

WEEK THIRTEEN

KENTUCKY AT LOUISVILLE

LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- With room to run and time to throw against Louisville, Kentucky quarterback Terry Wilson had it easy in living up to his nickname as "Terry Touchdown." Wilson accounted for 340 yards and four touchdowns, Benny Snell Jr. rushed for two scores and the No. 17 Wildcats blew out archrival Louisville 56-10 on Saturday night in the Governor's Cup.

The Wildcats (9-3) scored TDs on all five first-half drives and never trailed in posting their first nine-win regular season since 1977, scoring TDs on all five first-half drives. Wilson's 3-yard scoring run provided a 14-0 lead before he tossed TD passes of 28 and 13 yards to Lynn Bowden for a 35-10 cushion late in the second quarter. The sophomore transfer threw a 32-yard TD to Josh Ali in the third to make it 42-10.

Wilson completed 17 of 23 passes for 261 yards and rushed for 79 in his biggest game with Kentucky. Snell rushed for TDs of 7 and 24 yards and 100 yards; A.J. Rose ran for 122 with a 75-yard score; and Kavosiey Smoke had a 37-yard TD run as Kentucky posted its most lopsided series win over the Cardinals (2-10) since '98 (68-34).

The Wildcats outgained Louisville 601-305, a season high with Wilson doing much of his damage by halftime.

"It was huge for us," said Wilson, who was named the game's Most Valuable Player. "It was a mindset for us that we need to go out there and show everybody how explosive we are as an offense. We just came out humming, ready to go. Ready to make plays. I thought it was contagious."

Malik Cunningham's 75-yard TD run brought Louisville to 14-7, but the Cardinals lost their ninth in a row and allowed 50 points for the seventh time this season. They failed to beat a Power Five conference school.

"This is not the way we wanted to send 11 seniors out," interim coach Lorenzo Ward said. "You would like for them to leave with something positive. I told them to remember the feeling of losing (nine) games in a row."

SUSPENDED, EJECTED

Before the game Louisville suspended junior tight end Jordan Davis, freshman running back Javian Hawkins, junior running back Malik Staples and sophomore running back Dae Williams for an unspecified violation of team rules.

Cornerback P.J. Mbanasor was ejected in the second quarter for targeting for a hit on a sliding Wilson on a 3-yard run.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Kentucky will remain in the Top 25 as it prepares for a third consecutive bowl game.

THE TAKEAWAY

Kentucky: Entering the game as heavy favorites, the Wildcats posted their most decisive victory this season. Consecutive interceptions in the third quarter stalled offensive momentum after a dominating first half, but Wilson recovered to throw his third TD and spur another run of 21 unanswered points.

Louisville: Cunningham provided early excitement with his TD run, but the Cardinals played catch-up throughout. Twelve penalties for 134 yards meanwhile showed a lack of composure, as Cunningham was nailed for taunting on his score and tight end Micky Crum was penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct in the third quarter. It appeared that coaches told Crum to leave the sideline afterward, but the senior talked with coaches and was back on the field for another series.

Team Stats	UK	LOU
First Downs	29	10
Total Yards	601	305
Total Plays	70	46
Avg Gain Per Play	8.6	6.6
Net Yards Rushing	340	226
Rushes	46	30
Yards Per Rush	7.4	7.5
Net Yards Passing	261	79
Comp-Att	17-24	8-16
Yards Per Pass	10.9	4.9
Times Sacked	1	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-1	-14
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	0	6
Punt Average	0.0	39.0
Penalties	6	12
Penalty Yards	63	134
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	33:57	26:03

Final	1	2	3	4	T
UK	14	21	0	21	56
LOU	7	3	0	0	10

Scoring Summary -----

	UK	LOU
FIRST QUARTER		
UK TD 9:03		
Benny Snell Jr. 7 Yd Run (Miles Butler Kick)		
8 plays, 53 yards, 4:05	7	0
UK TD 2:05		
Terry Wilson 3 Yd Run (Miles Butler Kick)		
9 plays, 84 yards, 4:16	14	0
LOU TD 1:50		
Malik Cunningham 75 Yd Run (Blanton Creque Kick)		
1 play, 75 yards, 0:15	14	7
SECOND QUARTER		
UK TD 13:03		
Benny Snell Jr. 24 Yd Run (Miles Butler Kick)		
7 plays, 77 yards, 3:47	21	7
LOU FG 8:51		
Blanton Creque 32 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 60 yards, 4:12	21	10
UK TD 4:08		
Lynn Bowden Jr. 28 Yd pass from Terry Wilson (Miles Butler Kick)		
8 plays, 75 yards, 4:43	28	10
UK TD 0:31		
Lynn Bowden Jr. 13 Yd pass from Terry Wilson (Miles Butler Kick)		
7 plays, 67 yards, 1:35	35	10
FOURTH QUARTER		
UK TD 14:04		
Josh Ali 32 Yd pass from Terry Wilson (Miles Butler Kick)		
9 plays, 57 yards, 4:04	42	10
UK TD 11:09		
Asim Rose 75 Yd Run (Miles Butler Kick)		
2 plays, 73 yards, 1:17	49	10
UK TD 4:40		
Kavosiey Smoke 37 Yd Run (Miles Butler Kick)		
4 plays, 45 yards, 2:21	56	10

Individual Stats

RUSHING

UK	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Asim Rose	10	112	11.2	1	75
Benny Snell Jr.	18	100	5.6	2	24
Terry Wilson	10	79	7.9	1	40
Kavosiey Smoke	4	45	11.3	1	37
Lynn Bowden Jr.	2	7	3.5	0	8
Team	2	-3	-1.5	0	0
LOU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Malik Cunningham	5	89	17.8	1	75
Jeremy Smith	13	76	5.8	0	40
Colin Wilson	2	34	17.0	0	32
Hassan Hall	6	31	5.2	0	11
Sean McCormack	4	-4	-1.0	0	6

PASSING

UK	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Terry Wilson	17	23	261	11.3	3	1	203.6
Lynn Bowden Jr.	0	1	0	0.0	0	1	-200.0
LOU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Malik Cunningham	5	8	64	8.0	0	0	129.7
Sean McCormack	3	8	15	1.9	0	0	53.3

RECEIVING

UK	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Lynn Bowden Jr.	6	86	14.3	2	32
Josh Ali	3	59	19.7	1	32
C.J. Conrad	2	59	29.5	0	32
Dorian Baker	2	21	10.5	0	16
David Bouvier	1	16	16.0	0	16
Asim Rose	2	16	8.0	0	9
Justin Rigg	1	4	4.0	0	4
LOU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jaylen Smith	2	31	15.5	0	20
Seth Dawkins	2	24	12.0	0	16
Micky Crum	1	9	9.0	0	9
Dez Fitzpatrick	1	8	8.0	0	8
Hassan Hall	1	4	4.0	0	4
Devante Peete	1	3	3.0	0	3