

WEEK SEVEN
SOUTH FLORIDA AT TULSA

TULSA, Okla. -- Blake Barnett and Tyre McCants came through with No. 23 South Florida's undefeated season on the line against struggling Tulsa.

The Bulls overcame a 14-point deficit in the final 7:10, taking the lead on Coby Weiss' 22-yard field goal with 2 seconds left in a 25-24 victory Friday night.

Barnett and McCants set up the field goal, with Tyre McCants taking the ball to 5 with 8 seconds left on a 32-yard pass play.

"The thing about him is that he is so strong and he is elusive," USF coach Charlie Strong said about the 5-foot-11, 240-pound McCants. "When you tackle him you'd better wrap up because he's going to break away."

USF was helped on the drive by a roughing-the-passer penalty on defensive end Trevis Gipson.

"I haven't seen the play. And I've got to be real careful what I say," Tulsa coach Philip Montgomery said. "All I do know is that is a tough call right there in in that situation at that time in the game."

Barnett scored on 1- and 12-yard runs to pull the Bulls (6-0, 2-0 American Athletic Conference) within two with 2:10 to go, but was stopped on a two-point conversion run. USF forced Tulsa (1-5, 0-3) into a three-and-out, giving the Bulls the ball back with 1:03 remaining on their own 43 with no timeouts left.

"It was great that we were able to pull this game out when we have a national audience when a lot of people were able to see us," Strong said.

Barrett was 17 of 39 attempts for 237 yards,

Weiss won the kicking job just before the season started.

"I told our guys, we didn't know who our kicker was, but we know he is now," Strong said.

Jordan Cronkrite, who set a USF and AAC record with 302 yards last week at UMass, rushed for 151 yards on 25 carries. But outside of a 66-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter that evened it at 10, Cronkrite didn't do a lot of damage.

Sharmari Brooks ran for 100 yards on 28 carries for Tulsa. He had two 10-yard scoring runs in the third quarter to put the Golden Hurricane up 24-10.

Tulsa's Seth Boomer was 6 of 21 for 79 yards.

THE TAKEAWAY

Tulsa almost won the game due to not turning the ball over, combined with a strong defense. Coming into the game, Tulsa ranked last in FBS in turnovers and turnovers per game, and sixth-to-last in turnover margin.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

South Florida would have almost certainly dropped out of the Top 25 after losing to a Tulsa team that had not won a FBS game all season.

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| USF | 3 | 0 | 7 | 15 | 25 |
| TLSA | 7 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 24 |

Scoring Summary -----

| | USF | TLSA |
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| FIRST QUARTER | | |
| TLSA TD 5:09 | | |
| Jarion Anderson 14 Yd pass from Seth Boomer (Nathan Walker Kick) | | |
| 10 plays, 80 yards, 3:35 | 0 | 7 |
| USF FG 1:18 | | |
| Coby Weiss 22 Yd Field Goal | | |
| 11 plays, 78 yards, 3:51 | 3 | 7 |
| SECOND QUARTER | | |
| TLSA FG 2:28 | | |
| Nathan Walker 34 Yd Field Goal | | |
| 11 plays, 46 yards, 3:23 | 3 | 10 |
| THIRD QUARTER | | |
| USF TD 13:46 | | |
| Jordan Cronkrite 66 Yd Run (Coby Weiss Kick) | | |
| 3 plays, 75 yards, 1:14 | 10 | 10 |
| TLSA TD 6:04 | | |
| Shamari Brooks 10 Yd Run (Nathan Walker Kick) | | |
| 11 plays, 69 yards, 4:57 | 10 | 17 |
| TLSA TD 1:00 | | |
| Shamari Brooks 10 Yd Run (Nathan Walker Kick) | | |
| 8 plays, 88 yards, 3:30 | 10 | 24 |
| FOURTH QUARTER | | |
| USF TD 7:10 | | |
| Blake Barnett 1 Yd Run (Coby Weiss PAT blocked) | | |
| 14 plays, 82 yards, 5:41 | 16 | 24 |
| USF TD 2:09 | | |
| Blake Barnett 12 Yd Run (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed) | | |
| 10 plays, 80 yards, 2:39 | 22 | 24 |
| USF FG 0:02 | | |
| Coby Weiss 22 Yd Field Goal | | |
| 7 plays, 52 yards, 1:03 | 25 | 24 |

| Team Stats | USF | TLSA |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| First Downs | 26 | 16 |
| Total Yards | 487 | 299 |
| Total Plays | 87 | 70 |
| Avg Gain Per Play | 5.6 | 4.3 |
| Net Yards Rushing | 250 | 220 |
| Rushes | 47 | 49 |
| Yards Per Rush | 5.3 | 4.5 |
| Net Yards Passing | 237 | 79 |
| Comp-Att | 17-40 | 6-21 |
| Yards Per Pass | 5.9 | 3.8 |
| Times Sacked | 3 | 3 |
| Yds Lost To Sacks | -9 | -10 |
| Interceptions | 1 | 0 |
| Punts | 7 | 9 |
| Punt Average | 41.1 | 50.7 |
| Penalties | 8 | 10 |
| Penalty Yards | 70 | 81 |
| Fumbles | 1 | 0 |
| Fumbles Lost | 0 | 0 |
| Possession | 30:45 | 29:15 |

Individual Stats

RUSHING

| USF | Rush | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|--------------------|------|-----|-----|------|----|
| 2 Jordan Cronkrite | 25 | 151 | 6.0 | 66 | 1 |
| 20 Johnny Ford | 9 | 59 | 6.6 | 18 | 0 |
| 11 Blake Barnett | 9 | 24 | 2.7 | 13 | 2 |
| 10 Chris Oladokun | 4 | 16 | 4.0 | 5 | 0 |
| TLSA | Rush | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
| 3 Shamari Brooks | 28 | 100 | 3.6 | 16 | 2 |
| 22 Javon Thomas | 10 | 74 | 7.4 | 47 | 0 |
| 12 Seth Boomer | 11 | 46 | 4.2 | 30 | 0 |

PASSING

| USF | Comp | Att | Yds | Y/A | TD | Int | QBRat |
|------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| 11 Blake Barnett | 17 | 39 | 237 | 6.1 | 0 | 1 | 89.5 |
| TLSA | Comp | Att | Yds | Y/A | TD | Int | QBRat |
| 12 Seth Boomer | 6 | 21 | 79 | 3.8 | 1 | 0 | 75.9 |

RECEIVING

| USF | Rec | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
|----------------------|-----|-----|------|------|----|
| 89 Mitchell Wilcox | 5 | 95 | 19.0 | 45 | 0 |
| 8 Tyre McCants | 8 | 91 | 11.4 | 32 | 0 |
| 3 Darnell Salomon | 3 | 41 | 13.7 | 31 | 0 |
| 84 Randall St. Felix | 1 | 10 | 10.0 | 10 | 0 |
| TLSA | Rec | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
| 4 Jarion Anderson | 3 | 34 | 11.3 | 17 | 1 |
| 1 Josh Stewart | 1 | 28 | 28.0 | 28 | 0 |
| 2 Keylon Stokes | 1 | 12 | 12.0 | 12 | 0 |
| 22 Javon Thomas | 1 | 5 | 5.0 | 5 | 0 |