

ALAMO BOWL
TEXAS VS UTAH

SAN ANTONIO -- Sam Ehlinger passed for three touchdowns and ran for another, and Texas excised the frustrations of a disappointing regular season with a dominant 38-10 win over No. 12 Utah in the Valero Alamo Bowl on Tuesday night.

After a 10-win season in 2018 set up a top-10 ranking to start 2019, Texas underwhelmed in a season the Longhorns expected to contend for the Big 12 title. Instead, they ended the year with both the offensive and defensive coordinators getting replaced.

For one game at least, Texas (8-5) wiped all that away with a bruising and convincing win over a Utah team that only a month ago was on the verge of making the College Football Playoff.

The Utes (11-3) didn't get there after they were swamped in the Pac-12 title game by Oregon and perhaps struggled to shake off the heartbreak of what could have been.

Texas physically handled the Utes at the line of scrimmage. Longhorns linebacker Joseph Ossai had three sacks of quarterback Tyler Huntley and six total tackles for a loss.

"We knew that we were going to have to play with a greater passion and physicality than they would," said Texas coach Tom Herman, who is 4-0 in bowls in his career with three wins in three seasons at Texas.

Texas also pounded out 231 yards on the ground against the nation's No. 1 rush defense, which had held 10 opponents under 70 yards. Texas' most important run came on a 31-yard burst by Ehlinger on third down on the drive that led to his 6-yard touchdown that made it 24-3 late in the third quarter. Keaontay Ingram later had a 49-yard TD burst on the sideline late in the fourth.

"Very disappointing end to a very good season," Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said. "We got outplayed, we got outcoached. It doesn't diminish one iota what this senior class accomplished."

Ehlinger finished with 201 yards passing. His first touchdown went to Collin Johnson, who missed six games this season because of a nagging hamstring injury. His last was to Devin Duvernay, who caught three passes for 92 yards.

"I'll take those guys in one-on-one coverage against anybody in the country," Ehlinger said.

THE TAKEAWAY

Utah: The Utes delivered a dud after a season that was so good until December. Whittingham had talked about what a boost getting a 12th win would be, particularly against a name program like Texas. Now the Utes head into 2020 needing to replace nine senior starters, six on a defense that was among the best in the nation much of the season.

Texas: For the second straight year, Texas used a bowl win to pummel a team that just missed the national playoff. What it means for 2020, there's no way to tell. Texas will have new offensive (Mike Yurcich) and defensive (Chris Ash) coordinators in what will be a pivotal year for coach Tom Herman. The Longhorns expect to return 15 starters.

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UTAH	0	0	3	7	10
TEX	3	7	14	14	38

Scoring Summary -----

	UTAH	TEX
FIRST QUARTER		
TEX FG 10:26		3
Cameron Dicker 29 Yd Field Goal	0	3
10 plays, 63 yards, 4:34		
SECOND QUARTER		
TEX TD 13:24		10
Collin Johnson 5 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)	0	10
2 plays, 6 yards, 0:43		
THIRD QUARTER		
TEX TD 10:30		17
Keaontay Ingram 11 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)	0	17
3 plays, 43 yards, 1:04		
UTAH FG 4:58		17
Jadon Redding 32 Yd Field Goal	3	17
11 plays, 60 yards, 5:32		
TEX TD 0:06		24
Sam Ehlinger 6 Yd Run (Cameron Dicker Kick)	3	24
7 plays, 75 yards, 4:52		
FOURTH QUARTER		
UTAH TD 11:34		24
Demari Simpkins 4 Yd pass from Tyler Huntley (Jadon Redding Kick)	10	24
9 plays, 75 yards, 3:32		
TEX TD 8:58		31
Devin Duvernay 15 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)	10	31
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:36		
TEX TD 7:54		38
Keaontay Ingram 49 Yd Run (Cameron Dicker Kick)	10	38
1 play, 49 yards, 0:13		

Team Stats	UTAH	TEX
First Downs	15	22
Passes for First	5	6
Rushes for First	8	12
Penalties for First	2	4
Third Down Efficiency	4-14	4-9
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-1
Total Yards	254	438
Total Plays	60	56
Avg Gain Per Play	4.2	7.8
Net Yards Rushing	128	231
Rushes	37	37
Yards Per Rush	3.5	6.2
Stat Name		
Net Yards Passing	126	207
Comp-Att	15-23	13-19
Yards Per Pass	5.5	10.9
Times Sacked	5	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-29	-11
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	7	2
Punt Average	47.1	47.0
Penalties	8	4
Penalty Yards	53	38
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	31:26	28:34

Individual Stats

RUSHING

UTAH	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Zack Moss	16	57	3.6	0	26
Tyler Huntley	16	33	2.1	0	26
Brant Kuithe	1	29	29.0	0	29
Terrell Perriman	1	5	5.0	0	5
Devonta'e Henry-Cole	1	3	3.0	0	3
Derrick Vickers	2	1	0.5	0	4
TEX	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Keaontay Ingram	13	108	8.3	1	49
Sam Ehlinger	11	73	6.6	1	31
Roschon Johnson	6	49	8.2	0	20
Casey Thompson	3	7	2.3	0	8
Daniel Young	3	2	0.7	0	3
Devin Duvernay	1	-8	-8.0	0	0

PASSING

UTAH	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tyler Huntley	15	23	126	5.5	1	0	23.8
TEX	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Sam Ehlinger	12	18	201	11.2	3	1	77.9
Devin Duvernay	1	1	6	6.0	0	0	90.5

RECEIVING

UTAH	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Cole Fotheringham	3	30	10.0	0	12
Brant Kuithe	3	30	10.0	0	19
Samson Nacua	2	16	8.0	0	10
Zack Moss	2	14	7.0	0	8
Demari Simpkins	2	12	6.0	1	8
Jaylen Dixon	1	10	10.0	0	10
Bryan Thompson	1	9	9.0	0	9
Solomon Enis	1	5	5.0	0	5
TEX	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Devin Duvernay	3	92	30.7	1	40
Collin Johnson	3	62	20.7	1	34
Keaontay Ingram	2	26	13.0	1	15
Cade Brewer	1	10	10.0	0	10
Al'Vonte Woodard	1	7	7.0	0	7
Sam Ehlinger	1	6	6.0	0	6
Brennan Eagles	2	4	2.0	0	5