
	3	29	9.7	0	18		
John Burt							
	1	9	9.0	0	9		
Sam Ehlinger							
	1	8	8.0	0	8		
OKLA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Marquise Brown							
	9	131	14.6	2	77		
CeeDee Lamb							
	6	75	12.5	1	26		
Trey Sermon							
	2	63	31.5	0	35		
Lee Morris							
	2	33	16.5	1	19		
Carson Meier							
	1	18	18.0	0	18		
A.D. Miller							
	0	-10	0.0	0	0		