

WEEK EIGHT
IOWA ST at TEXAS TECH

Purdy, Iowa State keep rolling in 34-24 win over Texas Tech

LUBBOCK, Texas -- Brock Purdy and the Iowa State Cyclones have been on quite a roll since late in the game that got away in their other trip to Texas.

Purdy threw for 378 yards and three touchdowns, freshman Breece Hall ran 75 yards for the first of his two scores and Iowa State took a big lead early in a 34-24 victory against Texas Tech on Saturday.

Purdy had 277 yards and all three of his scoring tosses for a 20-0 lead early in the second quarter, with two TDs to tight end Charlie Kolar, as the Cyclones (5-2, 3-1 Big 12) won their third straight game since losing at Baylor.

Iowa State was down 20-0 in that trip to Waco when Purdy engineered three fourth-quarter touchdowns for a one-point lead before the Bears drove to a field goal and a 23-21 win. The Cyclones responded with comfortable wins over TCU (49-24) and West Virginia (38-14).

“We lost our way a little bit in terms of the joy of playing football early in the season,” coach Matt Campbell said. “Somewhere along down 20-0 in Waco, we found our joy of playing football again. We’ll have to keep plugging away, and that’s hard.”

The Red Raiders (3-4, 1-3) extended their longest losing streak in the series with Iowa State to four, dropping their second in a row this season since beating Oklahoma State for the best victory so far under first-year coach Matt Wells.

Purdy was 15 of 17 and had the ball again in the second quarter with the 20-point lead when he threw three straight incompletions. The Red Raiders answered with a 6-yard TD run by SoRodorick Thompson, who scored twice.

Texas Tech opened the second half with a 15-play, 90-yard drive to a field goal to get within 20-10 before Hall slipped through a tackle while tiptoeing along the sideline on the next play. The long TD was upheld on review.

“When you play a team that’s as good as them, and the program that they’ve built and where they’re at, you can’t come out of the game and just spot them 20,” Wells said. “Obviously, we weren’t dialed in at the beginning enough.”

Purdy had quite a stretch of slightly more than two quarters in Texas, from the rally in the loss at Baylor to the first quarter-plus against the Red Raiders. The sophomore completed 27 of 33 passes for 456 yards with five TDs in that stretch.

“Right from the get-go, coach is like, ‘Yo, let’s go. Let’s get going from the first quarter, first drive, and not holding anything back,” Purdy said. “We did that I felt like today, did a great job of that.”

Hall added a punctuating 30-yard TD in the fourth quarter and finished with 183 yards rushing, his season high for the second straight week after going for 132 yards with three touchdowns against West Virginia.

Jett Duffey, coming off the first consecutive 350-plus-yard passing games for Texas Tech since Patrick Mahomes in 2016, was 40 of 52 for 239 yards with a mostly meaningless touchdown late.

SCRATCH THAT

There were two big plays in the second half that ended up not counting. First, Texas Tech cornerback DaMarcus Fields picked up a loose ball at the end of a run by Hall and ran it back 45 yards to the end zone. But replay showed Hall was down before the ball came out.

Iowa State’s La’Michael Pettway had a 62-yard catch-and-run score, but was flagged for pass interference for pushing off before the catch. Pettway had the other TD reception, a 17-yarder.

THE TAKEAWAY

Iowa State: The game played out in an eerily similar way to the Cyclones’ loss at Baylor. But the teams were reversed. This time Iowa State went up 20-0 instead of falling behind by the same score, then let Texas Tech back in the game the same way Baylor gave the Cyclones a chance three weeks ago. The big difference: Tech never got closer than 10.

Texas Tech: Iowa State missed a chance to put the game just about out of reach in the first half with two stalled drives that ended in missed field goals by Brayden Narveson. But the Red Raiders had an even bigger miss when they were down 10 early in the fourth quarter, with Trey Wolff going wide right from 42 yards.

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ISU	7	13	7	7	34
TTU	0	7	10	7	24

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER		ISU	TTU
ISU TD 4:58 Charlie Kolar 24 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley Kick)			
7 plays, 80 yards, 3:55		7	0
SECOND QUARTER		ISU	TTU
ISU TD 12:25 Charlie Kolar 6 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley Kick)			
11 plays, 80 yards, 5:21		14	0
ISU TD 10:12 La’Michael Pettway 17 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley PAT failed)			
2 plays, 78 yards, 0:52		20	0
TTU TD 3:35 SaRodorick Thompson 6 Yd Run (Trey Wolff Kick)			
11 plays, 69 yards, 3:51		20	7
THIRD QUARTER		ISU	TTU
TTU FG 8:45 Trey Wolff 22 Yd Field Goal			
15 plays, 90 yards, 6:15		20	10
ISU TD 8:32 Breece Hall 75 Yd Run (Connor Assalley Kick)			
1 play, 75 yards, 0:13		27	10
TTU TD 0:00 SaRodorick Thompson 2 Yd Run (Trey Wolff Kick)			
16 plays, 82 yards, 0:00		27	17
FOURTH QUARTER		ISU	TTU
ISU TD 5:54 Breece Hall 30 Yd Run (Connor Assalley Kick)			
3 plays, 75 yards, 1:22		34	17
TTU TD 1:28 T.J. Vasher 2 Yd pass from Jett Duffey (Trey Wolff Kick)			
13 plays, 73 yards, 4:26		34	24

Team Stats	ISU	TTU
First Downs	21	25
Passes for First	14	12
Rushes for First	6	11
Penalties for First	1	2
Third Down Efficiency	4-10	7-17
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-0
Total Yards	560	407
Total Plays	56	86
Avg Gain Per Play	10.0	4.7
Net Yards Rushing	182	168
Rushes	24	34
Yards Per Rush	7.6	4.9
Net Yards Passing	378	239
Comp-Att	23-32	40-52
Yards Per Pass	11.8	4.6
Times Sacked	1	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-5	0
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	3	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	6	6
Penalty Yards	51	60
Fumbles	0	2
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	27:45	32:15

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
IOWA ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Breece Hall	19	183	9.6	2	75		
Brock Purdy	3	7	2.3	0	4		
Team	1	-4	-4.0	0	0		
Kene Nwangwu	1	-4	-4.0	0	0		
TEXAS TECH	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
SaRodorick Thompson	10	57	5.7	2	14		
Ta'Zhawn Henry	5	41	8.2	0	15		
Armand Shyne	9	41	4.6	0	8		
Jett Duffey	9	24	2.7	0	12		
Xavier Martin	1	5	5.0	0	5		
PASSING							
IOWA ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Brock Purdy	23	32	378	11.8	3	1	87.9
TEXAS TECH	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jett Duffey	40	52	239	4.6	1	0	51.4
RECEIVING							
IOWA ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Tarique Milton	4	98	24.5	0	44		
Charlie Kolar	3	79	26.3	2	49		
Breece Hall	3	73	24.3	0	61		
Deshaunte Jones	7	51	7.3	0	10		
La'Michael Pettway	4	41	10.3	1	17		
Dylan Soehner	1	19	19.0	0	19		
Sean Shaw Jr.	1	17	17.0	0	17		
TEXAS TECH	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
R.J. Turner	11	76	6.9	0	16		
Erik Ezukanma	7	62	8.9	0	25		
T.J. Vasher	5	36	7.2	1	9		
Dalton Rigdon	3	20	6.7	0	9		
Ta'Zhawn Henry	3	11	3.7	0	5		
McLane Mannix	2	9	4.5	0	5		
Armand Shyne	2	8	4.0	0	5		
KeSean Carter	1	6	6.0	0	6		
SaRodorick Thompson	5	6	1.2	0	4		
Xavier Martin	1	5	5.0	0	5		