

WEEK FOUR  
SMU at TCU

Pony Up: SMU beats No. 25 TCU 41-38, 1st 4-0 start since '84

FORT WORTH, Texas -- While SMU coach Sonny Dykes and new quarter-back Shane Buechele are focused on this season, they do understand the historical context of a win over longtime rival TCU that has the Mustangs 4-0 for the first time since 1984.

That was back in the old Southwest Conference days, only a few years from crippling sanctions that kept the Mustangs from even fielding a team in 1987 and 1988 after the NCAA's so-called death penalty. "I haven't been here 35 years. It's a big deal for our fans, and I get it," said Dykes, in his second season on the Hill-top after being an offensive analyst at TCU. "I don't try to get caught up in all of that stuff during the season, just because I think it's a bit of a distraction. ... Look, I appreciate winning."

Shane Buechele was 23-of-34 passing for 288 yards with two touchdowns and ran for another score as SMU held on to beat the 25th-ranked Horned Frogs 41-38 on Saturday, ending a seven-game losing streak in the 99th meeting between the schools.

"It's important for our fans to stay behind us. It's really important for those guys to have our back," said Buechele, the former Texas quarterback who is one of SMU's seven graduate transfers. "We have their back. We need to roll together as a team."

The Mustangs went ahead to stay after jumping ahead 15-0 in less than 10 minutes. They held on after true freshman Max Duggan's third touchdown pass of the second half for TCU with 3:37 left.

TCU (2-1) got the ball back after a three-and-out by SMU, including a third-down snap that Buechele wasn't ready for that resulted in a 23-yard loss. The Horned Frogs got the ball at the SMU 41, but Duggan's fourth-down pass never had a chance after TCU coach Gary Patterson opted against trying a 51-yard field goal attempt in the final minute.

Xavier Jones ran for 79 yards with a touchdown, and caught a 3-yard TD early in the fourth quarter for a 38-24 lead. That ended an 84-yard drive that started when TCU running back Sewo Olonilua lined up in wildcat formation on fourth-and-1 and was sacked for a 6-yard loss when he looked to pass.

Olonilua fumbled at TCU's 4 in the first quarter, giving SMU the ball back right after Buechele was stuffed for no gain on fourth-and-goal from the 1. That set up a 1-yard TD run by Jones.

"It's a simple thing. We got outplayed. We got outcoached," Patterson said.

Darius Anderson ran for 161 yards and two touchdowns for TCU. Duggan, after going 1-of-10 for 22 yards in the first half finished 16 of 36 for 188 yards and his three touchdowns. He didn't have an interception, but fumbled twice.

"It's hard. It's a tough loss," Anderson said. "We've got execute, do our job, make less mistakes."

HAT TOSS

On the same play Buechele had a pass intercepted in the end zone in the second quarter, the helmet of an SMU offensive lineman was ripped off his head by a defender and heaved from around the 30 to near the end zone. Dykes was livid that no penalty was called, and officials told him that they didn't see it.

"I just saw the helmet flying. I didn't see who threw it," Dykes said. "It went about 30 yards. ... Go try to do that sometimes and see how far you can throw a helmet. It was really impressive."

Anderson broke free for a 77-yard run on the next play, setting up his 3-yard TD to get TCU within 18-14.

THE TAKEAWAY

SMU: The Mustangs had lost the last seven in the series by an average margin of four touchdowns. Buechele, who was 0-2 against TCU with the Longhorns, has two big receivers in James Proche (10 catches, 66 yards, one touchdown) and Reggie Roberson Jr. (four catches, 122 yards), a former transfer from West Virginia.

TCU: Duggan finished strong, including two TD passes to Pro Wells. "We didn't win. That's how all quarterbacks get judged," Patterson said. Graduate transfer Alex Delton started the first two games. The Frogs were coming of a three-touchdown road win against Big Ten team Purdue, and had allowed only 209.5 total yards per game.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

TCU will fall out of the Top 25, a week after getting ranked and making it 15 seasons in a row to appear in the poll. SMU didn't get any votes in the AP poll last week, and hasn't been ranked since 1986.

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SMU	18	13	0	10	41
TCU	7	10	7	14	38

Scoring Summary -----

	SMU	TCU
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
SMU TD 13:42 Shane Buechele 4 Yd Run (Luke Hogan Kick)	7	0
5 plays, 65 yards, 1:18		
SMU TD 5:56 Xavier Jones 1 Yd Run (Ke'Mon Freeman Run for Two-Point Conversion)	15	0
3 plays, 4 yards, 1:06		
TCU TD 2:57 Darius Anderson 14 Yd Run (Jonathan Song Kick)	15	7
8 plays, 60 yards, 2:59		
SMU FG 0:00 Luke Hogan 38 Yd Field Goal	18	7
4 plays, 2 yards, 1:06		
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
TCU TD 13:05 Darius Anderson 3 Yd Run (Jonathan Song Kick)	18	14
2 plays, 80 yards, 0:44		
SMU TD 7:44 Ke'Mon Freeman 1 Yd Run (Luke Hogan PAT failed)	24	14
7 plays, 67 yards, 2:01		
TCU FG 3:28 Jonathan Song 29 Yd Field Goal	24	17
9 plays, 37 yards, 4:08		
SMU TD 0:13 James Proche 9 Yd pass from Shane Buechele (Russell Roberts Kick)	31	17
9 plays, 58 yards, 3:08		
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
TCU TD 7:09 Pro Wells 12 Yd pass from Max Duggan (Jonathan Song Kick)	31	24
4 plays, 23 yards, 1:27		
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
SMU TD 13:58 Xavier Jones 3 Yd pass from Shane Buechele (Russell Roberts Kick)	38	24
10 plays, 84 yards, 3:05		
TCU TD 9:43 Sewo Olonilua 5 Yd pass from Max Duggan (Jonathan Song Kick)	38	31
5 plays, 69 yards, 1:15		
SMU FG 6:36 Russell Roberts 32 Yd Field Goal	41	31
10 plays, 60 yards, 3:07		
TCU TD 3:37 Pro Wells 13 Yd pass from Max Duggan (Jonathan Song Kick)	41	38
12 plays, 77 yards, 2:50		

Team Stats	SMU	TCU
First Downs	16	23
Passes for First	8	11
Rushes for First	8	10
Penalties for First	0	2
Third Down Efficiency	9-20	8-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	0-2
Total Yards	406	424
Total Plays	82	78
Avg Gain Per Play	5.0	5.4
Net Yards Rushing	118	236
Rushes	48	42
Yards Per Rush	2.5	5.6
Net Yards Passing	288	188
Comp-Att	23-34	16-36
Yards Per Pass	8.5	5.2
Times Sacked	1	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-9	-22
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	6	4
Punt Average	39.5	41.5
Penalties	6	5
Penalty Yards	45	60
Fumbles	1	6
Fumbles Lost	0	3
Time of Poss	29:55	30:05

Individual Stats

RUSHING

SMU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Xavier Jones	19	79	4.2	1	23
Shane Buechele	9	30	3.3	1	16
Ke'Mon Freeman	10	27	2.7	1	8
TJ McDaniel	5	7	1.4	0	8
Reggie Roberson Jr.	1	1	1.0	0	1
William Brown	1	1	1.0	0	1
Team	3	-27	-9.0	0	0
TCU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Darius Anderson	19	161	8.5	2	77
Jalen Reagor	1	29	29.0	0	29
Derius Davis	1	19	19.0	0	19
Emari Demercado	4	10	2.5	0	5
Sewo Olonilua	5	7	1.4	0	4
Max Duggan	11	7	0.6	0	11
Alex Delton	1	3	3.0	0	3

PASSING

SMU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Shane Buechele	23/34	288	8.5	2	1	64.0	
TCU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Max Duggan	16/36	188	5.2	3	0	39.2	

RECEIVING

SMU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Reggie Roberson Jr.	4	122	30.5	0	44
Kylen Granson	4	83	20.8	0	46
James Proche	10	66	6.6	1	11
Xavier Jones	4	14	3.5	1	4
Myron Gailliard	1	3	3.0	0	3
TCU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Dylan Thomas	4	70	17.5	0	30
Darius Anderson	2	32	16.0	0	32
Pro Wells	2	25	12.5	2	13
Artayvious Lynn	2	24	12.0	0	14
Te'Vailance Hunt	2	19	9.5	0	10
John Stephens Jr.	1	11	11.0	0	11
Sewo Olonilua	1	5	5.0	1	5
Jalen Reagor	2	2	1.0	0	2