

WEEK TWELVE
TCU at TEXAS TECH

Song’s fourth field goal pushes TCU past Texas Tech 33-31

LUBBOCK, Texas -- TCU’s seesaw win at Texas Tech on Saturday proved there’s no place like the road in this Big 12 rivalry, thanks in great measure to a fittingly uncharacteristic first quarter for both teams.

Jonathan Song’s fourth field goal, a 20-yarder with 5:38 to play, gave the Horned Frogs a 33-31 win in a battle of teams fighting to earn bowl eligibility. TCU needed the kick after squandering multiple 17-point leads in the first half.

Since this rivalry resumed in 2012 when the Frogs joined the Big 12, the road team is 6-2.

TCU (5-5, 3-4 Big 12) scored in double digits in the first quarter for the first time since Sept. 28. Conversely, Texas Tech (4-6, 2-5) had outscored previous opponents 72-27 in the first quarter this season before falling behind 17-0 after one period.

“To win on the road, that’s what you’ve got to do,” coach Gary Patterson said.

He wasn’t as pleased with his team’s finish.

“The defense tried to screw it up,” Patterson said. “But we got the last two stops, and that’s what mattered.”

Texas Tech’s final possession after the field goal lasted one play. TCU’s Vernon Scott forced a fumble by McLane Mannix, recovered by Trevon Moehrig at the Red Raiders’ 29-yard line.

“Coach said we had to make a play,” Scott said. “So I just put my hand on the ball, and it came out.”

Song’s final field goal was the third lead change of the fourth quarter in a game that TCU led 24-3. He also hit from 36, 28 and 25 yards. His winning kick came after a 4-yard touchdown pass from Max Duggan to Jalen Reagor was called back because of a pick penalty.

Trey Wolff’s 24-yard field goal with 12:21 put Tech ahead 31-30.

Duggan passed for 323 yards and accounted for all three touchdowns. He threw touchdown passes of 55 yards to Reagor and 4 yards to Artayvious Lynn and ran for a 20-yard touchdown on the game’s first possession.

Tech’s Jett Duffey threw for 333 yards and four touchdowns: 70 and 32 yards to R.J. Turner, 33 yards to Erik Ezukanma and 26 yards to Dalton Rigdon.

Patterson said Tech frequently passed out of what previously this season were running formations.

The Red Raiders were unsuccessful on two 2-point tries beginning in the third quarter after Wolff missed a PAT in the second quarter.

“That’s one of the earliest times I’ve ever started going for two,” Texas Tech coach Matt Wells said, “but at that point, we weren’t stopping them on defense. I thought this thing was going to keep going like a tennis match.”

The Red Raiders rushed for a season-low 69 yards with Duffey running for 42. Running backs SaRodorick Thompson and Ta-Zhawn Henry combined for 27 yards on nine carries.

Tech running back Armand Shyne was lost for the season two weeks ago, and Wells said Thompson and Henry both played hurt.

Dalton was helped to the locker room in the third quarter on a tackle that resulted in a targeting ejection on Jeff Gladney. Tech’s Jordyn Brooks, the leading tackler in the FBS, left in the first quarter with an upper-body injury.

WHOSE CATCH IS IT ANYWAY?

Rigdon was awarded with the 26-yard TD catch after he and R.J. Turner came down with the ball together. Duffey wasn’t picky about who got the credit.

“I knew someone would come up with it,” Duffey said.

NOTES

TCU was plus-2 in turnover margin after going minus-4 in its previous two games, losses to Oklahoma State and Baylor. . . Frogs receiver Taye Barber had career highs with eight catches and 137 yards. . . Tech played its second straight game without leading receiver T.J. Vasher (37 catches, 473 yards), on suspension for an unspecified violation of team rules.

THE TAKEAWAY

TCU: The Frogs’ defense, which went into play ranked first in the Big 12, is 10 for 10 in holding opponents below their total offense average. Texas Tech went into the game averaging 478.6 yards and gained 402.

Texas Tech: With two conference games remaining, the Red Raiders are assured of their 10th straight losing Big 12 record.

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TCU	17	10	0	6	33
TTU	0	16	12	3	31

Scoring Summary -----

	TCU	TTU
FIRST QUARTER		
TCU TD 9:46 Max Duggan 20 Yd Run (Jonathan Song Kick)		
10 plays, 75 yards, 5:14	7	0
TCU FG 7:12 Jonathan Song 36 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 27 yards, 2:05	10	0
TCU TD 0:59 Artayvious Lynn 4 Yd pass from Max Duggan (Jonathan Song Kick)		
9 plays, 83 yards, 4:28	17	0
SECOND QUARTER		
TTU FG 12:55 Trey Wolff 36 Yd Field Goal		
12 plays, 57 yards, 3:04	17	3
TCU TD 11:42 Jalen Reagor 55 Yd pass from Max Duggan (Jonathan Song Kick)		
3 plays, 69 yards, 1:13	24	3
TTU TD 10:15 Dalton Rigdon 26 Yd pass from Jett Duffey (Trey Wolff Kick)		
4 plays, 37 yards, 1:27	24	10
TTU TD 1:55 R.J. Turner 70 Yd pass from Jett Duffey (Trey Wolff PAT failed)		
2 plays, 68 yards, 0:32	24	16
TCU FG 0:02 Jonathan Song 28 Yd Field Goal		
14 plays, 58 yards, 1:53	27	16
THIRD QUARTER		
TTU TD 13:19 R.J. Turner 32 Yd pass from Jett Duffey (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed)		
5 plays, 67 yards, 1:41	27	22
TTU TD 13:19 J. Duffey pass,to R. Turner for 3 yds for a TD,TCU pen-alty, Defensive holding (Yards) declined		
5 plays, 67 yards, 1:41	27	22
TTU TD 5:05 Erik Ezukanma 33 Yd pass from Jett Duffey (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)		
4 plays, 51 yards, 1:03	27	28
FOURTH QUARTER		
TCU FG 14:56 Jonathan Song 25 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 68 yards, 5:09	30	28
TTU FG 12:21 Trey Wolff 24 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 69 yards, 2:35	30	31
TCU FG 5:38 Jonathan Song 20 Yd Field Goal		
13 plays, 69 yards, 6:43	33	31

Team Stats	TCU	TTU
First Downs	28	16
Passes for First	15	10
Rushes for First	12	5
Penalties for First	1	1
Third Down Efficiency	15-24	5-11
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	0-0
Total Yards	549	401
Total Plays	95	51
Avg Gain Per Play	5.8	7.9
Net Yards Rushing	226	69
Rushes	53	18
Yards Per Rush	4.3	3.8
Net Yards Passing	323	332
Comp-Att	25-42	19-33
Yards Per Pass	7.7	10.1
Times Sacked	1	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-5	-23
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	5	4
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	7	5
Penalty Yards	60	46
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Time of Poss	43:26	16:34

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
TCU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Darius Anderson	19	87	4.6	0	14		
Max Duggan	18	75	4.2	1	26		
Sewo Olonilua	11	63	5.7	0	26		
Taye Barber	1	8	8.0	0	8		
Jalen Reagor	1	5	5.0	0	5		
Team	3	-12	-4.0	0	0		
TEXAS TECH	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Jett Duffey	9	42	4.7	0	14		
SaRodorick Thompson	6	19	3.2	0	6		
Ta'Zhawn Henry	3	8	2.7	0	5		
PASSING							
TCU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Max Duggan	25/42	323	7.7	2	0	0	75.7
TEXAS TECH	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jett Duffey	19/33	333	10.1	4	1	0	67.6
RECEIVING							
TCU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Taye Barber	8	137	17.1	0	43		
Jalen Reagor	3	83	27.7	1	55		
John Stephens Jr.	3	40	13.3	0	19		
Derius Davis	2	20	10.0	0	11		
Te'Vailance Hunt	2	17	8.5	0	13		
Sewo Olonilua	3	15	5.0	0	6		
Darius Anderson	3	7	2.3	0	3		
Artayvious Lynn	1	4	4.0	1	4		
TEXAS TECH	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
R.J. Turner	3	116	38.7	2	70		
Erik Ezukanma	4	91	22.8	1	51		
Dalton Rigdon	4	75	18.8	1	29		
McLane Mannix	3	20	6.7	0	11		
Donta Thompson	1	17	17.0	0	17		
SaRodorick Thompson	3	11	3.7	0	8		
Ta'Zhawn Henry	1	3	3.0	0	3		