

WEEK TWELVE

TCU AT BAYLOR

Reagor 2 nifty TDs for TCU in a 16-9 win at Baylor

WACO, Texas -- TCU was down to its third quarterback and last scholarship running back. Fortunately for the Horned Frogs, they still had speedy playmaker Jalen Reagor on the field.

Reagor turned a screen pass into a 65-yard score and later had a 37-yard touchdown on a fourth-and-1 reverse run as the injury-plagued Frogs beat Baylor 16-9 on Saturday, keeping the Bears from reaching bowl eligibility in their home finale.

"The way season has gone, I have to do things like this," Reagor said. "When those injuries happened, I thought, all right, I've got to empty the tank more."

Reagor got the go-ahead score with 2 minutes left in the third quarter when third-string running back Emari Demercado took a direct snap. TCU's last healthy scholarship running back started right and then flipped to Reagor sweeping the other way. Reagor had a wide-open lane to the end zone.

TCU (5-6, 3-5 Big 12) can get to a bowl for the 16th time in coach Gary Patterson's 18 seasons with a win at home next Saturday night against Oklahoma State.

"That was a gutsy win," Patterson said. "Want to know what kind of heart and what this program is about, you just need to watch that ball game. There wasn't any reason why we should have won."

TCU fifth-year senior QB Grayson Muehlstein had completed only one pass in his seven career games before starter Michael Collins left the game with a right ankle injury late in the first quarter. That was just another injury in a long list for the Frogs, who have had at least 36 players miss much or all of the season.

Muehlstein was 11-of-15 for 137 yards and the TD to Reagor, who matched a school record with a TD catch in six consecutive games.

"All I had to do was throw a quick little short pass, and he did all the rest," said Muehlstein, who admitted his heart rate accelerated a bit when he realized he was going into the game.

Reagor made the catch near the line of scrimmage, briefly reversed backward and then spun away from a defender. He sprinted down the left sideline for a 65-yard TD and a 9-6 lead upheld on a replay review after he almost got knocked out of bounds inside the 5.

Charlie Brewer threw for 163 yards and had a 7-yard TD run when he leaped over one of his blockers for Baylor (5-6, 3-5). But Brewer also had one of the two Bears fumbles that led to TCU points.

"As I told our seniors I thought it was a game we had every opportunity to win," Bears coach Matt Rhule said. "I know how badly our team wanted to win for our seniors and to be able to send them off the right way."

Brewer's fumble recovered by Corey Bethley on the first play of the second quarter set up the Reagor TD catch. Brewer had ended the first quarter with consecutive runs of 15 and 11 yards, the first converting fourth-and-11.

"Just a miscue. Obviously something that can't happen," Brewer said of the fumble.

Baylor running back John Lovett fumbled on the second play of the game, setting up Jonathan Song's 29-yard field goal.

BIG PICTURE

TCU: Muehlstein managed the game when forced into the action. Collins made his fourth start since Shawn Robinson's shoulder injury that needed surgery. Collins wasn't putting any pressure on his right foot and Patterson said he's probably doubtful next week.

Baylor: While the Bears still have another chance to get bowl eligible, they really wanted to get that done in the home finale for 10 fifth-year seniors who remained through a sexual assault scandal that rocked the school more than two years ago, and led to only one win in Rhule's debut last season.

"Heartbreaking honestly," Bears senior right tackle Patrick Lawrence said. "Me and my first class played the first game in McLane (Stadium), and just really would have been a storybook ending to go get it done against TCU."

EXTRA POINTS

The Bears blocked a punt in the first quarter, and blocked the extra point after Reagor's TD screen play. The seven blocked kicks this season match Baylor's 1984 total for the third-most in school history. The record is 13 in 1980. ... TCU defensive end Ben Banogu, a potential first-round NFL draft pick who returned for his senior season, had 10 tackles, including four tackles for loss and a sack.

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TCU	3	6	7	0	16
BAY	6	0	3	0	9

Scoring Summary -----

	TCU	BAY
TCU FG 12:11 Jonathan Song 29 Yd Field Goal	3	0
7 plays, 22 yards, 2:17		
BAY TD 5:02 Charlie Brewer 7 Yd Run (Connor Martin PAT blocked)	3	6
9 plays, 80 yards, 3:47		
second Quarter	TCU	BAY
TCU TD 13:05 Jalen Reagor 65 Yd pass from Grayson Muehlstein (Jonathan Song PAT blocked)4 plays, 86 yards, 1:50	9	6
third Quarter	TCU	BAY
BAY FG 6:25 Connor Martin 33 Yd Field Goal		9
10 plays, 64 yards, 3:38		
TCU TD 2:02 Jalen Reagor 37 Yd Run (Jonathan Song Kick)	16	9
7 plays, 75 yards, 4:23		

Team Stats	TCU	BAY
First Downs	14	20
Total Yards	311	303
Total Plays	63	69
Avg Gain Per Play	4.9	4.4
Net Yards Rushing	160	140
Rushes	42	40
Yards Per Rush	3.8	3.5
Net Yards Passing	151	163
Comp-Att	15-21	14-29
Yards Per Pass	7.2	5.6
Times Sacked	5	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-28	-8
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	8	5
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	8	9
Penalty Yards	80	66
Fumbles	2	2
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Possession	34:09	25:51

Individual Stats							
RUSHING							
TCU	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
21 Emari Demercado	15	60	4.0	14	0		
6 Darius Anderson	9	49	5.4	17	0		
1 Jalen Reagor	2	32	16.0	37	1		
33 Sewo Olonilua	4	16	4.0	9	0		
17 Grayson Muehlstein	10	10	1.0	14	0		
BAY	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
7 John Lovett	11	55	5.0	14	0		
12 Charlie Brewer	18	54	3.0	23	1		
25 Trestan Ebner	6	35	5.8	17	0		
5 Jalen Hurd	4	4	1.0	4	0		
21 Josh Fleeks	1	-8	-8.0	0	0		
PASSING							
TCU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Grayson Muehlstein	11	15	137	9.1	1	0	172.1
Michael Collins	4	6	14	2.3	0	0	86.3
BAY	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Charlie Brewer	14	29	163	5.6	0	1	88.6
RECEIVING							
TCU	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
1 Jalen Reagor	4	86	21.5	65	1		
4 Taye Barber	4	33	8.3	22	0		
2 Jaelan Austin	2	19	9.5	13	0		
81 Pro Wells	2	12	6.0	8	0		
33 Sewo Olonilua	1	6	6.0	6	0		
21 Emari Demercado	2	-5	-2.5	0	0		
BAY	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
5 Jalen Hurd	4	68	17.0	31	0		
14 Chris Platt	3	29	9.7	15	0		
15 Denzel Mims	1	27	27.0	27	0		
25 Trestan Ebner	3	26	8.7	22	0		
84 Marques Jones	2	11	5.5	8	0		
7 John Lovett	1	2	2.0	2	0		