

WEEK SIX
OKLAHOMA at KANSAS

Hurts provides 4 TDs as No. 6 Sooners beat Jayhawks, 45-20

LAWRENCE, Kan. -- Oklahoma's Lincoln Riley was dissecting his team's latest easy victory, this time a 45-20 blowout of Kansas, when he was interrupted by the sound of a toilet flushing in the nearby visiting locker room.

"That's what they thought of my play-calling," Riley said with a sardonic grin. It wasn't that bad, coach. Heisman Trophy hopeful Jalen Hurts threw for 228 yards and two touchdowns while running for two more. Rhamondre Stevenson added 109 yards rushing and a score on just five carries. And the sixth-ranked Sooners (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) still ripped off seven straight scores to put the game away early.

Not to mention allow them to cruise to their 22nd straight true road win, the second-longest streak since at least World War II in major college football. Bud Wilkinson's Sooners won 25 from 1953-58.

"Every team in the country circles our team and the offense and we like that," said Riley, whose Sooners had 545 yards. "What's exciting is you see glimpses of what it can be, and it's on us to turn those glimpses into longer stretches of dominant play."

It might take some better play in next weekend's Red River Show-down with No. 11 Texas.

"I know that's always a hot topic on the outside," Riley said, "but that wasn't mentioned before the game, not one time. Maybe we didn't handle the early start, whatever it was. But we can do better."

Carter Stanley threw for 230 yards and three touchdowns for Kansas (2-4, 0-2), including a pair to Stephon Robinson, while sophomore running back Pooka Williams followed his breakthrough 252-yard rushing performance against the Sooners a year ago with 137 on Saturday.

"Our football team, I talked to them coming off the field. There's no hang-dog," Kansas coach Les Miles said. "They want to do what we set out to do. They're going get there. And it's going to be -- they are going to take the strides they need to have the success they want to have."

The rout most people anticipated didn't happen right from the start.

In fact, the Jayhawks outplayed the Sooners throughout most of the first quarter.

They had forced a punt but were pinned at their goal line midway through the quarter when Stanley marched them 98 yards. And when the senior quarterback lofted a pass to Daylon Charlot for a 22-yard TD, the home fans that stuck out a 30-minute lightning delay cheered the 7-0 lead.

"There's still improvement," Miles said afterward. "You can see it."

Hurts and the Sooners eventually got on track, though.

They answered the touchdown with one of their own when Trey Sermon plunged in from 2 yards out. Hurts added a TD run of his own, then found CeeDee Lamb just before halftime to give Oklahoma a 21-7 lead.

Hurts kept adding to his impressive stat line after the break.

He ran for 36 yards, completed both of his passes and scored a TD to cap an 84-yard drive, then ran for 53 yards before hitting Sermons with a 15-yard touchdown pass.

Stevenson ripped off a 61-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter to punctuate the win.

Still, it wasn't a perfect performance by the Sooners.

They had a long punt return TD brought back by a penalty, and Hurts threw his first interception of the season in the fourth quarter. And while the Oklahoma defense held the Jayhawks in check outside of their long touchdown drive, new coordinator Alex Grinch's bunch failed to produce a turnover.

It was still plenty good enough to remain unbeaten as the Sooners set their sights on Dallas.

"Early on we left them off the hook in some situational deals," Grinch said, "and our inability to finish changes your outlook in the postgame news conference."

QUOTEABLE

"It took us a little while to get on track, then we had a really nice surge there end of the first half, even despite a couple of really, really dumb calls by me that set us back." -- Riley.

THE TAKEAWAY

Oklahoma could be forgiven for getting off to a slow start. Lightning delayed kickoff, and periods of heavy rain hurt an already sparse crowd that contributed to a sleepy atmosphere.

Kansas was battered so soundly by TCU last week that fans were bracing for the worst, but coach Les Miles at least kept his team in the game into the second half. That constitutes progress in Lawrence.

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OKLA	7	14	14	10	45
KU	7	0	0	13	20

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER		OKLA	KU
KU TD 3:35 Daylon Charlot 22 Yd pass from Carter Stanley (Liam Jones Kick)			
9 plays, 98 yards, 5:14		0	7
OKLA TD 1:26 Trey Sermon 2 Yd Run (Gabe Brkic Kick)			
6 plays, 77 yards, 2:09		7	7
SECOND QUARTER		OKLA	KU
OKLA TD 7:51 Jalen Hurts 1 Yd Run (Gabe Brkic Kick)			
7 plays, 59 yards, 2:57		14	7
OKLA TD 0:31 CeeDee Lamb 10 Yd pass from Jalen Hurts (Gabe Brkic Kick)			
1 play, 10 yards, 0:05		21	7
THIRD QUARTER		OKLA	KU
OKLA TD 10:19 Jalen Hurts 5 Yd Run (Gabe Brkic Kick)			
10 plays, 84 yards, 4:41		28	7
OKLA TD 6:18 Trey Sermon 15 Yd pass from Jalen Hurts (Gabe Brkic Kick)			
7 plays, 83 yards, 2:52		35	7
FOURTH QUARTER		OKLA	KU
OKLA TD 10:45 Rhamondre Stevenson 61 Yd Run (Gabe Brkic Kick)			
1 play, 61 yards, 0:13		42	7
KU TD 9:35 Stephon Robinson Jr. 39 Yd pass from Carter Stanley (Liam Jones Kick)			
2 plays, 75 yards, 1:10		42	14
OKLA FG 4:47 Gabe Brkic 32 Yd Field Goal			
10 plays, 60 yards, 4:48		45	14
KU TD 2:46 Stephon Robinson Jr. 24 Yd pass from Carter Stanley (Liam Jones PAT failed)			
6 plays, 70 yards, 2:01		45	20

Team Stats	OKLA	KU
First Downs	29	18
Passes for First	15	11
Rushes for First	11	5
Penalties for First	3	2
Third Down Efficiency	6-9	6-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-2
Total Yards	545	360
Total Plays	66	60
Avg Gain Per Play	8.3	6.0
Net Yards Rushing	268	130
Rushes	37	32
Yards Per Rush	7.2	4.1
Net Yards Passing	277	230
Comp-Att	20-29	18-28
Yards Per Pass	9.6	8.2
Times Sacked	1	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-8	-21
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	2	5
Punt Average	50.0	43.0
Penalties	8	9
Penalty Yards	89	82
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	29:31	30:29

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
OKLAHOMA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Rhamondre Stevenson	5	109	21.8	1	61		
Trey Sermon	11	71	6.5	1	24		
Jalen Hurts	10	56	5.6	2	24		
T.J. Pledger	3	30	10.0	0	12		
Marcus Major	4	15	3.8	0	0		
Tanner Mordecai	2	7	3.5	0	8		
Brayden Willis	1	0	0.0	0	0		
CeeDee Lamb	1	-20	-20.0	0	0		
KANSAS	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Pooka Williams Jr.	23	137	6.0	0	36		
Velton Gardner	3	5	1.7	0	4		
Carter Stanley	6	-12	-2.0	0	4		

PASSING

OKLAHOMA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jalen Hurts	16	24	228	9.5	2	1	92.2
Tanner Mordecai	3	4	28	7.0	0	0	76.4
Nick Basquine	1	1	21	21.0	0	0	96.4
KANSAS	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Carter Stanley	18	28	230	8.2	3	0	50.0

RECEIVING

OKLAHOMA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Brayden Willis	2	38	19.0	0	20
Nick Basquine	2	32	16.0	0	24
Jeremiah Hall	2	28	14.0	0	17
Jadon Haselwood	2	26	13.0	0	15
CeeDee Lamb	2	25	12.5	1	15
Jalen Hurts	1	21	21.0	0	21
Trey Sermon	2	20	10.0	1	15
Lee Morris	1	19	19.0	0	19
Grant Calcaterra	1	19	19.0	0	19
Trejan Bridges	2	19	9.5	0	14
Rhamondre Stevenson	1	11	11.0	0	11
Charleston Rambo	1	10	10.0	0	10
Drake Stoops	1	9	9.0	0	9
KANSAS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Stephon Robinson Jr.	5	131	26.2	2	39
Andrew Parchment	4	45	11.3	0	12
Daylon Charlot	2	33	16.5	1	22
Pooka Williams Jr.	5	20	4.0	0	6
James Sosinski	1	6	6.0	0	6
Kwamie Lassiter II	1	-5	-5.0	0	0