

WEEK TWO  
BYU at TENNESSEE

BYU rallies to beat Tennessee 29-26 in OT

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. -- Finally given time to throw for one of the few times all night, Zach Wilson delivered a stunning pass and helped rescue BYU from near-certain defeat. Wilson's 64-yard completion to Micah Simon set up a game-tying field goal with one second left in regulation. BYU went on to beat Tennessee 29-26 in the second overtime session as Ty'Son Williams scored from 5 yards out with help from his offensive linemen. "It's one of those things where all your reads and all your decision-making and what kind of coverage they are in, it kind of all goes out the window," said Wilson, who was sacked four times and pressured for most of the night. "It's kind of like you know what, where can I extend the play?"

The remarkable rally enabled BYU to rebound from a 30-12 loss to No. 13 Utah and avoid its first 0-2 start since 1995 with Southern California and No. 14 Washington looming for the Cougars in the next two weeks.

"Oh, this is huge," BYU coach Kalani Sitake said. "We obviously looked at the schedule and we know games that we want to win and want to perform well. I don't think our guys are proud of what they did last week, but we talk about getting over that feeling, and the best way to do it is play the next week and prepare for it."

Instead, it's Tennessee that is 0-2 for the first time since 1988, when the Volunteers lost their first six games. Tennessee has gone 6-16 over its last 22 games.

"I've been through worse here," Tennessee offensive tackle Marcus Tatum said. "We've all been through worse here. We've seen worse, so it's just look at the positive. We fought. We just need to continue to fight."

Tennessee was trying to bounce back from a humiliating season-opening 38-30 loss to 26-point underdog Georgia State. For most of the night, it appeared the Vols would do just that.

They got 154 yards rushing from Ty Chandler and two touchdown catches from Jauan Jennings. They controlled both sides of the line of scrimmage pretty much the entire game.

Yet that ultimately wasn't enough, thanks to that Wilson-to-Simon connection.

BYU was facing third-and-6 from its own 20 with less than 20 seconds left when Wilson threw deep to Simon, who got way behind cornerback Alontae Taylor and caught the pass just beyond midfield. Simon then raced into the red zone before Taylor brought him down.

"I was on the same side as (Matt) Bushman, who is a really great tight end, so a lot of eyes and a lot of guys were looking at him," Simon said. "I think they just kind of had a mis-lapse in coverage and I got behind the guys and Zach made a great pass."

After Wilson spiked the ball with five seconds left, Jake Oldroyd kicked his third field goal, a 33-yarder that barely slipped inside the right upright with a second remaining.

The Cougars got the ball first in overtime and scored on Wilson's 14-yard touchdown pass to Talon Shumway. Tennessee tied it on Jarrett Guarantano's 13-yard pass to Jennings.

Tennessee opened the second overtime session by settling for Brent Cimaglia's fourth field goal, a 40-yarder that briefly gave the Vols a 26-23 lead.

Then Williams ended it once and for all.

The South Carolina graduate transfer appeared to be stopped just a few yards short of the end zone on second-and-3 from the 5, but he kept running until he crossed the goal line. His offensive linemen pushed him along those last couple of yards.

"I just got in there and just got dirty, just kept my feet moving and was able to get to the goal line and score a touchdown," said Williams, who ran for 92 yards and two scores.

THE TAKEAWAY

BYU: Wilson went 19 of 29 for 232 yards, but his offensive line must do a better job of protecting him. ... The Cougars must play the first half of next week's game without defensive lineman Devin Kaufusi, who was ejected for targeting.

Tennessee: A young team showed it still must learn how to win as it somehow failed to close this game out. Tennessee needs better production from Guarantano, whose interception early in the second half set up a BYU touchdown. Guarantano threw for 97 yards in the first quarter and just 79 yards the rest of the way.

MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

Tennessee scored a touchdown off a deflected pass on its opening drive when it went for it on fourth-and-3 from the 5, but the Vols failed to capitalize on plenty of other scoring chances.

The Vols lost the ball on downs at the BYU 19 and at the BYU 30, and they also settled for four field goals. Those missed opportunities eventually cost them the game.

QUOTABLE

"The bottom line is there's a couple of errors we made in the game that you can't do," Tennessee coach Jeremy Pruitt said. "You can't do. You just don't do. It's tough to win against anybody when you make errors like that. It's a tough pill for everybody to swallow. Everybody worked hard this week, responded the right way."

Final	1	2	3	4	OT	T
BYU	3	0	7	6	13	29
TENN	7	6	0	3	10	26

Scoring Summary -----

	BYU	TENN
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
TENN TD 4:53 Jauan Jennings 5 Yd pass from Jarrett Guarantano (Brent Cimaglia Kick)		
15 plays, 80 yards, 7:15	0	7
BYU FG 0:19 Jake Oldroyd 31 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 61 yards, 4:34	3	7
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
TENN FG 6:22 Brent Cimaglia 51 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 29 yards, 5:05	3	10
TENN FG 0:21 Brent Cimaglia 39 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 64 yards, 1:27	3	13
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
BYU TD 12:47 Ty'Son Williams 16 Yd Run (Jake Oldroyd Kick)		
3 plays, 20 yards, 1:20	10	13
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
TENN FG 11:41 Brent Cimaglia 22 Yd Field Goal		
14 plays, 77 yards, 6:46	10	16
BYU FG 7:18 Jake Oldroyd 42 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 50 yards, 4:23	13	16
BYU FG 0:01 Jake Oldroyd 33 Yd Field Goal		
5 plays, 68 yards, 1:00	16	16
<b>OVERTIME</b>		
BYU TD Talon Shumway 14 Yd pass from Zach Wilson (Jake Oldroyd Kick)		
3 plays, 25 yards	23	16
TENN TD Jauan Jennings 13 Yd pass from Jarrett Guarantano (Brent Cimaglia Kick)		
6 plays, 25 yards	23	23
<b>SECOND OVERTIME</b>		
TENN FG Brent Cimaglia 40 Yd Field Goal		
4 plays, 2 yards	23	26
BYU TD Ty'Son Williams 5 Yd Run		
3 plays, 25 yards	29	26

Team Stats	BYU	TENN
First Downs	18	20
Passes for First	11	7
Rushes for First	6	10
Penalties for First	1	3
Third Down Efficiency	5-13	5-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	1-3
Total Yards	339	418
Total Plays	60	77
Avg Gain Per Play	5.7	5.4
Net Yards Rushing	107	242
Rushes	30	49
Yards Per Rush	3.6	4.9
Net Yards Passing	232	176
Comp-Att	19-30	17-28
Yards Per Pass	7.7	6.3
Times Sacked	4	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-18	-6
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	6	3
Punt Average	43.7	45.7
Penalties	7	6
Penalty Yards	63	50
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	26:01	33:59

Individual Stats

RUSHING

BYU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Ty'Son Williams	17	92	5.4	2	16
Emmanuel Esukpa	3	17	5.7	0	12
Aleva Hifo	1	13	13.0	0	13
Lopini Katoa	2	2	1.0	0	2
Zach Wilson	6	-6	-1.0	0	12
TENNESSEE	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Ty Chandler	26	154	5.9	0	53
Eric Gray	17	77	4.5	0	13
Jacquez Jones	1	9	9.0	0	9
Jauan Jennings	1	2	2.0	0	2
Jarrett Guarantano	3	0	0.0	0	4
Josh Palmer	1	0	0.0	0	0

PASSING

BYU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Zach Wilson	19	29	232	8.0	1	0	57.0
TENNESSEE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jarrett Guarantano	17	28	176	6.3	2	1	61.8

RECEIVING

BYU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Micah Simon	7	127	18.1	0	64
Matt Bushman	2	40	20.0	0	27
Lopini Katoa	1	15	15.0	0	15
Aleva Hifo	2	15	7.5	0	10
Gunner Romney	2	15	7.5	0	12
Talon Shumway	1	14	14.0	1	14
Ty'Son Williams	3	8	2.7	0	4
Dax Milne	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
TENNESSEE	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Jauan Jennings	4	88	22.0	2	51
Josh Palmer	4	56	14.0	0	16
Marquez Callaway	4	22	5.5	0	13
Dominick Wood-Anderson	1	5	5.0	0	5
Eric Gray	2	5	2.5	0	7
Ty Chandler	2	0	0.0	0	1