

WEEK ELEVEN
UCLA AT ARIZONA ST

TEMPE, Ariz. -- Arizona State quarterback Manny Wilkins emerged from an emotional Saturday with a victory that keeps his team in great shape in the crowded Pac-12 South.

The three-year starter, in his final home game, ran for two touchdowns and threw for another and the Sun Devils held off UCLA 31-28.

Eno Benjamin carried it a career-high 34 times for 182 yards and a score for the Sun Devils (6-4, 4-3), who won their third straight -- all over Pac-12 South foes -- and became bowl eligible under first-year coach Herm Edwards.

"We didn't tackle him," UCLA coach Chip Kelly said of the Arizona State running back. "Too many times the contact was six or seven yards down the field."

Wilkins' voice was choked with emotion when he spoke at the post-game news conference.

"I'm ecstatic, blessed to be a part of this football team," he said. "We just stayed the course. They knew what we were going to run, we knew what they were going to run. It's all about who wants it more. I think you could see the look in our eyes. Want sure wanted it and we still want it. We've got two more (games)."

UCLA (2-8, 2-5) lost its third straight but stayed with the Sun Devils throughout the game.

"I had a feeling it was going to go down to the wire," Edwards said. "They have a very productive offense and we couldn't slow them down."

Wilton Speight, starting over freshman Dorian Thompson-Robinson at quarterback for the Bruins, completed 26 of 35 yards and two touchdowns, both to tight end Caleb Wilson, who had 11 catches for 164 yards.

Wilkins completed 16 of 22 for 199 yards and a touchdown but had an interception returned for a score. He rushed for 60 yards in 14 carries. N'Keal Harry, most likely in his final home game since he's expected to leave for the NFL, had seven catches for 100 yards.

But this one was won on the ground, where the Sun Devils gained 281 yards in 59 attempts to UCLA's 104 yards in 29 carries.

"A lot of things went wrong," Edwards said, "but I think our guys are starting to mature and just hang in there and keep fighting because that's what football's all about."

Speight's 10-yard touchdown pass to Wilson cut Arizona State's lead to 31-28 with 1:52 remaining. Arizona State recovered UCLA's onside kick attempt but couldn't move the ball and had to punt. But a sack and two false start penalties doomed the Bruins' hopes.

"Credit to the fans of Arizona State for making it a hostile environment," Speight said, "especially on that last drive."

Arizona State used up 8:05 of the clock in an 80-yard drive, capped by Wilkins' 1-yard run that put the Sun Devils up 31-21 with 3:56 to play.

UCLA took the lead for the last time at 14-10 when Darnay Holmes picked off Wilkins' pass and returned it 31 yards for a touchdown with 4:36 left in the first half.

But the Sun Devils responded with a 10-play, 75-yard scoring drive, Wilkins throwing a 5-yard touchdown pass to fullback Nick Ralston with 58 seconds left in the half to put Arizona State back on top 17-14.

In the third quarter, the Bruins were driving for what would have been the go-ahead score when Speight's pass was deflected and intercepted by Chase Lucas at the Sun Devils 24. Benjamin proceeded to rush for 74 yards -- 411 on his first carry -- in a 76-yard TD driving, scoring from the 1 on fourth down to put Arizona State up 24-14.

But the Bruins came right back and Speight's 33-yard touchdown pass to Wilson cut it to 24-21 with 6:13 left in the third quarter.

THE TAKEAWAY

UCLA finishes a tough first season under Chip Kelly with a pair of home games against USC and Stanford. But the Bruins offense has been impressive the past two weeks.

Arizona State can win the Pac-12 South by winning out against Oregon next week and Arizona.

BENJAMIN ROLLS

Benjamin's 1,295 yards rushing this season are the most by an Arizona State back since Freddie Williams gained 1,295 in 1975. The school record for rushing yards in a season is 1,565 by Woody Green in 1972.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
UCLA	7	7	7	7	28
ASU	3	14	7	7	31

Scoring Summary -----

	UCLA	ASU
FIRST QUARTER		
ASU FG 9:16		
Brandon Ruiz 34 Yd Field Goal	0	3
13 plays, 60 yards, 5:44		
UCLA TD 6:13		
Joshua Kelley 2 Yd Run (JJ Molson Kick)	7	3
7 plays, 75 yards, 3:03		
SECOND QUARTER		
ASU TD 10:09		
Manny Wilkins 13 Yd Run (Brandon Ruiz Kick)	7	10
7 plays, 85 yards, 2:54		
UCLA TD 4:36		
Darnay Holmes 31 Yd Interception Return (JJ Molson Kick)	14	10
2 plays, 1 yard, 0:36		
ASU TD 0:58		
Nick Ralston 5 Yd pass from Manny Wilkins (Brandon Ruiz Kick)	14	17
10 plays, 75 yards, 3:38		
THIRD QUARTER		
ASU TD 8:13		
Eno Benjamin 1 Yd Run (Brandon Ruiz Kick)	14	24
7 plays, 76 yards, 2:34		
UCLA TD 6:13		
Caleb Wilson 33 Yd pass from Wilton Speight (JJ Molson Kick)	21	24
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:00		
FOURTH QUARTER		
ASU TD 3:56		
Manny Wilkins 1 Yd Run (Brandon Ruiz Kick)	21	31
15 plays, 80 yards, 8:05		
UCLA TD 1:57		
Caleb Wilson 10 Yd pass from Wilton Speight (JJ Molson Kick)	28	31
9 plays, 75 yards, 1:59		

Team Stats	UCLA	ASU
First Downs	24	29
Total Yards	439	484
Total Plays	64	81
Avg Gain Per Play	6.9	6.0
Net Yards Rushing	104	281
Rushes	29	59
Yards Per Rush	3.6	4.8
Net Yards Passing	335	203
Comp-Att	26-35	16-22
Yards Per Pass	9.6	9.2
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-16	-10
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	3	3
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	7	6
Penalty Yards	58	75
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	23:50	36:10

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
UCLA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Joshua Kelley	21	79	3.8	1	12		
Theo Howard	2	23	11.5	0	26		
Wilton Speight	6	2	0.3	0	9		
ASU							
ASU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Eno Benjamin	34	182	5.4	1	41		
Manny Wilkins	14	60	4.3	2	17		
Isaiah Floyd	8	42	5.3	0	23		
N'Keal Harry	1	-1	-1.0	0	0		
Team	2	-2	-1.0	0	0		
PASSING							
UCLA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Wilton Speight	26	35	335	9.6	2	1	167.8
ASU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Manny Wilkins	16	22	199	9.0	1	1	154.6
RECEIVING							
UCLA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Caleb Wilson	11	164	14.9	2	33		
Christian Pabico	3	36	12.0	0	20		
Chase Cota	3	32	10.7	0	12		
Devin Asiasi	1	30	30.0	0	30		
Michael Ezeike	2	28	14.0	0	15		
Theo Howard	2	22	11.0	0	17		
Joshua Kelley	2	17	8.5	0	13		
Demetric Felton	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Martell Irby	1	3	3.0	0	3		
ASU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
N'Keal Harry	7	100	14.3	0	39		
Kyle Williams	3	53	17.7	0	27		
Frank Darby	1	18	18.0	0	18		
Eno Benjamin	2	13	6.5	0	9		
Isaiah Floyd	1	9	9.0	0	9		
Nick Ralston	2	6	3.0	1	5		