

WEEK TWELVE
TEXAS at IOWA ST

Assalley’s 36-yard FG gives Iowa State 23-21 win over Texas

AMES, Iowa -- For two teams used to seeing games come down to the final play, it was fitting that Iowa State and Texas left it all up to a kicker.

Connor Assalley drilled the field goal of his life, sending the Cyclones home a rare winner over the Longhorns.

Assalley kicked a 36-yarder as time expired and Iowa State knocked off 22nd-ranked Texas 23-21 on Saturday to snap a two-game losing streak.

Brock Purdy had 354 yards passing and two TDs, and he led the Cyclones (6-4, 4-3 Big 12) 63 yards in three minutes to set up Assalley’s winner.

Iowa State, a favorite over Texas for the first time, picked up just their third win over the Longhorns (6-4, 4-3) in 17 tries despite blowing a 13-point lead.

“They continue to fight when I think everyone has written us off at times,” Iowa State coach Matt Campbell said. “Our kids just keep playing.”

Iowa State’s Brayden Narveson missed an apparent 42-yard field goal with 2:12 to go. But Texas was called for being offside and the Cyclones were awarded a first down by inches.

The Cyclones -- who have lost twice by a point in 2019 -- elected to play for the field goal. Assalley rewarded Campbell’s faith in him with a no-doubter right down the middle.

Sam Ehlinger gave Texas a 21-20 lead with a brilliant 7-yard TD pass to Malcom Epps on fourth down with 5:37 to go. But the Cyclones stuffed the Longhorns on their next possession, giving Purdy one more chance.

“My mindset was we were going to have to go back on to the field,” Ehlinger said after the Longhorns’ final score. “We were celebrating that one too much. We did and couldn’t get a first down.”

Ehlinger had 273 yards and three TDs for Texas, losers of three of its last five. The Longhorns sealed their last two victories, over Kansas and Kansas State, with game-winning kicks with no time left.

Texas ran the ball 26 times for 54 yards, with backs Roschon Johnson and Keaontay Ingram combining for 27 yards.

“Obviously a really, really poor performance by our offense the first two quarters,” Texas coach Tom Herman said. “Not being able to run the ball the way we thought we would be able to was the biggest difference.”

THE TAKEAWAY

Texas: Give Texas credit for rallying from down 20-7 -- and Ehlinger was his usual brilliant self. But a lack of production for nearly the entire first half came back to bite the Longhorns. “I was proud of the offense for continuing to fight and not giving up. But it was too little, too late,” Herman said.

Iowa State: The Cyclones also lost to Baylor 23-21 on a field goal to end the game and lost at Oklahoma by a point last week in Norman after going for two with less than 30 seconds left. Luck, which had gone largely against Iowa State in 2019, finally broke the Cyclones’ way.

PIVOTAL MOMENT

After letting the Longhorns drive 75 yards in just 30 seconds to make it 10-7 before the break, Iowa State started the second half with the ball. Texas broke through the Cyclones’ line, only to watch Purdy scramble left and throw back toward the right to Jones, who was open by about 20 yards downfield. Jones cruised in for the score to make it 17-7 Iowa State just one play into the third quarter. “I just threw my hand up. Luckily he saw that,” Jones said. Purdy “just threw the ball up and the rest is history.”

GIVE TEXAS SOME CREDIT

The Longhorns found themselves in a 2nd-and-35 midway through the fourth quarter -- and Ehlinger got them 56 yards on their next two plays. Texas went 89 yards on that drive, which finished on Ehlinger’s go-ahead TD toss to Epps. Ehlinger was also crucial on the drive that got Texas to within 10-7 at halftime, going 4 for 5 and hitting Brennan Eagles for a score from 14 yards out. Eagles dragged his foot just inside the end zone on a play that was changed to a touchdown upon review.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

It’s hard to see Texas maintaining its spot in the Top 25 on Sunday. Iowa State might even be the team that replaces the Longhorns.

HE SAID IT

“I think it’s so fun...you’re watching the evolution of someone special,” Campbell said of Purdy, who now owns the school’s single-season record with 22 touchdown passes. “The moment has never been too big for Brock.”

Final	1	2	3	4	T
TEX	0	7	0	14	21
ISU	7	3	10	3	23

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER	TEX	ISU
ISU TD 10:44 Charlie Kolar 2 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley Kick)		
8 plays, 59 yards, 3:01	0	7
SECOND QUARTER	TEX	ISU
ISU FG 0:47 Connor Assalley 35 Yd Field Goal		
15 plays, 67 yards, 4:41	0	10
TEX TD 0:17 Brennan Eagles 14 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)		
5 plays, 75 yards, 0:30	7	10
THIRD QUARTER	TEX	ISU
ISU TD 14:46 Deshaunte Jones 75 Yd pass from Brock Purdy (Connor Assalley Kick)		
1 play, 75 yards, 0:14	7	17
ISU FG 12:09 Brayden Narveson 48 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 35 yards, 2:17	7	20
FOURTH QUARTER	TEX	ISU
TEX TD 14:50 Keaontay Ingram 22 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)		
10 plays, 80 yards, 2:50	14	20
TEX TD 5:37 Malcolm Epps 7 Yd pass from Sam Ehlinger (Cameron Dicker Kick)		
15 plays, 89 yards, 6:43	21	20
ISU FG 0:00 Connor Assalley 36 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 63 yards, 3:00	21	23

Team Stats	TEX	ISU
First Downs	16	26
Passes for First	13	18
Rushes for First	2	6
Penalties for First	1	2
Third Down Efficiency	6-17	3-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	0-2
Total Yards	327	466
Total Plays	66	79
Avg Gain Per Play	5.0	5.9
Net Yards Rushing	54	112
Rushes	26	30
Yards Per Rush	2.1	3.7
Net Yards Passing	273	354
Comp-Att	22-40	30-49
Yards Per Pass	6.8	7.2
Times Sacked	2	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-5	-2
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	9	5
Punt Average	40.7	39.6
Penalties	6	3
Penalty Yards	55	25
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	27:25	32:35

Individual Stats

RUSHING						
TEXAS	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
Sam Ehlinger	12	27	2.3	0	10	
Roschon Johnson	6	18	3.0	0	5	
Keaontay Ingram	8	9	1.1	0	7	
IOWA ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
Breece Hall	24	101	4.2	0	20	
Brock Purdy	4	8	2.0	0	10	
Johnnie Lang	1	5	5.0	0	5	
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	
PASSING						
TEXAS	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int
Sam Ehlinger	22	40	273	6.8	3	0
IOWA ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int
Brock Purdy	30	48	354	7.4	2	1
Blake Clark	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
RECEIVING						
TEXAS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
Devin Duvernay	9	107	11.9	0	26	
Brennan Eagles	4	84	21.0	1	33	
Keaontay Ingram	4	45	11.3	1	22	
Roschon Johnson	2	17	8.5	0	12	
Malcolm Epps	2	13	6.5	1	7	
Al’Vonte Woodard	1	7	7.0	0	7	
IOWA ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
Deshaunte Jones	7	144	20.6	1	75	
La’Michael Pettway	8	100	12.5	0	22	
Charlie Kolar	5	34	6.8	1	12	
Sean Shaw Jr.	3	31	10.3	0	12	
Tarique Milton	3	20	6.7	0	8	
Chase Allen	1	10	10.0	0	10	
Landen Akers	1	7	7.0	0	7	
Dylan Soehner	1	6	6.0	0	6	
Breece Hall	1	2	2.0	0	2	