

WEEK TEN
OKLAHOMA AT TEXAS TECH

LUBBOCK, Texas -- Kyler Murray recovered from a pair of early interceptions that led to a two-touchdown deficit, throwing for 360 yards and three touchdowns and running for 100 yards and another score to rally No. 7 Oklahoma to a 51-46 victory over Texas Tech on Saturday night.

Trey Sermon set career highs with 206 yards rushing and three TDs, including a clinching 30-yarder , as the Sooners (8-1, 5-1 Big 12) stayed in the hunt for a return to the College Football Playoff with their 19th straight win in a true road game and 14th consecutive November victory.

Oklahoma was seventh in the first playoff rankings released this past week.

“He’s very confident in himself,” coach Lincoln Riley said of Murray, who was 20 of 35 passing and didn’t have another turnover after the two quick ones. “When you find out if somebody is really confident in himself is in an environment like this where everything went wrong, the place is rocking and you’ve got to find a way to get yourself back on track.”

The Red Raiders (5-4, 3-3) led 31-28 at halftime, but freshman quarterback Alan Bowman didn’t return in the second half of their eighth straight loss against a Top 10 team going back to 2012.

The Big 12 passing leader’s absence changed the flow of a game that was looking a lot like the 65-59 touchdown fest the Sooners won in Lubbock two years ago, when Baker Mayfield topped Patrick Mahomes in a matchup of future first-round NFL draft picks.

Texas Tech punted three straight times without getting a first down after Jett Duffey replaced Bowman again, just as he did five weeks ago when Bowman sustained a partially collapsed lung against West Virginia. Bowman returned two weeks ago against Kansas.

Coach Kliff Kingsbury said Bowman appeared to get injured on a hit near the goal just before halftime.

Duffey then started moving the Red Raiders, and they pulled within two on his 4-yard scoring pass to Zach Austin on fourth down midway through the fourth quarter. But Robert Barnes intercepted the 2-point conversion pass and returned it 98 yards for two points and a 44-40 OU lead.

Murray has passes intercepted by Vaughnte Dorsey, on his first throw of the game and again on OU’s second possession.

Bowman threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to T.J. Vasher after the Red Raiders got the ball on the Oklahoma 3 following Dorsey’s 17-yard return on the first interception .

After a 31-yard return on Dorsey’s second pick , Duffey came on as change of pace replacement for Bowman and threw a screen that Ta’Zhawn Henry took 14 yards for a 14-0 lead.

Murray bounced back to lead the Sooners to 687 total yards in what figures to be his only chance to get the Sooners back to the four-team playoff since the junior is expected to pursue pro baseball after his only season as OU’s starter.

“Sometimes a guy can get a little gun shy when you have a start like that,” said Riley, returning to his alma mater for the first time since replacing Bob Stoops as coach. “And he wasn’t. He kept flinging. He ran the ball well.”

Lee Morris caught two of Murray’s TDs, the second a 46-yarder that put the Sooners ahead for good 35-31 in the third quarter. Morris had 101 yards receiving. Texas Tech’s Antoine Wesley caught 12 passes for 199 yards.

THE TAKEAWAY

Oklahoma: The Sooners gave up more than 300 yards for the first time in three games since former Texas Tech assistant Ruffin McNeill replaced the fired Mike Stoops as defensive coordinator. It’s hard to gauge the progress of the unit because of Bowman’s injury. The Red Raiders finished with 473 total yards.

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders will wonder what might have been if Bowman had been able to return in the second half. He was 21 of 26 for 227 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions. Still, Duffey showed similar persistence to the previous time he replaced Bowman. He threw for two scores and ran for another to give Texas Tech a shot at an onside kick with 1:05 remaining. It failed.

Final	1	2	3	4	T		
OKLA	7	21	7	16	51		
TTU	14	17	0	15	46		
Scoring Summary -----							
FIRST QUARTER			OKLA	TTU			
TTU TD 10:30							
T.J. Vasher 6 Yd pass from Alan Bowman (Clayton Hatfield Kick)							
2 plays, 3 yards, 0:38							
0						7	
TTU TD 6:59							
Ta'Zhawn Henry 14 Yd pass from Jett Duffey (Clayton Hatfield Kick)							
4 plays, 25 yards, 1:44							
0						14	
OKLA TD 4:11							
Lee Morris 16 Yd pass from Kyler Murray (Austin Seibert Kick)							
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:48							
7						14	
SECOND QUARTER			OKLA	TTU			
TTU FG 14:03							
Clayton Hatfield 43 Yd Field Goal							
10 plays, 50 yards, 5:08							
7						17	
OKLA TD 12:17							
Kyler Murray 12 Yd Run (Austin Seibert Kick)							
6 plays, 75 yards, 1:46							
14						17	
TTU TD 11:35							
Da'Leon Ward 45 Yd pass from Alan Bowman (Clayton Hatfield Kick)							
3 plays, 75 yards, 0:42							
14						24	
OKLA TD 8:53							
Trey Sermon 5 Yd Run (Austin Seibert Kick)							
8 plays, 83 yards, 2:42							
21						24	
OKLA TD 4:22							
Carson Meier 5 Yd pass from Kyler Murray (Austin Seibert Kick)							
7 plays, 99 yards, 3:31							
28						24	
TTU TD 0:56							
Da'Leon Ward 1 Yd Run (Clayton Hatfield Kick)							
9 plays, 75 yards, 3:26							
28						31	
THIRD QUARTER			OKLA	TTU			
OKLA TD 12:05							
Lee Morris 46 Yd pass from Kyler Murray (Austin Seibert Kick)							
4 plays, 69 yards, 1:21							
35						31	
FOURTH QUARTER			OKLA	TTU			
TTU FG 14:43							
Clayton Hatfield 26 Yd Field Goal							
5 plays, 54 yards, 1:34							
35						34	
OKLA TD 11:54							
Trey Sermon 20 Yd Run (Austin Seibert Kick)							
8 plays, 75 yards, 2:49							
42						34	
TTU TD 6:54							
Zach Austin 4 Yd pass from Jett Duffey (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)							
12 plays, 75 yards, 5:00							
42						40	
OKLA D2P 6:54							
Robert Barnes Defensive PAT Conversion							
12 plays, 75 yards, 5:00							
44						40	
OKLA TD 2:51							
Trey Sermon 30 Yd Run (Austin Seibert Kick)							
7 plays, 75 yards, 4:03							
51						40	
TTU TD 1:05							
Jett Duffey 1 Yd Run (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)							
8 plays, 54 yards, 1:46							
51						46	
Team Stats			OKLA	TTU			
First Downs			32	23			
Total Yards			683	473			
Total Plays			79	71			
Avg Gain Per Play			8.6	6.7			
Net Yards Rushing			323	107			
Rushes			44	27			
Yards Per Rush			7.3	4.0			
Net Yards Passing			360	366			
Comp-Att			20-35	30-44			
Yards Per Pass			10.3	8.3			
Times Sacked			1	2			
Yds Lost To Sacks			-2	-10			
Interceptions			2	0			
Punts			3	5			
Punt Average			35.0	49.4			
Penalties			10	7			
Penalty Yards			113	69			
Fumbles			0	0			
Fumbles Lost			0	0			
Possession			32:11	27:49			
Individual Stats							
RUSHING							
	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Trey Sermon	26	206	7.9	3	30		
Kyler Murray	11	100	9.1	1	31		
Kennedy Brooks	4	21	5.3	0	8		
Marquise Brown	1	0	0.0	0	0		
Team	2	-4	-2.0	0	0		
TTU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Da'Leon Ward	8	53	6.6	1	32		
Jett Duffey	13	47	3.6	1	19		
Demarcus Felton	1	5	5.0	0	5		
Alan Bowman	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Ta'Zhawn Henry	3	0	0.0	0	3		
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0		
PASSING							
OKLA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kyler Murray	20	35	360	10.3	3	2	86.8
TTU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Alan Bowman	21	26	227	8.7	2	0	84.7
Jett Duffey	9	17	139	8.2	2	0	60.7
Seth Collins	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.1
RECEIVING							
OKLA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Lee Morris	4	101	25.3	2	46		
Marquise Brown	5	76	15.2	0	46		
CeeDee Lamb	4	51	12.8	0	16		
Grant Calcaterra	3	48	16.0	0	25		
Carson Meier	2	35	17.5	1	30		
Jeremiah Hall	1	34	34.0	0	34		
Charleston Rambo	1	15	15.0	0	15		
TTU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Antoine Wesley	12	199	16.6	0	40		
Da'Leon Ward	5	74	14.8	1	45		
T.J. Vasher	6	42	7.0	1	12		
Seth Collins	3	23	7.7	0	15		
Ta'Zhawn Henry	1	14	14.0	1	14		
Ja'Deion High	1	7	7.0	0	7		
Zach Austin	1	4	4.0	1	4		
KeSean Carter	1	3	3.0	0	3		