

WEEK FOUR
AUBURN at TEXAS A&M

Nix helps No. 8 Auburn over No. 17 Texas A&M 28-20

COLLEGE STATION, Texas -- Bo Nix threw a touchdown pass and JaTarvious Whitlow ran for a score as No. 8 Auburn built a big lead and withstood a late charge from Texas A&M to get a 28-20 win over the 17th-ranked Aggies on Saturday.

Nix didn't put up flashy numbers against the Aggies, but he looked poised and didn't make any big mistakes in his first true road game in front of a rowdy crowd of 101,681. Fellow freshman Joey Gatewood replaced Nix for a few snaps throughout the game and he threw his first career touchdown pass in the first quarter. The Tigers (4-0, 1-0 SEC) were up 21-3 before A&M (2-2, 0-1) finally got going offensively in the fourth quarter. Mond cut the lead to 21-10 with his first touchdown pass early in the fourth before Auburn added a touchdown rushing. But the Aggies made a field goal before Mond connected with Ainias Smith on a 15-yard TD pass with just over two minutes left to get them to 28-20.

But Auburn recovered the on-side kick and ran out the clock.

Mond had 335 yards passing but Texas A&M previously solid running game was held to just 56 yards.

Auburn took an early lead when Nix handed the ball off to Whitlow who got it to Anthony Schwartz on a reverse the he took 57 yards for a touchdown to make it 7-0.

Seth Small missed a 47-yard field goal on Texas A&M's first possession and one from 52 to end the second quarter.

Gatewood's TD pass came late in the first quarter when he found John Samuel Shenker wide open in the end zone for the 6-yard catch that made it 14-0.

Mond connected with Jhamon Ausbon on a 41-yard pass on the last play of the first quarter. But A&M's offense stalled after that and the Aggies settled for a 33-yard field goal that cut the lead to 14-3.

Freshman Isaiah Spiller had a 13-yard run to start the third quarter, but Daniel Thomas knocked the ball out of his hands at the end of the run and pounced on it to give Auburn the ball.

The Tigers took advantage of the turnover when Nix found Seth Williams on a 9-yard touchdown pass that pushed the lead to 21-3.

Texas A&M's next drive was a mess with Mond being sacked and fumbling on first down. The Aggies recovered it, but Mond was sacked again on the next play. The Aggies were then penalized for delay of game and then for a false start to bring up third-and-30. Jacob Kibodi ran for 22 yards after that before Texas A&M had to punt it away.

Texas A&M's defense forced a punt on Auburn's next drive, but the Aggies managed just one yard on their ensuing possession and had to punt it right back.

The Aggies finally put together a nice drive early in the fourth quarter capped by a 27-yard touchdown reception by Quartney Davis that cut the lead to 21-10.

But Auburn ate up six minutes off the clock with a 12-play drive after that and added a touchdown on an 8-yard run by Whitlow that made it 28-10.

THE TAKEAWAY

Auburn: Nix was solid and should only get better with more experience. Auburn's defense kept the Aggies off-balance for most of the day in a solid all-around game for the Tigers, who have a home game next week before they travel to No. 9 Florida on Oct. 5.

Texas A&M: The Aggies came out flat and missed a chance for a big win in a season that only gets more difficult. Texas A&M still has to play No. 2 Alabama, No. 3 Georgia and fourth-ranked LSU. The latter two are on the road in consecutive weeks to end the season.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Auburn should maintain its spot or could move up if any teams ahead of the Tigers fall on Saturday. The Aggies will certainly plummet in the poll and could fall out altogether after the home loss.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
AUB	14	0	7	7	28
TA&M	0	3	0	17	20

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER		AUB	TA&M
AUB TD 13:19	Anthony Schwartz 57 Yd Run (Anders Carlson Kick)	7	0
4 plays, 75 yards, 1:41			
AUB TD 0:39	John Samuel Shenker 6 Yd pass from Joey Gatewood (Anders Carlson Kick)	14	0
6 plays, 46 yards, 2:36			
SECOND QUARTER		AUB	TA&M
TA&M FG 12:59	Seth Small 33 Yd Field Goal		3
6 plays, 64 yards, 2:40			
THIRD QUARTER		AUB	TA&M
AUB TD 12:05	Seth Williams 9 Yd pass from Bo Nix (Anders Carlson Kick)	21	3
6 plays, 38 yards, 2:47			
FOURTH QUARTER		AUB	TA&M
TA&M TD 14:28	Quartney Davis 27 Yd pass from Kellen Mond (Seth Small Kick)	21	10
8 plays, 85 yards, 3:38			
AUB TD 8:27	JaTarvious Whitlow 8 Yd Run (Anders Carlson Kick)	28	10
12 plays, 69 yards, 6:01			
TA&M FG 5:36	Seth Small 23 Yd Field Goal		13
11 plays, 69 yards, 2:51			
TA&M TD 2:12	Ainias Smith 15 Yd pass from Kellen Mond (Seth Small Kick)	28	20
8 plays, 81 yards, 2:18			

Team Stats	AUB	TA&M
First Downs	16	23
Passes for First	6	18
Rushes for First	10	3
Penalties for First	0	2
Third Down Efficiency	4-12	5-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-0
Total Yards	299	391
Total Plays	63	70
Avg Gain Per Play	4.7	5.6
Net Yards Rushing	193	56
Rushes	42	21
Yards Per Rush	4.6	2.7
Net Yards Passing	106	335
Comp-Att	13-21	31-49
Yards Per Pass	5.0	6.8
Times Sacked	1	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-5	-16
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	8	6
Punt Average	43.8	56.0
Penalties	12	8
Penalty Yards	74	50
Fumbles	1	3
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Time of Poss	28:22	31:38

Individual Stats

RUSHING						
AUBURN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
JaTarvious Whitlow	18	67	3.7	1	9	
Anthony Schwartz	1	57	57.0	1	57	
Bo Nix	12	38	3.2	0	16	
Shaun Shivers	6	14	2.3	0	5	
Eli Stove	2	13	6.5	0	12	
Joey Gatewood	1	4	4.0	0	4	
Malik Miller	1	2	2.0	0	2	
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	
TEXAS A&M	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
Kellen Mond	9	26	2.9	0	17	
Jacob Kibodi	6	21	3.5	0	22	
Isaiah Spiller	6	9	1.5	0	13	

PASSING							
AUBURN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Bo Nix	12	20	100	5.0	1	0	40.6
Joey Gatewood	1	1	6	6.0	1	0	95.0
TEXAS A&M	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Kellen Mond	31	49	335	6.8	2	0	54.9

RECEIVING						
AUBURN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
Seth Williams	4	47	11.8	1	19	
Anthony Schwartz	2	30	15.0	0	18	
Eli Stove	1	17	17.0	0	17	
John Samuel Shenker	1	6	6.0	1	6	
Jay Jay Wilson	2	6	3.0	0	8	
Harold Joiner	2	6	3.0	0	7	
Shaun Shivers	1	-6	-6.0	0	0	
TEXAS A&M	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
Jhamon Ausbon	8	111	13.9	0	41	
Quartney Davis	5	82	16.4	1	27	
Kendrick Rogers	4	45	11.3	0	18	
Camron Buckley	2	22	11.0	0	16	
Jacob Kibodi	4	21	5.3	0	11	
Jalen Wydermyer	3	20	6.7	0	13	
Isaiah Spiller	3	19	6.3	0	13	
Ainias Smith	1	15	15.0	1	15	
Glenn Beal	1	0	0.0	0	0	