

WEEK TWELVE
KENTUCKY at VANDERBILT

Kentucky rushes past Vanderbilt, keeps bowl hopes alive

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Mark Stoops wasn't sure how his team would respond after suffering a disappointing loss to Tennessee the previous week.

He found out Saturday.

Kentucky rushed for a season-high 401 yards and kept its bowl hopes alive with a 38-14 win over Vanderbilt.

"We faced some adversity last week -- tough game," said Stoops, the Wildcats coach. "Sometimes that can linger. It did not this week as you can tell."

Lynn Bowden and Chris Rodriguez both rushed for over 100 yards for the Wildcats (5-5, 3-5 Southeastern Conference).

Rodriguez led the way, rushing for 129 yards and two touchdowns. Bowden, in his fifth game at quarterback since moving over from wide receiver, added 110 yards rushing and one TD.

"It's just confidence in your teammates and pushing to get to the end zone," Bowden said. "Once I see the end zone and once my teammates see the end zone, we try to get to the end zone as fast as we can."

Kavosiey Smoke rushed for 95 yards and one TD for the Wildcats in a matchup between two teams in the bottom of the SEC's Eastern Division.

The Wildcats scored 35 consecutive points after falling behind by 11 early in the game.

It was the largest margin of victory in the series since 2001.

"This is a game of momentum and I thought we created some early," Commodores coach Derek Mason said. "But today we just got out-physicaled on both sides of the ball up front and we lost the line of scrimmage. Didn't tackle very well. I thought they ran through tackles, through arm tackles and just extended drives and plays."

Kentucky ramblled for a season-high 528 yards in total offense and nearly doubled Vanderbilt in time of possession.

Vanderbilt (2-8, 1-6) scored two touchdowns in 45 seconds to take a 14-3 lead in the first quarter.

Ke'Shawn Vaughn scored on a 5-yard run with 5:21 left in the first quarter and two plays from scrimmage later cornerback Allan George raced to the end zone on a 67-yard fumble return to extend the Commodores' early lead.

"It would be easy for the guys to panic if they didn't have confidence in what we were going to do because, let's face it, we are methodical right now and there aren't a ton of explosive plays," Stoops said. "When you go down 14-3 if you're not a team that has confidence in what we're doing, you could flinch right there because you know points have been hard, but that wasn't the case."

Kentucky's methodical offense marched down the field for 30 first downs and Vanderbilt mustered only 13.

THE TAKEAWAY

Kentucky: The Wildcats need a home win over Tennessee-Martin or Louisville in their last two games to become bowl eligible for the fourth straight season.

Vanderbilt: The loss puts more pressure on coach Derek Mason, whose only wins this season were against Missouri and Northern Illinois.

GROWING UP

Rodriguez and Smoke, both redshirt freshmen, made impressive strides running the ball. "I noticed it today: a little bit of growth," Stoops said. "Some of the runs they made today, I haven't necessarily always seen. You've seen flashes, you've seen them do some really good things, but today I saw a couple runs they kind of took over -- pretty determined, tough runs. And also they showed some really athletic plays."

NUMBERS GAME

Vanderbilt linebacker Dimitri Moore had a career-high 12 tackles.

Vaughn moved into eighth in Commodores career rushing with over 2,100 yards.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
UK	3	21	14	0	38
VAN	14	0	0	0	14

Scoring Summary -----

	UK	VAN
FIRST QUARTER		
UK FG 9:48 Chance Poore 32 Yd Field Goal		
5 plays, 30 yards, 2:48	3	0
VAN TD 5:21 Ke'Shawn Vaughn 5 Yd Run (Ryley Guay Kick)		7
8 plays, 75 yards, 4:27	3	7
VAN TD 4:36 Allan George 67 Yd Fumble Return (Ryley Guay Kick)		14
2 plays, 42 yards, 0:45	3	14
SECOND QUARTER		
UK TD 14:14 Kavosiey Smoke 3 Yd Run (Chance Poore Kick)		14
11 plays, 75 yards, 5:22	10	14
UK TD 8:07 Christopher Rodriguez Jr. 22 Yd Run (Chance Poore Kick)		14
9 plays, 82 yards, 4:20	17	14
UK TD 0:11 Josh Ali 14 Yd pass from Lynn Bowden Jr. (Chance Poore Kick)		14
13 plays, 75 yards, 6:55	24	14
THIRD QUARTER		
UK TD 11:54 Lynn Bowden Jr. 2 Yd Run (Chance Poore Kick)		14
6 plays, 75 yards, 3:06	31	14
UK TD 3:51 Christopher Rodriguez Jr. 27 Yd Run (Chance Poore Kick)		14
11 plays, 72 yards, 6:52	38	14

Team Stats	UK	VAN
First Downs	30	13
Passes for First	6	5
Rushes for First	22	6
Penalties for First	2	2
Third Down Efficiency	8-11	2-9
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	1-4
Total Yards	528	198
Total Plays	72	49
Avg Gain Per Play	7.3	4.0
Net Yards Rushing	401	108
Rushes	57	25
Yards Per Rush	7.0	4.3
Net Yards Passing	127	90
Comp-Att	11-15	11-24
Yards Per Pass	8.5	3.8
Times Sacked	0	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-2
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	1	3
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	11	5
Penalty Yards	91	42
Fumbles	2	2
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Time of Poss	38:39	21:21

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
KENTUCKY							
Christopher Rodriguez	15	129	8.6	2	27		
Lynn Bowden Jr.	17	110	6.5	1	17		
Kavosiey Smoke	15	95	6.3	1	21		
Asim Rose	4	67	16.8	0	49		
Walker Wood	2	12	6.0	0	8		
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0		
Travis Tisdale	1	-3	-3.0	0	0		
Sawyer Smith	2	-8	-4.0	0	1		
VANDERBILT							
Ke'Shawn Vaughn	12	58	4.8	1	12		
Keyon Brooks	6	30	5.0	0	13		
Kalija Lipscomb	1	22	22.0	0	22		
Riley Neal	4	14	3.5	0	9		
Mitchell Pryor	1	4	4.0	0	4		
Team	1	-20	-20.0	0	0		
PASSING							
	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
KENTUCKY							
Lynn Bowden Jr.	8	10	104	10.4	1	0	97.0
Sawyer Smith	2	4	16	4.0	0	0	8.6
Walker Wood	1	1	7	7.0	0	0	77.2
VANDERBILT							
Riley Neal	10	19	74	3.9	0	1	6.9
Cam Johnson	1	1	16	16.0	0	0	96.4
Allan Walters	0	4	0	0.0	0	0	1.8
RECEIVING							
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
KENTUCKY							
Clevan Thomas Jr.	2	45	22.5	0	40		
Kavosiey Smoke	1	28	28.0	0	28		
Josh Ali	3	27	9.0	1	14		
Bryce Oliver	2	18	9.0	0	11		
Keaton Upshaw	1	8	8.0	0	8		
Akeem Hayes	1	5	5.0	0	5		
Ahmad Wagner	1	-4	-4.0	0	0		
VANDERBILT							
Ben Bresnahan	2	32	16.0	0	22		
Cam Johnson	2	21	10.5	0	11		
Riley Neal	1	16	16.0	0	16		
Kalija Lipscomb	4	12	3.0	0	6		
Ke'Shawn Vaughn	2	9	4.5	0	7		