

WEEK FOURTEEN
TEXAS AT OKLAHOMA

ARLINGTON, Texas -- Kyler Murray had another Heisman Trophy-worthy 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 conference 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 touchdowns 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. Offensively 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 offenses."

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 haven'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

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

Scoring Summary -----

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

	TEX	OKLA
Team Stats		
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

Individual Stats

	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
RUSHING					
TEX					
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					
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

PASSING

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

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

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
TEX					
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					
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