

WEEK FOUR
OKLAHOMA ST at TEXAS

Ehlinger leads No. 12 Texas past Oklahoma State 36-30

AUSTIN, Texas -- Sam Ehlinger did what he usually does: throw for a bunch of touchdowns and deliver big runs. Put him together with more games like this from the Texas defense, and the Longhorns will go far in the Big 12 this season.

Ehlinger passed for four touchdowns for the third time this season, and the No. 12 Longhorns' defense held Oklahoma State's big playmakers in check for most of the game to slug out a tough 36-30 victory Saturday night to open the Big 12 schedule. Texas (3-1, 1-0) ended a four-game losing streak to the Cowboys (3-1, 0-1) and ended a five-game skid in the series in games played in Austin dating to 2010.

To do it, the Longhorns had to overcome three turnovers, including Ehlinger's first interception of the season, and needed his clock-killing 29-yard run in the final minute to put the game away.

"Once I knew I had the first down and the game was over, it was an incredible feeling," Ehlinger said. "You say you want to win at home."

But it was the Texas defense that coach Tom Herman praised.

The Longhorns held Chuba Hubbard, the nation's leading rusher coming into the night, to 121 yards on 37 carries and a long run of 13 yards. He scored twice but was also stuffed near the goal on key drives early and late.

Tylan Wallace, who came in tied for the national lead with six touchdown receptions, didn't find the end zone against the Longhorns and had just two catches in the second half.

"The two guys were really hard to stop, I thought we did an admirable job of it", Herman said. "That's about as good as you're going to do against those two guys. ...We gave up big plays but bowed our backs when our back was against the wall."

Hubbard's second score got the Cowboys within a touchdown with 1:37 to play, but Texas recovered the onside kick. After two short runs, Ehlinger scrambled to his right to get the last first down Texas needed.

Ehlinger finished with 281 yards passing and had three touchdown passes in the second quarter, including a 73-yarder to Brennan Eagles.

Texas' Keaontay Ingram rushed for 114 yards. His spinning, tackle-breaking 26-yard reception set up a touchdown that gave Texas a 13-point lead early in the fourth quarter.

THE TAKEAWAY

Oklahoma State: Cowboys coach Mike Gundy will face questions about some decisions that cost his team valuable points. Hubbard got stuffed on fourth-and-short inside the Texas 5 in the third quarter. After an interception, Gundy opted for a fake field goal early in the fourth that also got stuffed.

If the Cowboys had let reliable kicker Matt Ammendola kick his fourth and fifth field goals of the game, Oklahoma State would have owned the lead in the fourth quarter and been tied after Hubbard's late score.

"We kick too many field goals. I'd rather punch it in," Gundy said. "I'd rather not talk about fakes." Texas: As good as the defense was the Longhorns players were limping or being carried off by the end.

A battered secondary lost starting cornerback Jalen Green to a dislocated shoulder when he tried to tackle Hubbard in the first half. Safety Caden Sterns, an All-Big 12 player last season, was limped off the fourth quarter with a knee injury and later left the field on a cart. Herman said he'll get further tests Sunday.

Texas has an open date next weekend with some time to heal bumps and bruises if not too serious.

"Winning's hard," Herman said. "We need this bye week in the worst way to hopefully get some guys healthy."

HOLDING DOWN HUBBARD

Texas's speed on the edges chased Hubbard all night and a strong push up the middle disrupted him on short yardage plays. Herman said the game plan was to "squeeze" everything Hubbard ran toward the middle of the field.

"I need to do a better job fighting for those yards, breaking tackles, finding the holes," Hubbard said.

POLL POSITION

Texas is likely moving up. The two teams right ahead of the Longhorns, No. 10 Utah and No. 11 Michigan, both lost, and so did No. 7 Notre Dame.

TRICK PLAY TOUCHDOWN

Oklahoma State had just retaken the lead in the third quarter when Texas responded with a trick play touchdown. Ehlinger's fourth scoring toss of the night came on a play that started with a hand-off to Ingram, who pitched it to slot receiver Jake Smith, who pitched it back to Ehlinger.

All that was left was an easy, 25-yard toss to wide open tight end Cade Brewer for a 28-23 Texas lead.

"That was just installed this week," Ehlinger said.

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OKST	3	17	3	7	30
TEX	0	21	7	8	36

Scoring Summary -----

	OKST	TEX
FIRST QUARTER		
OKST FG 9:12 Matt Ammendola 20 Yd Field Goal		0
13 plays, 76 yards, 5:48	3	
SECOND QUARTER		
TEX TD 14:53 Devin Duvernay 6 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)		7
9 plays, 66 yards, 3:46	3	
TEX TD 12:42 Jake Smith 17 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)		14
3 plays, 28 yards, 1:23	3	
OKST FG 9:21 Matt Ammendola 43 Yd Field Goal		14
8 plays, 49 yards, 3:21	6	
OKST TD 3:07 Spencer Sanders 7 Yd Run (Matt Ammendola Kick)		14
6 plays, 70 yards, 2:17	13	
TEX TD 2:09 Brennan Eagles 73 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)		21
4 plays, 84 yards, 0:58	13	
OKST TD 0:11 Chuba Hubbard 1 Yd Run (Matt Ammendola Kick)		21
4 plays, 15 yards, 0:34	20	
THIRD QUARTER		
OKST FG 8:02 Matt Ammendola 27 Yd Field Goal		21
11 plays, 74 yards, 3:44	23	
TEX TD 5:30 Cade Brewer 25 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)		28
7 plays, 75 yards, 2:32	23	
FOURTH QUARTER		
TEX TD 11:44 Roschon Johnson 2 Yd Run (Sam Ehlinger Pass to Roschon Johnson for Two-Point Conversion)		36
6 plays, 73 yards, 2:19	23	
OKST TD 1:37 Chuba Hubbard 13 Yd Run (Matt Ammendola Kick)		36
7 plays, 46 yards, 2:07	30	

Team Stats	OKST	TEX
First Downs	26	26
Passes for First	11	12
Rushes for First	12	12
Penalties for First	3	2
Third Down Efficiency	9-19	8-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-2	0-1
Total Yards	494	498
Total Plays	89	71
Avg Gain Per Play	5.6	7.0
Net Yards Rushing	226	217
Rushes	56	43
Yards Per Rush	4.0	5.0
Net Yards Passing	268	281
Comp-Att	19-33	20-28
Yards Per Pass	8.1	10.0
Times Sacked	2	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-6	0
Interceptions	2	1
Punts	4	4
Punt Average	33.5	34.0
Penalties	9	6
Penalty Yards	69	65
Fumbles	2	2
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Time of Poss	29:19	30:41

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
OKLAHOMA ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Chuba Hubbard	37	121	3.3	2	13		
Spencer Sanders	18	109	6.1	1	33		
LD Brown	1	-4	-4.0	0	0		
TEXAS	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Keaontay Ingram	21	114	5.4	0	16		
Sam Ehlinger	10	70	7.0	0	29		
Roschon Johnson	9	30	3.3	1	14		
Jake Smith	1	8	8.0	0	8		
Team	2	-5	-2.5	0	0		
PASSING							
OKLAHOMA ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Spencer Sanders	19	32	268	8.4	0	2	72.2
Jake McClure	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
TEXAS	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Sam Ehlinger	20	28	281	10.0	4	1	88.6
RECEIVING							
OKLAHOMA ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Tylan Wallace	5	83	16.6	0	35		
Braydon Johnson	1	55	55.0	0	55		
Dillon Stoner	6	55	9.2	0	23		
Landon Wolf	2	29	14.5	0	23		
Jelani Woods	2	22	11.0	0	14		
Chuba Hubbard	2	14	7.0	0	8		
Jordan McCray	1	10	10.0	0	10		
TEXAS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Devin Duvernay	12	108	9.0	1	17		
Brennan Eagles	1	73	73.0	1	73		
Cade Brewer	2	29	14.5	1	25		
Keaontay Ingram	1	26	26.0	0	26		
Jake Smith	2	24	12.0	1	17		
Roschon Johnson	1	15	15.0	0	15		
Malcolm Epps	1	6	6.0	0	6		