

WEEK FOURTEEN
TEXAS AT OKLAHOMA

ARLINGTON, Texas -- Kyler Murray had another Heisman Trophy-wor-
thy performance, Oklahoma's much-maligned defense made some big
key plays and the fifth-ranked Sooners won yet another conference
title.

Now the 12-time Big 12 champions wait to find out if all that is
good enough to get back into the College Football Playoff.

"There's no doubt we have a playoff-worthy team, but I understand
that there's other factors there too that we can't control," coach
Lincoln Riley said. "We've done all we can."

Murray was 25-of-34 passing for 379 yards and three touchdowns as
the Sooners beat No. 9 Texas 39-27 in the Big 12 championship game
Saturday, avenging their only loss and making their case for their
third playoff appearance in four years.

Two of Murray's TD throws were to Grant Calcaterra, who had an
impressive one-handed grab for an 18-yard score on a third-and-10
play with two minutes left.

"That catch will live on in Oklahoma history forever," Riley said.

The Sooners (12-1, No. 5 CFP) won their seventh consecutive game
-- and became the first Power Five team to win four outright con-
ference titles in a row since Florida in the SEC in the mid-1990s.
Clemson (13-0, No. 2 CFP) matched them by winning its fourth ACC
title in a row later Saturday with a win over Pittsburgh.

Also Saturday, Alabama (13-0, No. 1 CFP) rallied from a two-TD
deficit for a 35-28 win over Georgia (11-2, No. 4 CFP) for the SEC
title. Ohio State (12-1, No. 6 CFP) beat Northwestern 45-21 in the
Big Ten championship game .

Sam Ehlinger was 23-of-36 passing for 349 yards with two touch-
downs and also ran for two scores for Texas (9-4). But his final
pass was picked off by Tre Norwood at the 1 in the final minute,
and there was also a critical safety.

Two plays after Oklahoma's only turnover, when receiver CeeDee
Lamb fumbled inside the 10 after a 54-yard catch-and-run with nine
minutes left, the Sooners got points anyway. Cornerback Tre Brown
blitzed and sacked Ehlinger in the end zone for a safety that made
it 32-27.

"Our defense did a great job getting the ball back to us. Offens-
ively we didn't take care of our part of the bargain," Ehlinger
said. "That's on us, that's on me. I will make it my mission to
never let this team or this school feel this disappointment again."

That was a huge play for a Sooners defense that had allowed at
least 40 points in each of the previous four games -- three of
those being OU victories by a combined nine points.

Asked if the Sooners' defense is good enough to win a national
title this season, Riley quickly answered yes.

"Based on we beat everybody on our schedule. You've got to win
by one point, these games, the last time I checked," Riley said.
"We've had some of our best performances here the last couple of
weeks, in huge, huge games, huge moments against dynamic offens-
es."

Lamb caught the ball near midfield, cut inside, and spun around
another defender toward the middle of the field when he was crushed
from behind by linebacker Gary Johnson, knocking the ball loose.
Lamb did have six catches for 167 yards, including a 28-yard
touchdown in the first half.

The 114th meeting between the Red River rivals was their first in a
championship game -- and the first time since 1903 they had played
twice in the same season. Every game since 1929 had been played
about 20 miles away at the State Fair of Texas, where the Longhorns
beat Oklahoma 48-45 eight weeks ago.

Oklahoma never trailed again after Murray threw TDs on its last
two drives before halftime for a 20-14 lead, on Calcaterra's
6-yard TD pass in the final minute when the Sooners were out of
timeouts but went 80 yards in five plays.

The Sooners were up 27-21 until Ehlinger threw a 5-yard TD to
Lil'Jordan Humphrey with 2:44 left in the third quarter. But the
extra point that would have put Texas ahead was partially blocked
and bounced off the crossbar no good.

THE TAKEAWAY

Texas: The Longhorns have come a long way in two seasons under
coach Tom Herman. They were coming off three consecutive losing
seasons for the first time since the 1930s when he became coach.
Herman said it is difficult after a loss, and with still a game
to play, to reflect on the season and just how much progress has
been made.

"We earned the right to play in a big-time bowl game," Herman said.

Oklahoma: The Sooners are the only Big 12 team that has made it
into the four-team playoff, going in 2015 and again last season
with Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Baker Mayfield. They hav-
en't made it to a CFP title game.

RECEIVING RECORD

Texas WR Collin Johnson set a Big 12 championship game record with
177 yards receiving on his eight catches. He had a 27-yard TD in

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| Final | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | T |
| TEX | 7 | 7 | 13 | 0 | 27 |
| OKLA | 3 | 17 | 7 | 12 | 39 |

Scoring Summary -----

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| FIRST QUARTER | TEX | OKLA |
| TEX TD 11:38 | | |
| Sam Ehlinger 16 Yd Run (Cameron Dicker Kick) | | |
| 9 plays, 75 yards, 3:22 | 7 | 0 |
| OKLA FG 7:37 | | |
| Austin Seibert 20 Yd Field Goal | | |
| 9 plays, 72 yards, 4:01 | 7 | 3 |
| SECOND QUARTER | TEX | OKLA |
| OKLA FG 14:50 | | |
| Austin Seibert 27 Yd Field Goal | | |
| 13 plays, 55 yards, 5:10 | 7 | 6 |
| TEX TD 11:22 | | |
| Sam Ehlinger 3 Yd Run (Cameron Dicker Kick) | | |
| 9 plays, 75 yards, 3:28 | 14 | 6 |
| OKLA TD 5:01 | | |
| CeeDee Lamb 28 Yd pass from Kyler Murray (Austin Seibert Kick) | | |
| 6 plays, 87 yards, 2:44 | 14 | 13 |
| OKLA TD 0:18 | | |
| Grant Calcaterra 6 Yd pass from Kyler Murray (Austin Seibert Kick) | | |
| 5 plays, 80 yards, 0:41 | 14 | 20 |
| THIRD QUARTER | TEX | OKLA |
| OKLA TD 12:01 | | |
| Trey Sermon 6 Yd Run (Austin Seibert Kick) | | |
| 8 plays, 75 yards, 2:59 | 14 | 27 |
| TEX TD 8:47 | | |
| Collin Johnson 27 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick) | | |
| 7 plays, 75 yards, 3:14 | 21 | 27 |
| TEX TD 2:44 | | |
| Lil'Jordan Humphrey 5 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker PAT blocked) | | |
| 11 plays, 68 yards, 4:47 | 27 | 27 |
| FOURTH QUARTER | TEX | OKLA |
| OKLA FG 12:37 | | |
| Austin Seibert 31 Yd Field Goal | | |
| 13 plays, 61 yards, 5:07 | 27 | 30 |
| OKLA SF 8:27 | | |
| Team Safety | | |
| 2 plays, -8 yards, 0:39 | 27 | 32 |
| OKLA TD 2:00 | | |
| Grant Calcaterra 18 Yd pass from Kyler Murray (Austin Seibert Kick) | | |
| 11 plays, 65 yards, 6:27 | 27 | 39 |

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| Team Stats | TEX | OKLA |
| First Downs | 23 | 29 |
| Total Yards | 437 | 508 |
| Total Plays | 69 | 74 |
| Avg Gain Per Play | 6.3 | 6.9 |
| Net Yards Rushing | 88 | 129 |
| Rushes | 32 | 40 |
| Yards Per Rush | 2.8 | 3.2 |
| Net Yards Passing | 349 | 379 |
| Comp-Att | 23-37 | 25-34 |
| Yards Per Pass | 9.4 | 11.1 |
| Times Sacked | 3 | 2 |
| Yds Lost To Sacks | -24 | -5 |
| Interceptions | 1 | 0 |
| Punts | 4 | 2 |
| Punt Average | 37.3 | 40.5 |
| Penalties | 13 | 5 |
| Penalty Yards | 128 | 60 |
| Fumbles | 1 | 1 |
| Fumbles Lost | 0 | 1 |
| Possession | 28:00 | 32:00 |

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| Individual Stats | | | | | |
| RUSHING | | | | | |
| TEX | Rush | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
| 11 Sam Ehlinger | 15 | 42 | 2.8 | 16 | 2 |
| 5 Tre Watson | 13 | 39 | 3.0 | 9 | 0 |
| 26 Keaontay Ingram | 4 | 7 | 1.8 | 5 | 0 |
| OU | Rush | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
| 4 Trey Sermon | 18 | 65 | 3.6 | 9 | 1 |
| 1 Kyler Murray | 10 | 39 | 3.9 | 15 | 0 |
| 26 Kennedy Brooks | 10 | 28 | 2.8 | 8 | 0 |

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| PASSING | | | | | | | |
| TEX | Comp | Att | Yds | Y/A | TD | Int | QBRat |
| 11 Sam Ehlinger | 23 | 36 | 349 | 9.7 | 2 | 1 | 158.1 |
| 26 Keaontay Ingram | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |

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| OU | Comp | Att | Yds | Y/A | TD | Int | QBRat |
| 1 Kyler Murray | 25 | 34 | 379 | 11.1 | 3 | 0 | 196.3 |

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| RECEIVING | Rec | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
| 9 Collin Johnson | 8 | 177 | 22.1 | 32 | 1 |
| 6 Devin Duvernay | 3 | 56 | 18.7 | 28 | 0 |
| 84 Lil'Jordan Humphrey | 7 | 51 | 7.3 | 18 | 1 |
| 26 Keaontay Ingram | 3 | 23 | 7.7 | 15 | 0 |
| 13 Jerrod Heard | 1 | 22 | 22.0 | 22 | 0 |
| 47 Andrew Beck | 1 | 20 | 20.0 | 20 | 0 |
| OU | Rec | Yds | Avg | Long | TD |
| 2 CeeDee Lamb | 6 | 167 | 27.8 | 54 | 1 |
| 5 Marquise Brown | 5 | 54 | 10.8 | 24 | 0 |
| 83 Nick Basquine | 2 | 44 | 22.0 | 24 | 0 |
| 80 Grant Calcaterra | 3 | 38 | 12.7 | 18 | 2 |
| 84 Lee Morris | 2 | 31 | 15.5 | 18 | 0 |
| 87 Myles Tease | 3 | 29 | 9.7 | 12 | 0 |
| 45 Carson Meier | 1 | 7 | 7.0 | 7 | 0 |
| 14 Charleston Rambo | 1 | 6 | 6.0 | 6 | 0 |
| 4 Trey Sermon | 1 | 3 | 3.0 | 3 | 0 |
| 26 Kennedy Brooks | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |