

WEEK THIRTEEN

TEXAS AT KANSAS

No. 11 Texas beats Kansas 24-17, heads to Big 12 title game

LAWRENCE, Kan. -- Sam Ehlinger and No. 11 Texas made enough plays to put away Kansas.

Next up is a much bigger challenge.

Ehlinger threw for two touchdowns and ran for a score, and the Longhorns beat the Jayhawks 24-17 on Friday to clinch a spot in the Big 12 title game.

Texas (9-3, 7-2, No. 15 CFP) opened a 24-7 lead on Cameron Dicker's 34-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, but Kansas responded with Peyton Bender's 31-yard touchdown pass to Daylon Charlot and recovered the ensuing onside kick.

After Gabriel Rui made it a one-score game with a 45-yard field goal with 1:37 remaining, the Jayhawks (3-9, 1-8) were unable to recover another onside kick and the Longhorns closed it out from there.

"We treated this game like a semifinal, if you will, win and advance," coach Tom Herman said. "And our guys found a way to win and advance."

Tre Watson finished with 79 yards on 14 carries as Texas earned its third consecutive victory. The Longhorns will face No. 6 Oklahoma in the Big 12 championship next Saturday.

"We put a little cushion out for us there towards the end, but we knew they weren't going away," Herman said.

"They made some really good plays down the stretch, but we made just enough to seal the deal."

Kansas dropped its last four games in David Beaty's final season as Jayhawks coach. Les Miles takes over the downtrodden program after he was hired on Sunday.

Beaty leaves Kansas with a 6-42 record. But the final of his four seasons in charge included three wins, a conference victory over TCU and the end of the Jayhawks' 46-game road losing streak.

"I want to thank our team and I want to thank all the Jayhawks out there for having a chance to represent you," Beaty said. "It's been fun."

Ehlinger threw two interceptions, one in the second quarter to Najee Stevens-McKenzie and one late to Shak Taylor. He had gone 10 straight games without an interception after throwing two in the season opener against Maryland.

Ehlinger played through a shoulder injury he aggravated last week after originally coming down with the issue back in October. But he downplayed the significance.

"It wasn't something that was limiting at all," he said.

The Longhorns had a 98-yard drive on their first possession that ended with a 26-yard touchdown pass from Ehlinger to Collin Johnson.

Texas' offense struggled for much of the first half, and then got back on track in the third quarter. Watson's 31-yard run helped set up Andrew Beck's 5-yard touchdown reception, and Ehlinger's 3-yard TD run made it 21-0 with 1:02 left.

Pooka Williams Jr. had 18 carries for 103 yards for Kansas, including a 57-yard touchdown run in the fourth. Bender was 18 for 35 for 159 yards.

INJURY REPORT

Texas safety and punt returner Brandon Jones left with a head injury after taking a helmet-to-helmet hit from Emmanuel Moore while fielding a punt in the second quarter.

"We'll take 24 hours to diagnose it as a concussion, and get him in that protocol if it is truly that," Herman said.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Eons," Herman joked when asked how long ago the season-opening loss to Maryland on Sept. 1 felt. "I don't know, what's the longest period of time? This team has grown up quite a bit."

THE TAKEAWAY

Texas: It was a sweet day for the Longhorns after its 2016 loss at Memorial Stadium ended a string of 13 consecutive wins over the Jayhawks, likely sealed the fate of embattled coach Charlie Strong and ultimately led to Herman's hiring away from Houston.

Kansas: Fails to send Beaty off with a win, capping another losing season.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
TEX	7	0	14	3	24
KU	0	0	0	17	17

Scoring Summary -----

	TEX	KU
FIRST QUARTER		
TEX TD 8:35 Collin Johnson 26 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick) 11 plays, 98 yards, 5:08	7	0
third Quarter		
TEX TD 8:40 Andrew Beck 5 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)	14	0
6 plays, 52 yards, 1:59		
TEX TD 1:02 Sam Ehlinger 3 Yd Run (Cameron Dicker Kick)	21	0
10 plays, 60 yards, 4:33		
fourth Quarter		
KU TD 14:44 Pooka Williams Jr. 57 Yd Run (Gabriel Rui Kick)	21	7
5 plays, 75 yards, 1:18		
TEX FG 10:57 Cameron Dicker 34 Yd Field Goal	24	7
5 plays, 8 yards, 1:41		
KU TD 3:27 Daylon Charlot 31 Yd pass from Peyton Bender (Gabriel Rui Kick) 9 plays, 70 yards, 3:31	24	14
8 plays, 30 yards, 1:44	24	17

Team Stats	TEX	KU
First Downs	19	14
Total Yards	297	296
Total Plays	69	68
Avg Gain Per Play	4.3	4.4
Net Yards Rushing	143	137
Rushes	41	33
Yards Per Rush	3.5	4.2
Net Yards Passing	154	159
Comp-Att	16-28	18-35
Yards Per Pass	5.5	4.5
Times Sacked	2	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-18	-14
Interceptions	2	1
Punts	5	7
Punt Average	40.6	45.4
Penalties	4	9
Penalty Yards	35	98
Fumbles	2	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	31:18	28:42

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
TEX					
5 Tre Watson	14	79	5.6	31	0
26 Keaontay Ingram	13	51	3.9	10	0
17 D'Shawn Jamison	2	14	7.0	8	0
32 Daniel Young	1	4	4.0	4	0
11 Sam Ehlinger	8	1	0.1	9	1
KU					
1 Pooka Williams Jr.	16	103	6.4	57	1
25 Dom Williams	10	37	3.7	6	0
10 Khalil Herbert	4	8	2.0	7	0
7 Peyton Bender	3	-11	-3.7	0	0

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
TEX							
11 Sam Ehlinger	16	28	154	5.5	2	2	112.6
KU							
7 Peyton Bender	18	35	159	4.5	1	1	93.3

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
TEX					
6 Devin Duvernay	3	47	15.7	22	0
9 Collin Johnson	4	38	9.5	26	1
Lil'Jordan Humphrey	2	25	12.5	20	0
47 Andrew Beck	2	24	12.0	19	1
5 Tre Watson	2	11	5.5	10	0
26 Keaontay Ingram	1	4	4.0	4	0
17 D'Shawn Jamison	1	3	3.0	3	0
13 Jerrod Heard	1	2	2.0	2	0
KU					
2 Daylon Charlot	3	53	17.7	31	1
Stephon Robinson Jr.	3	32	10.7	13	0
88 Jeremiah Booker	2	23	11.5	15	0
14 Kerr Johnson Jr.	3	22	7.3	13	0
11 Steven Sims Jr.	5	13	2.6	6	0
1 Pooka Williams Jr.	1	12	12.0	12	0
10 Khalil Herbert	1	4	4.0	4	0