

WEEK FIFTEEN
BAYLOR vs OKLAHOMA

No. 6 Oklahoma beats No. 8 Baylor 30-23 in OT for B12 title

ARLINGTON, Texas -- No. 6 Oklahoma has done all it can, winning a fifth Big 12 title in a row with another close win over No. 8 Baylor.

Now the Sooners wait to see if they are going to get in back in the College Football Playoff. That is up to the selection committee, though it will be virtually impossible to keep Oklahoma from being one of those four teams.

"I hope they see the Big 12 champions. They've got a job to do, I get that," coach Lincoln Riley said after Oklahoma's 30-23 overtime win Saturday.

"We've had a job to do as a team ... and ultimately win the Big 12 championship," he said. "We've done that."

Rhamondre Stevenson had a 5-yard touchdown run in overtime, and then true freshman Jacob Zeno -- whose two long passes in the fourth quarter helped tie the game -- was under constant pressure when Baylor got its last chance.

A day after No. 5 Utah lost in the Pac-12 championship game, and before No. 4 Georgia fell 37-10 to No. 1 LSU in the SEC title game, Oklahoma (12-1, No. 6 CFP) became the first team in any league to win 10 conference championship games. It was the 13th Big 12 title overall for the Sooners, who went to the playoff three of the past four seasons.

It was the second time in four games that Oklahoma beat the Bears (11-2, No. 7 CFP), who in coach Matt Rhule's debut season two years ago lost 11 games with a depleted roster in the aftermath of a scandal that led to the firing of two-time Big 12 champion coach Art Briles.

Rhule said Oklahoma should be in the playoff regardless of any other results.

As for his team, Rhule told them to "feel that pain" of watching the Sooners celebrate.

"Let that drive you in the offseason," he said. "But at the same time, also understand what we've done."

The Bears tied the game after Zeno came in during the fourth quarter, the second quarterback used after starter Charlie Brewer left the game in the second quarter following a big hit he delivered on a defender.

There was an 81-yard catch-and-run touchdown by Treستان Ebner with 9:41 left in regulation and a 78-yarder to Chris Platt that set up John Mayers' 27-yarder with 3:25 left to make it 23-all.

"It's not supposed to be easy," Oklahoma quarterback Jalen Hurts said. After Oklahoma scored on three plays to start overtime, the Sooners put the heat on Zeno. He was sacked for a 10-yard loss, and then he was under duress again when he flung a game-ending pass that fell to the turf harmlessly. The Bears had only 105 total yards before the 81-yard TD pass in the fourth quarter by Zeno, who had played in only one game and was the scout team quarterback imitating Hurts in practice this week. They finished with 265. Hurts, who last year led Alabama's comeback win over Georgia in the SEC title game, was 17-of-24 passing for 278 yards and a touchdown. CeeDee Lamb had eight catches for 173 yards after missing the previous game against the Bears. Brewer was taken out of the game not long after bullying over a defender at the end of a 7-yard run early in the second quarter. He finished that series and played one more, apparently hitting his head on the ground when being sacked by Kenneth Murray, before Gerry Bohanon took over. Referee Mike Defee went to the sideline and asked Rhule to get Brewer checked out, because the ref said the quarterback "just seems a little bit out of it."

Bohanon directed Baylor on scoring drives on its last two possessions before halftime. He threw a 33-yard touchdown to Tyquan Thornton before a 28-yard field goal by Mayers put the Bears up 13-10 at halftime -- even with only 98 total yards. Three weeks after their biggest comeback ever, a 34-31 win at Baylor after a 25-point deficit, the Sooners jumped ahead 10-0 on the Bears. Lamb turned a short catch into a 71-yard gain to the 7 on Oklahoma's second drive, setting up Kennedy Brooks' 6-yard TD run. On the next drive, Lamb's 26-yard catch came before Gabe Brkic kicked the first of his three field goals -- he has made a school-record 17 in a row this season without a miss.

THE TAKEAWAY

Oklahoma: The Sooners are 10-1 in Big 12 championship games. They became the first Power Five team since Alabama from 1971-75 to win five consecutive outright conference titles. (Clemson had the chance to match that in the ACC on Saturday night). The 36-year-old Riley is 36-5 as head coach, with Big 12 titles in all three seasons since being promoted from offensive coordinator after Bob Stoops suddenly retired in the summer after winning his 10th Big 12 championship. Oklahoma has a 27-3 series advantage over the Bears, though this was the first game between them with both ranked in the Top 10.

Baylor: The 11 wins matched a school record, and Baylor still has a chance to break that in their bowl game. Rhule said while his Bears are disappointed with the loss, he knows they will be ready for their bowl.

Final	1	2	3	4	OT	T
BAY	0	13	0	10	0	23
OKLA	10	0	10	3	7	30

Scoring Summary -----

	BAY	OKLA
FIRST QUARTER		
OKLA TD 9:31 Kennedy Brooks 6 Yd Run (Gabe Brkic Kick)		
3 plays, 78 yards, 1:21	0	7
OKLA FG 4:51 Gabe Brkic 44 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 34 yards, 3:06	0	10
SECOND QUARTER	BAY	OKLA
BAY FG 10:20 John Mayers 44 Yd Field Goal		
4 plays, 3 yards, 1:25	3	10
BAY TD 2:59 Tyquan Thornton 33 Yd pass from Gerry Bohanon (John Mayers Kick)		
3 plays, 23 yards, 0:59	10	10
BAY FG 0:08 John Mayers 28 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 42 yards, 1:14	13	10
THIRD QUARTER	BAY	OKLA
OKLA FG 7:53 Gabe Brkic 24 Yd Field Goal		
11 plays, 63 yards, 5:39	13	13
OKLA TD 3:09 Nick Basquine 18 Yd pass from Jalen Hurts (Gabe Brkic Kick)		
8 plays, 74 yards, 3:46	13	20
FOURTH QUARTER	BAY	OKLA
OKLA FG 10:31 Gabe Brkic 24 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 43 yards, 4:43	13	23
BAY TD 9:41 Treستان Ebner 81 Yd pass from Jacob Zeno (John Mayers Kick)		
2 plays, 75 yards, 0:50	20	23
BAY FG 3:25 John Mayers 27 Yd Field Goal		
5 plays, 80 yards, 2:46	23	23
OVERTIME	BAY	OKLA
OKLA TD Rhamondre Stevenson 5 Yd Run (Gabe Brkic Kick)		
3 plays, 25 yards	23	30

Team Stats	BAY	OKLA
First Downs	8	21
Passes for First	4	11
Rushes for First	4	9
Penalties for First	0	1
Third Down Efficiency	3-15	6-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-0
Total Yards	265	433
Total Plays	56	74
Avg Gain Per Play	4.7	5.9
Net Yards Rushing	35	146
Rushes	29	50
Yards Per Rush	1.2	2.9
Net Yards Passing	230	287
Comp-Att	9-27	17-24
Yards Per Pass	8.5	12.0
Times Sacked	6	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-43	-24
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	8	6
Punt Average	38.8	41.2
Penalties	4	6
Penalty Yards	37	50
Fumbles	1	2
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Time of Poss	23:24	36:36

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
BAYLOR	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
John Lovett	3	19	6.3	0	12		
Gerry Bohanon	9	15	1.7	0	9		
JaMycal Hasty	3	12	4.0	0	13		
Treستان Ebner	4	4	1.0	0	8		
Charlie Brewer	6	-3	-0.5	0	7		
Jacob Zeno	4	-12	-3.0	0	2		
OKLAHOMA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Kennedy Brooks	17	59	3.5	1	13		
Rhamondre Stevenson	8	48	6.0	1	17		
Jalen Hurts	23	38	1.7	0	8		
CeeDee Lamb	1	2	2.0	0	2		
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0		
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PASSING							
BAYLOR	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jacob Zeno	2	6	159	26.5	1	0	18.1
Gerry Bohanon	4	15	56	3.7	1	0	19.8
Charlie Brewer	3	6	15	2.5	0	0	2.1
OKLAHOMA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jalen Hurts	17	24	287	12.0	1	1	45.1
RECEIVING							
BAYLOR	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Treستان Ebner	2	84	42.0	1	81		
Chris Platt	1	78	78.0	0	78		
Tyquan Thornton	2	62	31.0	1	33		
Christoph Henle	1	7	7.0	0	7		
R.J. Sneed	1	5	5.0	0	5		
Josh Fleeke	1	-2	-2.0	0	0		
JaMycal Hasty	1	-4	-4.0	0	0		
OKLAHOMA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
CeeDee Lamb	8	173	21.6	0	71		
Nick Basquine	2	24	12.0	1	18		
Kennedy Brooks	2	24	12.0	0	20		
Charleston Rambo	2	23	11.5	0	19		
Brayden Willis	1	17	17.0	0	17		
Rhamondre Stevenson	1	14	14.0	0	14		
Austin Stogner	1	12	12.0	0	12		