

WEEK TEN
UTAH AT ARIZONA ST

TEMPE, Ariz. -- Arizona State's Manny Wilkins, N'Keal Harry and Eno Benjamin shredded the No. 1-ranked defense in the Pac-12 and in the process threw the Pac-12 South race into a free-for-all.

On an awful Saturday afternoon in the desert, No. 16 Utah lost sole possession of first place in the Pac-12 South and, worse yet, lost starting quarterback Tyler Huntley with a broken collarbone.

Wilkins and Harry connected for three touchdowns and Benjamin ran for two more in Arizona State's 38-10 victory.

The loss snapped Utah's four-game winning streak and dropped the Utes (6-3, 4-3 Pac-12) into a first-place tie with Arizona in the clogged Pac-12 South. USC was a half-game back and played Oregon State later Saturday. Arizona State (5-4, 3-3), with consecutive victories over USC and Utah, also is a half-game out.

"The dominoes (have started) to fall in the right place a little bit but we can't be too high off of this," Wilkins said. "We have to come back to work this next week with the same attitude that we had this past week, that mindset. Just stay the course."

Huntley was injured when he was hit while forcing a throw with 5:33 left in the third quarter. Freshman Jason Shelly replaced him and the offense struggled after that.

"Jason Shelly is our quarterback," coach Kyle Whittingham said.

Harry, considered one of the top receivers in the country, caught nine passes for 161 yards, including TD catches of three, 23 and 61 yards. His three TD catches were a career high.

Wilkins completed 19 of 24 for 285 yards and three scores with one interception. Eno Benjamin rushed for 175 yards, including a 44-yard TD run that sealed the victory with 4:12 to play.

Arizona State gained 536 yards against a Utah defense that had been ranked No. 1 in the Pac-12.

Coach Herm Edwards said the Sun Devils had the right mix of passing and running

"When you can run the ball enough it slows those rushers down and they get tired," he said. "Then when you pass, it becomes more efficient when you can run it because it slows those guys down some because they're always constantly trying to play the run."

It was by far the most yards allowed by Utah in a game this season.

"First time in a long time we got pushed around the line of scrimmage," Whittingham said. "Their o-line pushed our defensive line around. ... After four weeks of playing very well in all three phases we didn't play particularly well in any phase this afternoon."

The Sun Devils took a quick 14-0 lead before Utah reeled off 17 consecutive points to take the lead. The Utes went 80 yards in 11 plays for the go-ahead score, Huntley throwing a five-yard TD pass to Samson Nacua to put Utah up 17-14 with 2:15 left in the half.

But the advantage was short-lived.

Wilkins gained 16 yards on the ground and threw a 19-yard pass to Brandon Aijuk to set up a 23-yard touchdown pass to Harry and the Sun Devils were back on top 21-17 with 1:01 left in the half. The six-play, 77-yard drive used up just 1:14.

After Matt Gay's 31-yard field goal cut the Arizona State lead to 21-20 in the third quarter, Wilkins teamed with Harry for his biggest gain of the day. Harry broke open over the middle of the field, caught the pass and raced downfield, tackled just as the ball crossed the goal line and the Sun Devils lead 28-20.

Harry took a short pass and reversed the field for a 35-yard gain moments later to set up Brandon Ruiz's 21-yard field goal that made it 31-20 with 10:27 to play.

Harry came back after a big hit in the first half.

"I was going through a little bit of pain but I knew in the second half I had to be tough," he said. "On that last touchdown Manny did a great job of staying in the pocket and he took a hit while he threw it so it was just a great all-around performance by our offense and our defense tonight."

THE TAKEAWAY

Utah came in as the team to beat in the Pac-12 South and is in trouble from here on out, especially with its quarterback lost for the season.

Arizona State, with big-play offensive players Harry, Benjamin and Wilkins, can put together a late-season push for that Pac-12 South title that someone has to win.

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UTAH	7	10	3	0	20
ASU	14	7	0	17	38

Scoring Summary -----

	UTAH	ASU
FIRST QUARTER		
ASU TD 10:12		
Eno Benjamin 6 Yd Run (Brandon Ruiz Kick)		
11 plays, 75 yards, 4:48	0	7
ASU TD 5:09		
N'Keal Harry 3 Yd pass from Manny Wilkins (Brandon Ruiz Kick)	0	14
7 plays, 53 yards, 3:13		
UTAH TD 0:40		
Zack Moss 1 Yd Run (Matt Gay Kick)	7	14
10 plays, 75 yards, 4:29		
SECOND QUARTER		
UTAH FG 12:22		
Matt Gay 40 Yd Field Goal	10	14
5 plays, 21 yards, 1:44		
UTAH TD 2:15		
Samson Nacua 5 Yd pass from Tyler Huntley (Matt Gay Kick)	17	14
11 plays, 80 yards, 4:43		
ASU TD 1:01		
N'Keal Harry 23 Yd pass from Manny Wilkins (Brandon Ruiz Kick)	17	21
6 plays, 77 yards, 1:07		
THIRD QUARTER		
UTAH FG 1:50		
Matt Gay 31 Yd Field Goal	20	21
8 plays, 49 yards, 3:51		
FOURTH QUARTER		
ASU TD 14:47		
N'Keal Harry 61 Yd pass from Manny Wilkins (Brandon Ruiz Kick)	20	28
4 plays, 75 yards, 2:03		
ASU FG 10:27		
Brandon Ruiz 21 Yd Field Goal	20	31
7 plays, 59 yards, 3:23		
ASU TD 4:12		
Eno Benjamin 44 Yd Run (Brandon Ruiz Kick)	20	38
8 plays, 74 yards, 5:21		

	UTAH	ASU
Team Stats		
First Downs	17	25
Total Yards	325	536
Total Plays	58	74
Avg Gain Per Play	5.6	7.2
Net Yards Rushing	178	251
Rushes	32	50
Yards Per Rush	5.6	5.0
Net Yards Passing	147	285
Comp-Att	11-26	19-24
Yards Per Pass	5.7	11.9
Times Sacked	3	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-15	0
Interceptions	3	1
Punts	4	2
Punt Average	51.0	36.5
Penalties	3	6
Penalty Yards	28	60
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	23:25	36:35

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
UTAH					
Zack Moss	18	128	7.1	1	27
Tyler Huntley	9	42	4.7	0	23
Armand Shyne	2	13	6.5	0	8
Britain Covey	1	4	4.0	0	4
Jason Shelley	2	-9	-4.5	0	0
ASU					
Eno Benjamin	27	175	6.5	2	44
Isaiah Floyd	10	35	3.5	0	9
Manny Wilkins	8	24	3.0	0	16
Paul Lucas	1	12	12.0	0	12
Kyle Williams	1	8	8.0	0	8
Team	3	-3	-1.0	0	0

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
UTAH							
Tyler Huntley	7	15	88	5.9	1	2	46.1
Jason Shelley	4	11	59	5.4	0	1	6.7

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
ASU							
Manny Wilkins	19	24	285	11.9	3	1	88.3

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
UTAH					
Samson Nacua	4	68	17.0	1	26
Solomon Enis	2	25	12.5	0	17
Britain Covey	2	24	12.0	0	16
Siaosi Mariner	1	18	18.0	0	18
Demari Simpkins	1	7	7.0	0	7
Brant Kuithe	1	5	5.0	0	5
ASU					
N'Keal Harry	9	161	17.9	3	61
Brandon Aiyuk	6	101	16.8	0	31
Kyle Williams	3	22	7.3	0	12
Tommy Hudson	1	1	1.0	0	1